

Silver Bells (Cuff Down)



I had such a hard time coming up with a name for this pattern. I had lots of help, though, and my friend Megan (also fondly known as Ms. Knotty Knits) came up with the winner, Silver Bells. She sent me a photo of Silver Bells which are little delicate flowers, and there was no denying the pattern looked just like them. There you go. Thanks Megan for spending time looking for me. ☺ And thanks to everyone else who came up with a name as well.

Materials: Fingering weight sock yarn, approximately 375-400 yards, depending on how long you want your leg to be. I used two skeins of Palette from KnitPicks for these, in the Sky colorway. Palette has approximately 230 yards per skein, and I had plenty left over.

Needles: My **Gauge** is 8 stitches to 1" in stockinette, using size 2 dpns. Use whatever size gives you this gauge. For these socks I used a set of 5 dpns and I refer to Needles 1 through 4 throughout the pattern. However, it should be pretty easy to convert to Magic Loop, the Two Circulars Method or One Long Circular. Whatever works for you.

Key:

(RS)	Right Side
(WS)	Wrong Side
SSK (dec)	Sl1K, Sl1K, insert left needle into the front of the two stitches and knit them together
K2tog (dec)	Knit the next two stitches together
P2tog (dec)	Purl the next two stitches together
Sl1K	Slip one as if to knit
Sl1P	Slip one as if to purl
[]	Repeat across to the end of the round or row

Leg: Start with Row 1 of the Chart (or Row 1 of the written directions) and work your leg until you are approximately 3" short of the desired length of your leg to the bottom of your heel, ending with needle 4 (or the end of the round). You will notice you are working three repeats of the chart on each row. Take a look at your knitting. There are three areas of lace, and three areas of ribs. At the end of the round you should be right at a rib. This is the middle back of your sock. The other two ribs will be at the sides of your finished socks with a lace area being center front. That's what we are shooting for! ☺



Slip-Stitch Heel Flap: (RS) Take your needle 4 and knit the 15 stitches from needle 1 onto it. You now have 30 stitches on one needle with a rib in the middle. You will only be working on these stitches while you knit the heel flap and turn the heel.

Row 1: Turn (WS), S1P, P29, Turn

Row 2: (RS), S1K, K1, [S1P, K1] across, ending with K1

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the heel flap measures approximately 2½ "

Purl 1 Row

Turn the Heel:

(RS) K17, SSK, K1, Turn

(WS) S1P, P5, P2tog, P1, Turn

(RS) S1K, K6, SSK, K1, Turn

(WS) S1P, P7, P2tog, P1, Turn

(RS) S1K, K8, SSK, K1, Turn

(WS) S1P, P9, P2tog, P1, Turn

(RS) S1K, K10, SSK, K1, Turn

(WS) S1P, P11, P2tog, P1, Turn

(RS) S1K, K12, SSK, K1, Turn

(WS) S1P, P13, P2tog, P1, Turn

(RS) S1K, K14, SSK, K1, Turn

(WS) S1P, P15, P2tog, P1, Turn

At this point you will have 18 stitches left on the needle.

Set up for the Gusset:

With the same needle (now Needle 1) (RS and back to knitting in the round) K18, and pick up and knit 18 slip stitches down the side of the heel flap (go through both loops of the slip stitches, they will be really easy to see).

Needles 2 and 3 (front of foot): K3, P1, K1, Do Round 1 of Chart (20 stitches), K1, P1, K3

Needle 4: Pick up and knit 18 slip stitches up the side of the heel flap, and knit 9 stitches from Needle 1. You now have 27 stitches on Needles 4 and 1, and 30 stitches on Needles 2 and 3 and you are at the center back.

Gusset:

Round 1 Knit

Round 2 Needle 1 – Knit until 3 stitches left, K2tog, K1
Needles 2 and 3 – K3, P1, K1, Do Round 2 of Chart, K1, P1, K3
Needle 4 – K1, SSK, Knit to the end of the round

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 above, starting with Round 3 of the Chart and continuing in this manner until you are back to 15 stitches on each needle (or 60 stitches altogether), **ending with Knit 1 Round**. Your gusset is complete.

Foot:

Round 1 Needle 1 - Knit

Needles 2 and 3 – K3, P1, K1, (Do whatever round of the chart you are on), K1, P1, K3

Needle 4 – Knit

Round 2 Knit

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 above until you are 2½” short of the total length of your foot.

Start the Wedge Toe:

Round 1: Needle 1 – Knit until 3 stitches left, K2tog, K1
Needle 2 – K1, SSK, Knit the rest of the stitches
Needle 3 – Knit until 3 stitches left, K2tog, K1
Needle 4 – K1, SSK, Knit the rest of the stitches

Round 2: Knit

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 4 stitches left on each needle (16 stitches).

Finally, graft (Kitchener) these stitches closed. Weave in the ends and enjoy your new socks!



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