



Wee Fair Isle Stocking by Kathy Lewinski

This stocking is knit with an after-thought heel. You will knit in scrap yarn where the heel will go. After the stocking is knit, you pick up the stitches on each side of the scrap yarn to work the heel.

Size: 3.5" (8.25cm) tall x 1.75" (4.5cm) wide (at the toe) wee size when knit at gauge. Tiny size is about 60% bigger.

Supplies:

- Approx. 4g/20yds Knit Picks Palette (100% Peruvian Highland Wool 50g/231yds) or similar fingering weight yarn in four colors: MC (White) 1g/5yds, CC1 (Blue) 1g/5yd, CC2 (Marble Heather) 1g/5yds, CC3 (Sky) 1g/5. This is for the wee size, the tiny size will use about 60% more.
- 1 set size 1US (2.25mm) double-pointed needles
- Stitch marker
- Scrap fingering weight yarn
- Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

- k – knit
- k2tog – knit two together
- p – purl
- rnd(s) – round(s)
- ssk – slip, slip, knit
- sts - stitches
- x - times

Gauge: 10 stitches and 12 rows per inch in stranded color work in the round

Wee Size:

Cast on 24 sts in CC1. Divide between three needles and join together to knit in the round. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark the beginning of the rounds.

Cuff:

Rnds 1 – 3: (k1, p1)12x

Leg:

Rnds 4 – 23 change to MC and CC2: k following color work pattern

Add scrap yarn for heel placement:

Rnd 24: Knit 12 sts with scrap yarn. Put those 12 sts back on the left needle. K24 continuing color work pattern.

Foot:

Rnds 25 – 32: k following color work pattern

Toe:

Rnd 33 switch to CC1: k

Rnd 34: ssk, k8, k2tog, ssk, k8, k2tog (20 sts)

Rnd 35: k

Rnd 36: ssk, k6, k2tog, ssk, k6, k2tog (16 sts)

Rnd 37: ssk, k4, k2tog, ssk, k4, k2tog (12 sts)

Put the first 6 sts on one needle and the second 6 on another. Seam together with Kitchener stitch.

Heel:

Put the 12 sts below and the 12 sts above the scrap yarn on needles. Carefully remove the scrap yarn. Divide the sts between three needles. Place a stitch marker between the top and bottom stitches on the right side to mark the beginning of the rounds.

Knit following the exact same instructions as the toe with CC1. To prevent a hole on each side of the heel, you may want to pick up a stitch from the body of the stocking at each side and knit it together with the stitch after it on row 33.

Weave in ends.

Tiny Size:

Cast on 40 sts in CC1. Divide between three needles and join together to knit in the round. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark the beginning of the rounds.

Cuff:

Rnds 1 – 5: (k1, p1)20x

Leg:

Rnds 6 – 37 change to MC and CC1: k following color work pattern

Add scrap yarn for heel placement:

Rnd 38: Knit 20 sts with scrap yarn. Put those 20 sts back on the left needle. K40 continuing color work pattern.

Foot:

Rnds 39 – 49: k following color work pattern

Toe:

Rnd 50 switch to CC2: k

Rnd 51: ssk, k16, k2tog, ssk, k16, k2tog (36 sts)

Rnd 52: k

Rnd 53: ssk, k14, k2tog, ssk, k14, k2tog (32 sts)

Rnd 54: k

Rnd 55: ssk, k12, k2tog, ssk, k12, k2tog (28 sts)

Rnd 56: ssk, k10, k2tog, ssk, k10, k2tog (24 sts)

Rnd 57: ssk, k8, k2tog, ssk, k8, k2tog (20 sts)

Put the first 10 sts on one needle and the second 10 on another. Seam together with Kitchener stitch.

Heel:

Put the 20 sts below and the 20 sts above the scrap yarn on needles. Carefully remove the scrap yarn. Divide the stitches between three needles. Place a stitch marker between the top and bottom stitches on the right side to mark the beginning of the rounds.

Knit following the exact same instructions as the toe with CC1. To prevent a hole on each side of the heel, you may want to pick up a stitch from the body of the stocking at each side and knit it together with the stitch after it on row 50.

Weave in ends.

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