

Gradiance Sock

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SIZES: Adult size for feet measuring 8.5" around instep. Length is adjustable.

YARN: **The Unique Sheep's Verve** (*Superwash Merino Wool*)

400 yds/100 gr skein or **Luxe** (*75/25 Superwash Merino/Tussah Silk*) 400 yds/100 gr skein

GAUGE: over stockinette, 8.5 stitches per inch

NEEDLES: A set of 5 DPNs in size 1US, or size to knit to gauge.

*This sock pattern is for use with a [Gradiance Yarn Set](#) by The Unique Sheep. These yarn sets are dyed so that the colorway gradually transitions from one skein to the next. You can make these socks starting with Color 1 and finish with Color 4, or vice versa. Make them both the same or make a fraternal pair! There will be enough of each color for a pair of socks if you change colors as directed and are on gauge. For this pattern, we will assume you are beginning with Color 1 at the cuff. Directions in **BLACK** are related to sock construction. Directions in **BLUE** concern Gradiance color transitions.*

K=knit

P=purl

Sl=slip

K2tog=knit 2 together

P2tog=purl 2 together

Rep=repeat

Ssk=slip next 2 st as if 2 knit then knit these 2 st together.

Psso=pass the slip st over the following worked stitch

N1, N2....=needle 1, needle 2, and so on

Cuff:

Cast on 72 st over 4 DPN's and work 2x2 rib for about 1.5 inches with color 1 (C1)

Leg:

Knit one round, evenly decreasing 6 st (66st total), then knit 1 rd even. Continue working even in stockinette.

[Beginning alternating color changes](#) when 2.5 inches from cast on, or approximately half the desired length of the leg from cast on to the top of the heel.

[Alternate colors as follows while continuing in stockinette pattern:](#)

2 rounds Color #2

4 rounds Color #1

4 rounds Color #2

2 rounds Color #1

Check each box off as you complete that color in the sequence to help you keep track.

[Working only in Color #2](#), continue knitting until 5.5 inches from cast on (or until desired leg length) and then [begin color change #2](#). After working first 6 rounds with new color **STOP** and move on to Heel

Flap instructions. Remaining color change rows will be worked AFTER the heel is complete.

□ □ 2 rounds Color #3

□ □ □ □ 4 rounds Color #2; STOP for Heel, continue in color #2

Heel Flap:

Set up row: Slip 1, (p2, k1) 4 times; turn work

Slip 1, p1, (k2, p1) 8 times end p1— 27 st on heel flap

Slip 1, k1, (sl1, p2) 8 times end sl 1, k1

Rep above 2 rows randomly alternating C2 and C3, until heel flap measures 2.5 inches. For the next step you will be using C2.

*** You will resume normal color changing after the heel is complete and gusset sts are picked up***

Turn the Heel:

With C2

1. K15, ssk, k1, turn

2. Sl1, p4, p2tog, p1, turn

3. Sl1, k to 1 st before the gap, ssk,k1, turn

4. Sl1, p to one st before the gap, p2tog, p1, turn

Rep 3 and 4 until all st have been worked and you are at the end of a RS row with C2.

Gusset:

With C2 knit to the edge of the heel flap and then pick up and knit 20 st along the left side sliding the 1st on N2 to N1

Knit across instep stitches slipping the last st to N4 (OPTIONAL: if you choose to continue ribbing down leg and onto instep, work in ribbing across these instep stitches)

Pick up and knit 20 st along other side of heel flap. You are now back to knitting in the round with a total of 94 stitches.

***Resume where you left off alternating color changes from here and AT THE SAME TIME work Gusset Decreases. After transition rows are complete, continue in Color #3

□ □ □ □ 4 rounds Color #3

□ □ 2 rounds Color #2

Decrease Round: Knit to the last 2 st of N1, k2tog, work instep stitches in pattern (stockinette or ribbing) to end of N3, SSK the first 2st on N4, knit to end.

Knit one row even.

Rep these 2rds until there 64 st total. Continue knitting in pattern as set (all stockinette or stockinette on the sole and ribbing on the instep) until foot is **slightly less than half of desired finished length**.

Begin final color change

- □ 2 rounds Color #4
- □ □ □ 4 rounds Color #3
- □ □ □ 4 rounds Color #4
- □ 2 rounds Color #3

After transition rows, continue working in Color #3.

Toe Decreases:

Begin Toe decreases when foot is approximately 1.5” less than desired finished length..

Knit to the last 2 st of N1, k2tog, knit to end of N3, SSK the first 2 st on N4, knit to end. (62 st total)

k4,k2tog, rep from end with k2 (52 st total)
Knit 4 rounds even

k3, k2tog, rep from end with k2 (42 st total)
Knit 3 rds even

k2, k2tog, rep from (32 st total)
Knit 2 rounds even

k1, k2tog, rep from (22 st total)
Knit one round even

K2tog around (11st total)

K2tog 5 times, K1 (6 st total)

Cut yarn and weave the tail through the remaining stitches and pull tight.



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