



1940s knitting patterns

Fishnet stockings

Materials

3 oz. of Maygrove's Sylspun Hosiery, Yarn, 1 pair of needles size 11.

Measurements

Length: 26 ins. Foot: 9 ins. (or desired size).

Tension

8 sts. and 10 rows to 1 in. measured over st. 2.

Stitches

(1) Top of stocking, heel, sole and toe are worked in stocking st. which is k. 1 row, p. 1 row repeated throughout. (2) Leg and top of the foot are in the following st.: cast on number of sts. divisible by 3. **1st row.** K. 2 * yarn over needle (y.o.) to make 1, sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o. these 2, rep. from * to end, ending k. 1. **2nd row.** P. **3rd row.** K. 1, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * to end, ending k. 2. **4th row.** P. - These four rows are repeated throughout. The pattern can easily be kept in order if it is remembered that the first of the k. 2 sts. is always the made st. in the previous k. row.

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Cast on 114 very loosely. Work in st. 1 for 18 rows, ending with a p. row.

Next row: K. 1, * y.o., k. 2 tog., rep. from * to end, ending k. 2 tog., k. 1.

Next row: P. Work 18 more rows in st. 1, ending with a p. row.

Next row: Fold work with .p. sides tog. and form hem by knitting tog. 1 st. from needle with 1 from cast-on edge. Work 5 more rows in st. 1. Change to st. 2. Work 16 rows. Shape top of leg.

17th row: K. 1, k. 2 tog., k. 2, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep; from * to end, ending k. 1, k. 2 tog., k. 1.

19th row: * Sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * to end, ending k. 1.

21st row: K. 1, k. 2 tog., k. 1, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * to end, ending k. 2 tog., k.1

23rd row: K. 2, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * to end, ending k. 3.

25th row: K. 1, k. 2 tog., * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * to end, ending k. 2 tog.

27th row: K. 1, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * to end, ending k.2

Work 28th row. Rep. rows 17 to 28 twice more (96 sts. left). Work without further shaping until stocking measures 14.25 ins. from beg. ending with 4th patt. row. If stocking is desired longer or shorter than 26 ins., make difference here.

Shape calf: † 1st dec. row: K. 2 tog., * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * across row ending y.o., sl. 1, k. 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o. Purl back.

2nd dec. row: K. 2 tog., k. 1, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * across row ending y.o., sl. 1, k. 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o. Purl back.

3rd dec. row: K. 2 tog., k. 2, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * across row ending y.o., sl. 1, k. 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o. purl back †. Rep. from † to † until there are 66 left. Work without further shaping until stocking measures 21 ins., ending with 4th patt. row. Beg. ankle.

†† Next row: K. 5, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * across row ending k. 4. Purl back.

Next row: K. 4, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep.. from * across row ending k. 5. Purl back ††. Rep. from †† to †† twice more.

Next row: K. 8, y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * across row ending k. 7. Purl back.

Next row: K. 10, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * across row ending k.11. Purl back.

Next row: K. 14, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * across row ending k.13. Purl back.

Next row: K. 16, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * across row ending k. 17. Purl back . Beg. heel. Join 2nd strand of yarn, and, using yarn double, k. 15, turn. Slip 1st st., purl to end. Work in st. 1 on these 15 sts. until there are 20 rows, always slipping 1st st. of p. row.

21st row: K. 4, k. 2 tog., k. to end.

23rd row: K.3, k. 2 tog., k. to end.

25th row: K. 2, k. 2 tog., k. to end.

27th row: K. 1, k. 2 tog., k. to end.

29th row: K. 2 tog., k. to end. Purl back. Break 2nd strand and cast off. Leave last st. on needle, then pick up and k. 23 along side of heel, knitting twice into every 2nd st. along heel. Work 1st row of st. 2 across 36 sts. for instep, join 2nd strand of yarn, and using yarn double k. last 15

sts. for second half of heel. Purl back across 15, turn. Work in st. 1 on these 15 sts. until there are 20 rows, always slipping 1st st. of k. row.

21st row: K.9 sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. to end. Rep. 21st row every k. row until there are 10. sts. left, ending with a k. row. Break 2nd strand and cast off. Leave last st. on needle, then pick up and p. 23 along side of heel, purling twice into every 2nd st. along heel. P. across all sts. on needle (there should be 84).

Shape instep. 1st row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 13, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * to within 23 sts. of end, k. 11, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o., k. 10.

2nd and every even-numbered row: P.

3rd row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 11, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * to within 23 sts. of end, k. 11, sl. 1. k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 10.

5th row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 11, work patt. across 36, k. 9, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 10.

7th row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 9, work patt. across 36, k. 9, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k.10.

9th row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 9, work patt. across 36, k. 7, sl. 1, k. 1. p.s.s.o., k.10.

11th row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 7, work patt. across 36, k. 7, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 10.

13th row: K.10, k. 2 tog., k. 7, work patt. across 36, k. 5, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k.10.

15th row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 5, work patt. across 36, k. 5, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 10.

17th row: K. 10, k. 2 tog., k. 5, work patt. across 36, k. 3, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k.10 (66 left).

Next row: K. 15, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * to within 15 sts. of end, k. 15. Purl back.

Next row: K. 16, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * to within 14 sts. of end, k. 14. Purl back. Rep. last 4 rows until foot measures 6.75 ins., or 2.25 ins. less than desired length, ending with 4th row.

Next row: K. 16, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o., rep. from * to within 18 sts. of end, k. 18. Purl back.

Next row: K. 19, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * to within 17 sts. of end, k. 17. Purl back.

Next row: K. 18, * sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., y.o.,rep. from * to within 21 of end, k. 21. Purl back.

Next row: K. 22, * y.o., sl. 1, k. 2, p.s.s.o., rep. from * to within 20 sts. of end, k. 20. Purl back.

Next row: K. 20, k. 2 tog., k. 20, k. 2 tog., k. to end. Purl back.

Shape toe: K. 13, k. 2 tog., k. 1, slip a coloured marking loop on needle, k. 1, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 26, k. 2 tog., k. 1, slip a second marking loop on needle, k. 1, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. to end. Purl back, slipping loops.

Next row: * K. to within 3 sts. of loop, k. 2 tog., k.1, sl. loop, k.1, sl.1, k.1, p.s.s.o., rep. from * once, then k. to end. Purl back. Rep. last 2 rows until there are 24 left. Cast off.

Oversew seam of stocking closely from hem to toe, taking care to match rows, especially at hem and heel. Fold toe with seam of sole to centre-front and sew.