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Ann Marie Lacy Ribbed Stockings By Erssie Major



These romantic vintage inspired stockings are made from Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock Multi in the Flamingo stripe shade. 20% of the profits made from the sales of this yarn go to breast cancer charities so we designed something that was romantic and feminine whilst incorporating the iconic pink ribbon everyone associates with this cause.

The stockings are named Ann Marie for Erssie's mother, who died of ovarian cancer at a young age. Ann Marie was also the daughter of another cancer victim (breast) who died when she was very young along with many of her sisters who too died of cancer related illnesses. There isn't a woman alive who has not been touched somewhere in her family by this disease. Money needs to continue to go into valuable research for prevention of it but also to implement screening programmes to catch it early that can make life saving changes to people's families. Knitting these stockings in Lorna's Laces Flamingo Stripe will help to raise those funds but also knitting this design will help to raise awareness, as well as making the wearer feel beautiful and feminine.

Size

To fit size S/M/L. Shown in the photographs in the following size

Foot Length - 9.5 inches

Shoe Size - US 7.5 UK 5

Ankle Circumference - 8.5 inches

Just Below The Knee - 12.75 inches

Calf (at the widest point) - 14.25 inches

Leg circumference thigh/stocking height = 18.5 inches

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Materials

Yarn

Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock Multi 80% Superwash Wool, 20% Nylon 215yds/2 oz (50g)

3 x 50g Skeins shade Pink Flamingo Stripe

Many thanks to Lorna's Laces who donated the yarn for this project. 20% of their profits from sales of this shade of yarn will be donated to women's cancer charities

Needles

1 set of 5 of all of the following sized dpns
 (A) US 2 (2.75mm) to achieve gauge on foot
 (B) US 3 (3.25mm) for 8 pattern reps on leg
 (C) US4 (3.5mm) for next 28 reps
 (D) US 5 (4mm) for next 42 reps
 US E4 (3.5mm) crochet hook for provisional cast on



Notions

1 stitch marker
 1 wool/darning needle
 2 Lengths of ribbon 45 inches each
 Waste yarn in contrast colour for provisional cast on

Gauge

30 sts x 40 rows per 4 inches (10cm)

Using (A) US 2 (2.75) and stockinette in the rnd to achieve gauge on foot

Abbreviations

See end of pattern

Pattern Notes

You can choose to knit full length stockings or you can stop at any point to make ankle socks, knee socks or over the knee socks. Changing needle sizes works better here than increases around the back seam. Just match the gauge for needles (A), then go up a needle size for each section. The rib is very forgiving though and stretches or shrinks either way to fit a large number of sizes.

Lacy Rib in The Round

Multiples of 3 sts in the rnd or 3sts + 1 extra edge st for top of foot

Rnd 1: P1, K2, rep to end of rnd (or where instructed on top of foot)

Rnd 2: P1, YO, SSK, P1, K2

Rnd 3: As rnd 1

Rnd 4: P1, K2tog, YO, P1, K2

Provisional cast on crochet method

Method 1

Using waste yarn slightly thicker than the sock yarn and a crochet hook, crochet a chain of about 40 sts. Using the US 2 (2.75 mm) needles and main sock yarn, pick up no of stitches instructed (under **Toe** section) in the very bottom loops of the chains. Tie a knot in the end of the waste yarn at that end (to be undone later). Proceed with short row toe.

To pick up sts later, undo crochet chain and pull out sts slowly one by one and pick up on the needle (this way round, you sometimes get one less stitch than you cast on, so pick up one extra st at one end if necessary).

Method 2

Using waste yarn and US 2 (2.75) mm needles or needles to obtain gauge, CO no of sts instructed and knit a few rows. Change to main sock yarn and proceed with short row toe. To pick up stitches later insert needle into first loop of each stitch of the first row of main sock yarn after the waste yarn stitches. This is much easier to do with a flexible circular. Instead of pulling out waste yarn like the crochet method (which some people hate, because they are worried about losing sts), once you have all stitches safely onto your circulars, using sharp embroidery scissors, carefully cut off waste yarn leaving the sts picked up live and ready to use.

Short Rows

Wrapping stitches

On RS knit to stitch to be wrapped

Bring yarn forward between the needles

Slip st to be wrapped from LH needle to RH needle p-wise

Take yarn back between needles again

Slip stitch previously slipped back onto LH needle p-wise

Turn

The stitch is now wrapped and you can work the WS

On WS knit to stitch to be wrapped

Bring yarn back between the needles (i.e. to RS)

Slip st to be wrapped from LH needle to RH needle p-wise

Bring yarn forward again between needles (to WS again),

Slip stitch previously slipped back onto LH needle p-wise

Turn. The stitch is now wrapped and you can work the RS

Picking up wraps

There are many methods of doing this which vary between twisting wraps, to double wrapping. This is how we did ours on these socks

On RS knit to first wrapped stitch

Slip stitch p-wise to RH needle

Using LH needle underneath the wrap pick it up and leave on LH needle

Slip stitch previously slipped, back onto LH needle

Knit wrap previously picked up, and stitch slipped together

Wrap next wrapped st (this will now have two wraps) and turn

On WS purl to first wrapped stitch

Slip stitch p-wise to RH needle

Using LH needle underneath the wrap pick it up and leave on LH needle

Slip stitch previously slipped, back onto LH needle

Purl wrap previously picked up, and stitch slipped together through the front loops (this mirrors how you worked it on the RS)

Wrap next wrapped st (this will now have two wraps) and turn

For both RS and WS, you will now need to work to first st which is wrapped twice, and pick up both wraps together and knit with stitch in the same way as you knitted the first wrapped stitches above

Stockings (Make two)

Toe

Using waste yarn provisionally cast on 30 (32, 34) sts

Using Needles A, knit short row toe as follows leaving 10 (10, 12) sts un-wrapped in the centre

Working a Short Row Toe (or identical heel)

To work a short row toe

Row 1: K to last st, W & T (see **Pattern Notes** for explanation on wrapping)

Row 2: P to last st, W & T

Row 3: K to last st unwrapped, W & T

Row 4: P to last st unwrapped, W & T

Rep rows 3 & 4 until 10 (10, 12) sts are left un-wrapped in the centre

Next Row: K to 1st st wrapped, Pu wrap & Ktog with st, W & T

Next Row: P to 1st st wrapped, Pu wrap & Ptog tfl with st, W & T

Next Row: K to 1st st wrapped twice, Pu both wraps & Ktog with st, W & T

Next Row: P to 1st st wrapped twice, Pu both wraps & Ptog tfl with st, W & T

Continue until all wrapped stitches are picked up

Then undo provisional cast on picking up provisional cast on of 30 (32, 34) sts and join back in rnd [60 (64, 68) sts]

K 5 rnds st st

Foot

Prepare for knitting a patterned top of foot, and plain st st bottom of foot

i.e. 32 (32, 35) sts for **top of foot**,

And 28 (32, 33) sts for **bottom of foot**

Starting with top of foot still using needles (A)

K2 then work lacy rib pattern for next 27 (27, 30) sts, P1, K2 (top of foot)

K in st st to end of rnd (bottom of foot)

This places a panel of lacy rib in the centre of top of foot with 2 plain stitches each side of the panel. Stitch numbers vary in some of the rounds of the lace pattern.

Continue in rnds in this way until foot is desired length minus the heel (i.e. you can use desired length minus the short row toe length as toe and heel are identical)

Heel

Divide so that there are 28 (32, 33) sts for bottom of foot,

and 32 (32, 35) for top of foot

On bottom of foot stitches still with needles (A) knit a short row heel exactly as the short row toe above and in **Pattern Notes** on 28 (32,33) sts from the bottom of foot, thus wrapping 9 (10,11) sts each side of heel and leaving 10 (12, 11) sts unwrapped in the centre

Leg

When heel is complete, join back into a rnd with front of foot picking up an extra 0 (2, 1) stitch so that you have a total of 60 (66, 69) sts

Knit 4 rnds of lacy rib

Change to needles (B), cont in Lacy Rib Stitch for 8 pattern reps i.e. 32 rws

Change to needles (C), cont in Lacy Rib Stitch for 28 pattern reps i.e. 112 rws

Change to needles (D), cont in Lacy Rib Stitch for 42 pattern reps i.e. 168 rws

Top of Leg

Eyelet Holes

Next Rnd: K2, YO, K2tog rpt to end of rnd

K 2 rnds

Next Rnd: YO, K2tog, K2 rpt to end of rnd

K 3 rnds

Knit a picot hem as follows.

Picot Hem**Next Rnd:** K 6 rnds**Next Rnd:** YO, K2tog, rpt to end of rnd**Next Rnd:** K6 rnds and on last rnd fold over along the YOs to make a picot edge and pick up a strand on inside of hem around the 1st of the 5rnds, and Ktog with the next st on the needle then cast off, rep for whole rnd casting off all stitches

OR cast off loosely and stitch hem down

Finishing

Weave in all ends

Cut lengths of ribbon 48 inches long and spray edges with Fray Stop to stop the threads running back. Thread ribbons through eyelets and tie into a bow

Abbreviations (A - Z)

Beg: Beginning

Cont: continue

Dpn: double pointed needle

K - wise: Knit-wise

K: Knit

K2tog: Knit 2 together (decrease or knitting wrap + stitch)

LH: Left hand

Ptog tfl: Purl tog thru front loops

P - wise: Purl - wise

P: Purl

Pu: Pick up

Rem: remaining

RH: Right hand

Rnd: round

Rep (s): repeat (s)

RS: right side

SSK: Slip 1, slip 1 (both k-wise) then k-tog
2 slipped sts on RH needle

St(s): stitch (es)

W & T: Wrap and Turn

WS: Wrong side

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