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THE COMBINATION OF A SIMPLE DIAGONAL LACE WITH SOME PURL STITCHES FOR TEXTURE MAKES A GORGEOUS SOCK THAT REALLY DESERVES A NAME MORE CREATIVE THAN DIAGONAL LACE. THIS PATTERN WILL LOOK GOOD IN A YARN WITH SOME SUBTLE VARIATION OR IN A HEATHERED OR SOLID YARN.

SIZE: M (L), 8 (9)" (20.5 [23]cm)

GAUGE: 8 stitches and 12 rows = 1" (2.5cm) in stockinette stitch

NEEDLES: 2 US size 0 (2mm) circular needles (or 1 long circular needle), or size needed to obtain gauge

YARN USED: 1 skein Dream in Color Smooshy Sock Yarn, 100% superfine Australian superwash merino, 4 oz (113.5g), 450 yd (411.5m), Strange Harvest  Superfine

Note: The pattern repeat for this chart is 12 rows. Note that only odd-numbered rows are shown on the chart; even-numbered rows are all plain knit.

TOE

Using a Turkish Cast-On, Figure-Eight Cast-On, or Judy's Magic Cast-On (page 20), cast on a total of 30 (34) stitches—15 (17) stitches on each needle. Knit across the stitches on each needle once. On the next round, increase 4 stitches as follows:

Needle 1 K1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, k1.

Needle 2 K1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, k1.

Then knit a round without increasing.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you

have a total of 66 (74) stitches—33 (37) stitches on each needle.

Note: If you prefer a pointier toe, you can cast on fewer stitches, but be sure to increase until you have 33 (37) stitches on each of the 2 needles.

Start the lace pattern:

Use the chart appropriate for the size of sock you are making.

Needle 1 (the instep stitches)

Work the chart 4 times, p1.

Needle 2 Knit across all of the stitches.

Continue in this manner, working as many repeats of the 5- (6-) row chart as necessary until approximately 3" (7.5cm) shy of the total length of the foot.

CREATE THE GUSSET

Round 1 Work across needle 1 in the lace pattern. Needle 2 (sole stitches): K1, M1, knit across to the last stitch, M1, k1.

Round 2 Work across needle 1 in the lace pattern. Needle 2 (sole stitches): Knit all stitches.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 55 (61) stitches total on needle 2.

Work in pattern across the stitches on needle 1.

TURN THE HEEL

You will work back and forth on the stitches on needle 2 and will not knit the stitches on needle 1 while turning the heel. Turn the heel as follows:

Row 1 (RS) K37 (41), kf&b, k1, w&t.

