

Lake Town

Toe- and heel-less socks



US crochet terms used throughout these instructions.

Size:

The pattern is given as a women's one-size (fits shoe sizes 37-40).

You need:

Approximately 250 meters DK or (light worsted) weight yarn

Crochet hook size 4.5 mm

Two stitch markers

Abbreviations:

yo – yarn over

ss – slip stitch

ch – chain stitch
 sc – single crochet
 exsc – extended single crochet
 tr – treble crochet
 bf – bird foot (see instruction for special stitch)

Special stitch:

Bird foot consists of three trebles crocheted together over three stitches, where the middle treble is worked as a front post treble. The bird foot is worked into the chain space, treble, chain space of previous round.

Instructions:

Start by doing a chain of 24 foundation single crochet and closing to a ring with ss into first stitch. Alternatively chain 24, close to ring, ch1 and do one round of sc.

The foot and heel/ankle is worked in exsc – begin each round by doing a ch1 (does not count as stitch) and working an exsc in the first stitch (place marker in this stitch and move up on each round). Close each round with a ss in top of first exsc.

Do 6 rounds of exsc.

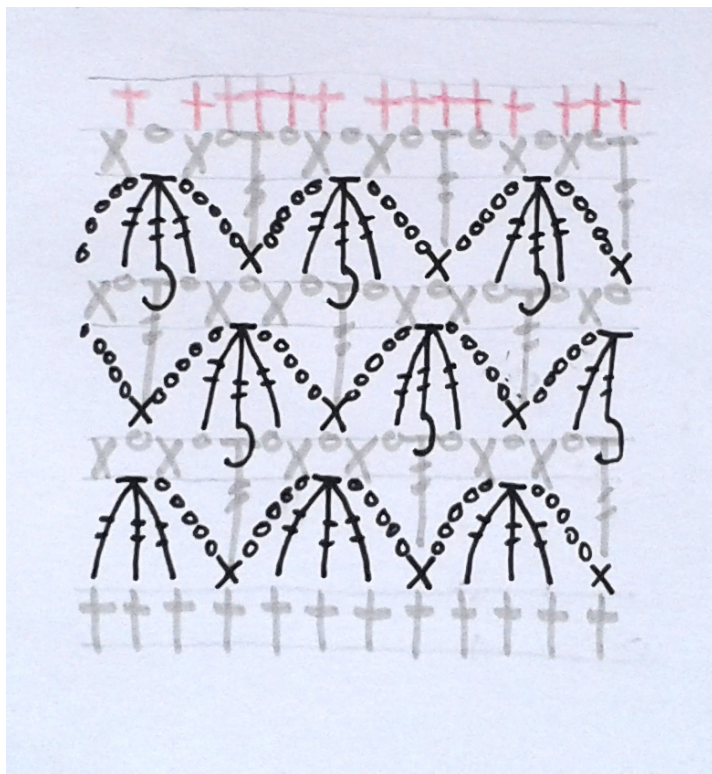
Work increases over next 3 rounds by doing exsc twice in the following stitches: first stitch (where your round-marker is placed – keep moving it up), and in the twelfth stitch (place marker in second increase exsc, and move up on each round – this is where your increase goes).

When you have completed 3 rounds of increases it is time to close off the heel opening. Ch17, skip 18 stitches, work exsc into remaining 12 stitches and close round with ss in second ch (28 stitches on round).

Alternatively you can work a chain of 16 fdsc, skip 18, exsc in remaining 12 stitches – you will need to secure the fdsc chain with a ss at beginning.

Work 4 rounds of exsc.

On the next round begin openwork pattern as shown in chart (red stitches show transition to exsc top, exsc stitches at bottom show placement of stitches in first row of pattern).



Written instructions for stitch pattern:

1. ch1, sc in first stitch, *ch5, work 3tr together over next 3 stitches, ch5, sc*, repeat until end of round. Close round with ss in top of first sc.
2. ch5 (or standing tr in first stitch, ch1) – replaces tr and ch1 – *sc into ch space, ch1, sc into next ch space, ch1, tr into sc of previous round, ch1*, repeat to end of round, ss in fourth chain of initial ch5 (or into top of standing tr).
3. ss around post of initial tr on last round, ch4 and work tr in next ch space (this is half a bf), ch5, *sc into next ch space, ch5, bf in next ch space - tr - ch space, ch5*, repeat until end, concluding with a ch5, tr in last ch space, and ss in top of initial half bf.
4. ch2 (first ch space), *sc into ch space, ch1, tr into sc of previous round, ch1, sc into next ch space, ch1*, repeat until end of round, concluding with sc in last chain space and ss into initial ch space of round.
5. ch1, sc in first ch space, *ch5, bf in next ch space - tr - ch space, ch5, sc in next ch space*, repeat until end of round, concluding with ch5, sl into initial sc.

Repeat rounds 2-5 for pattern.

Work 20 rounds in pattern, concluding with a round of tr, ch1, sc, ch1.

For the cuff/top of sock, work three rounds of exsc. The initial round is worked into each stitch of final pattern round, skipping only the ch1 between sc stitches (35 stitches in round). Finish with a round of crab stitches (reverse sc) if wished.

Work one more sock in the same way.

Rinse or wash gently, then press water out into thick towel, pull gently into shape, and dry flat.



This design was inspired by the Laketown, of Tolkien's Middle Earth.