



## Tuscany

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The original pair of socks was knitted toe up as the picture demonstrates. However, I wrote this pattern for a cuff down sock as it is the preferred method by most sock knitters.

You may of course knit them from the toe up if you wish. Simply knit the toe style of your choice increasing to a total of 48 stitches and begin the Bar stitch pattern. Add a short row heel and finish it with a Tubular bind off.

The socks are sized to fit a small or medium foot. To enlarge the pattern either increase the number of knit stitches between the Bar pattern or add an additional pattern repeat then adjust the pattern accordingly.

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### Materials

2 Hanks of Lorna's Laces worsted weight yarn.  
225 yards per hank.

5 DPN'S in the size that permits you to obtain **6 Stitches** per inch.

### Abbreviations:

K – Knit

P – Purl

\* - Repeat

SSK – Slip 2 stitches knit wise and knit them together through the back.

P2TG – Purl two stitches together

S – Slip stitch/s purl wise

WYIF - with yarn in front

**Bar Stitch** 8 stitch repeat.

Round 1: \*WYIF S5, K3 Repeat from \*

Round 2: K

Round 3: K2, \*S1 and then pick up floating bar and knit it with the slipped stitch, K7. Repeat from \*

Round 4: K

Round 5: K

Repeat rows 1-5

### Cuff:

Cast on 48 stitches and commence knitting in the round, being careful not to twist the cast on row. Knit a 1x1 rib pattern for 10 rounds. Knit 1 round plain and begin the Bar Stitch pattern.

Continue knitting the pattern until the length of the sock is 7 inches or as long as you like, ending on Round 4.

### Heel Flap:

Re-position the stitches so that the pattern is evenly distributed on the instep. The flap will be knitted over 24 stitches.

Row 1: S1, K to end, turn

Row 2: S1, P to end, turn

Repeat rows 1-2 until you have 12 slipped stitches on either side of the heel flap and end on the knit side.

## Heel Turn:

Row 1: P13, P2TG, P1

Row 2: S1, K3, SSK, K1

Row 3: S1, P4, P2TG, P1

Row 4: S1, K5, SSK, K1

Row 5: S1, P6, P2TG, P1

Row 6: S1, K7, SSK, K1

Row 7: S1, P8, P2TG, P1

Row 8: S1, K9, SSK, K1

Row 9: S1, P10, P2TG, P1

Row 10: K12, SSK, K1

14 Stitches total.

## Gusset:

Needle 1: With a spare needle, pick up 12 stitches on the heel flap and 2 additional stitches in either side of the heel flap and instep to prevent holes.

Needles 2 and 3 will carry the instep. Now continue the established pattern on the instep starting on Round 5.

Needle 4: With a spare needle, pick up 2 additional stitches in either side of the heel flap and instep to prevent holes and 12 stitches along the heel flap. Knit 7 stitches from heel turn onto this needle. Transfer the remaining 7 heel stitches to Needle 1.

This increases the total stitch count to 66 stitches across 4 needles.

Commence Gusset decreases as follows:

### Round 1

Needle 1: Knit to the last 2 stitches and K2TG

Needle 2 & 3: Knit in established pattern

Needle 4: SSK, K to end

### Round 2

Needle 1: K

Needle 2 & 3: Knit in established pattern

Needle 4: K

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 48 stitches remaining. Continue knitting until you are 2 inches short of the total length of the foot and then shape the toe.

If necessary knit 1 plain round before starting the toe shaping.

Re-Number the needles as follows:

Needle 1 is the right side of the instep.

Needle 2 is the left side of the instep

Needle 3 is the right side of the sole

Needle 4 is the left side of the sole.

Shape the toe.

### Round 1

Needle 1: K1, SSK, K to end of needle

Needle 2: K to last 3 stitches, K2TG, K1

Needle 3: K1, SSK, K to end of needle

Needle 4: K to last 3 stitches, K2TG, K1

### Round 2:

Knit across all 4 needles

Repeat Round 1 & 2 until 16 stitches remain.

Kitchner the stitches to close the toe. Weave in all tails and lightly block.

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I purchased the yarn for this project at

<http://www.yarn-store.com/>

Angelika, the shop owner carries the entire line of Lorna's Laces. She maintains excellent customer service and ships very quickly.

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