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A few days ago I had to buy a ball of yarn just because of the colours: a self-stripping yarn with bright shining candy colours that made me happy by just looking at it :-)

Since then this very special ball of yarn was sitting on top of my stash and happily winking on me every time I was looking for yarn for a new sock project. But somehow I always had a feeling that the pattern I wanted to knit wasn't the right one for it. So finally I decided to create a pattern on my own to do the little ball justice. Lollipop is a simple, but IMHO effectful pattern that easily can be varied.

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Cuff:
CO 72 sts. Divide evenly between needles (16 sts on each needle) and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

15 rows k1, p1

Leg:
Work chart 4 times (see chart at the end).

Heel Flap:

N1+2

1st row: m1k, * k1, s1* to last stich, k2, turn
2nd row: s1yif purlwise, purl to last stitch, s1yif purlwise

=> instep: 36 st, sole: 37 st

3rd row: k1tb, * k1, s1*, last 2 stiches: k2, turn
4th row: s1yif purlwise, purl to last stitch: s1yif purlwise

repeat rows 3 & 4 until desired length (=36 rows) of the heel flap
last row (36th row): purl stiches 18+19 together => 36 st)

Heel Turn:
15-6-15

row 1 (rs): k20, ssk, k1, turn work.
row 2 (ws): sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn work.
row 3 (rs): sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn work.
row 4 (ws): sl1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn work.
row 5 (rs): sl1, k8, ssk, k1, turn work.
row 6 (ws): sl1, p9, p2tog, p1, turn work.
row 7 (rs): sl1, k10, ssk, k1, turn work.
row 8 (ws): sl1, p11, p2tog, p1, turn work.
row 9 (rs): sl1, k12, ssk, k1, turn work.
row 10 (ws): sl1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn work.
row 11 (rs): sl1, k14, ssk, k1, turn work.
row 12 (ws): sl1, p15, p2tog, p1, turn work.
row 13 (rs): sl1, k16, ssk, k1, turn work.
row 14 (ws): sl1, p17, p2tog, p1, turn work.
row 15 (rs): sl1, k18, ssk, turn work.
row 16 (ws): sl1, p19, p2tog, turn work.

20 sts remain.
row 17 (rs): k10. Proceed to gusset.

Gusset:
Pick up sts along the side of the heel flap (=> 18 + 10 = 28 sts / n 1 and 2)

Next two rows: knit (sole), pattern (instep - still 38 sts)
reduce every other row until 18 sts / n (sole) - instep: row xx / chart

Foot:
Work pattern repeats on instep and stockinette on sole until sock measures approximately
- two inches less (pointy toe)
- xx inches less (round toe)
than desired finished lenght.

Toe:
Toe decreases: knit to last 3 sts of sole stitches, k2tog, k1 – instep: k1, ssk, knit across sts untli last 3 sts of instep: k2tog, k1 – sole: k1, ssk, knit across sts until end of row.

Round Toe
(26 rows)

1 x 1 r decrease + 3 r (= 68 sts)
2 x 1 r decrease + 2 r (= 60 sts)
3 x 1 r decrease + 1 r (= 48 sts)

Decrease every row until 8 sts remain (= 10 rows).

Cut yarn, thread end through the 8 sts and turn the sock inside out. Pull end through the hole and pull up tight to close the hole. Secure the end.

Pointy Toe
(32 rows)

1st row: decrease four sts
2nd row: knit all sts

Repeat r 1+2 until 16 sts remain (8 sts sole, 8 sts instep). Cut yarn, graft together stitches using Kitchener stitch and weave in ends.

Chart:

4	3	2	1	
•	•	|	|	14
•	•	|	|	13
•	•	|	|	12
x		|	|	11
•	•	|	|	10
•	•	|	|	9
•	•	|	|	8
|	|	•	•	7
|	|	•	•	6
|	|	•	•	5
|	|	x		4
|	|	•	•	3
|	|	•	•	2
|	|	•	•	1

•   knit

| purl

x   slip one, knit one, yarn over, slip slipped stich over the two stiches