



Charade

(or, "Heroin, peppermint-flavored heroin. . .")

By Sandra Park

Size

One size. Woman's size medium.

To fit foot circumference: about 6.5 inches

Finished Measurements

Foot circumference: about 6 inches

Leg length: 7 inches

Materials

- Brooklyn Handspun Signature Sock Yarn in "Grey" OR Yarntini Sock Yarn in "Vintage" [note: variegated, and NOT self-striping]
- A set of five US 1 double-pointed needles
- Darning needle
- Safety pin or removable stitch marker

Gauge

Meh.

2x2 Twisted Rib (multiple of 4 stitches)

Round 1: *K2 through the back loops, P2, repeat from *

Herringbone Rib Pattern (multiple of 4 stitches)

Round 1: K all stitches

Round 2: *K2, slip next stitch as if to purl [with the yarn held back, mind you], knit next stitch, YO, pass slipped stitch over [over both the knit stitch AND the YO]

Instructions:

CUFF

CO 64 sts. Divide onto four dpns evenly (16 sts. on each needle) Join to begin working in the round (making sure, for the love of God, you don't twist your stitches!) Mark end of round with a removable stitch marker or safety pin. Work 2x2 Twisted Rib for 1.5 inches or so.

LEG

Begin Herringbone Rib Pattern and work until the leg measures 7 inches (or desired length from cuff to top of the heel). End with Round 1.

HEEL

K16 sts on Needle 1, turn. S1, P31. Turn. The 32 sts you just worked will form the heel flap. The sts on Needles 2 and 3 will form the instep. We'll worry about those sts a wee bit later. We're now going to be working the heel back and forth, turning after every row.

Row 1: *s11, K1; repeat from *

Row 2: s11, P31.

Repeat these two rows 15 more times. The heel flap should measure approximately, eh, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.



TURN HEEL

Row 1: S11, K17, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2: S11, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: S11, K until there is one st left before the gap, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 4: S11, P to within one st of the gap, P2tog, P1, turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until all the heel sts have been worked. There should be 18 heel sts.

HEEL GUSSET

S11, K17 heel stitches across, pick up and k16 stitches. Work 32 instep stitches according to the established herringbone rib pattern. With an empty needle, pick up and k16 stitches along the other side of the heel flap, k9 from the heel needle. There are now 25 stitches on Needle 1, 16 stitches on Needle 2, 16 sts on Needle 3, 25 sts on Needle 4. A new round now starts at the middle of the heel.

Round 1: K to 3 sts from end of needle 1, k2tog, k1. Work instep in established pattern (Knit all stitches). K1, ssk at beginning of needle 4, knit to end.

Round 2: K all sts on Needle 1. Work established herringbone pattern on Needles 2 and 3. Knit all stitches on Needle 4.

Repeat the last two round until there are 16 stitches on each needle. 64 stitches total.

FOOT

Continue even in established pattern until the foot measures about 2 inches from desired length. End with round 1 of the herringbone pattern.

TOE

Round 1: On Needle 1, knit to the last 6 stitches, k2tog, k4. On Needle 2, k4, ssk, k all stitches, On Needle 3, knit to the last 6 stitches, k2tog, k4. On Needle 4, k4, ssk, to till the end.

Round 2-4: Knit

Repeat rounds 1-4 once. Then work rounds 1-3 three times. Then only work rounds 1 and 2 until you have 7 stitches left on each needle (28 total sts).

Work all the stitches on Needle 1. Then transfer the stitches from Needle 1 and Needle 4 onto one needle. Do the same for the stitches on Needles 2 and 3. Graft sts together.

Now add the delightful classic *Charade* (starring Cary Grant and one Audrey Hepburn) to your Netflix queue. When the DVD shows up on the mail, watch it while you cast on and start your second sock. You should have the herringbone stitch pattern down by now so watching a movie and knitting at the same time should be easy peasy. ☺ And hopefully, you will then get the reference made at the beginning of the pattern and not think I'm a drug addict.

Enjoy!

BTW, let me know ASAP if you encounter any problems or questions. I'll be right on it, promise. Just email me at me.pass.english@gmail.com ☺

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My name is Sandra. My hobbies include: watching the New York Mets on TV, attending Mets games at Shea Stadium, listening to Mets games on the radio, watching highlights from the Mets games on Sports Center, reading about last night's Mets game in *The NY Daily News* (best sports section in town), and praying that I will live to see a pitcher donning a Mets uniform throw a no-hitter (cuz it's yet to be done, poo!).

I also knit occasionally. Read all about it over at ***I May Be Knitting A Ranch House*** (<http://imaybeknittingaranchhouse.com>). Good times, I assure you.

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