

## CORTINA SOCKS

## DESIGN

CORTINA designed by Bitten Eriksen in 1956

## REDESIGN

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## YARN

MINI STERK 40 \% alpaca, 40 \% merino wool, 20 \% nylon, 50 grams = approx. 166 metres

## SIZES

26-28 (29-31) 32-34 (35-37) 38-40

## YARN REQUIREMENTS

Colour 1
2 balls in all sizes
Colour 2
1 ball in all sizes

## COLOURS

Colour 1
Black 809
Colour 2
Off-White 806

## SUGGESTED NEEDLES

2.5 mm and 3.5 mm DPNs

## GAUGE

28 sts with stocking st on 2.5 mm needles $=10 \mathrm{~cm}$
25 sts stocking st and colourwork on 3.5 mm needles $=10 \mathrm{~cm}$

Check your gauge by working a swatch.
Count the number of sts per 10 cm . If you have more sts than suggested, change to a larger needle size. If you have fewer sts change to a smaller needle size.

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathrm{k}=$ knit, $\mathrm{p}=$ purl, st $=$ stitch, $\mathrm{R}=$ round $/$ row,
DPN $=$ double pointed needles, $\mathrm{K} 2 \mathrm{tog}=$ knit 2 together
$\mathrm{m}=$ marker, $\mathrm{PM}=$ place marker, tbl = through back loop

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X Colour 1Colour 2

Cast on 48 (48) 58 (58) 58 sts with colour 1
on 2.5 mm DPNs. Work a twisted rib in the round for 2 R (K1 tbl, P1).
$P M$ around the first st $=$ back m .
Change to 3.5 mm needles and work 34 (34)
37 (37) $37 R$ according to diagram A (A) B (B) B, while
at the same time on $R 1$ decreasing $0(0) 1$ (1) 1 st $=48$ (48)
57 (57) 57 sts.
Change to 2.5 mm needles and colour 1. Work
$4 R$ of stocking st, while at the same time on R 1 adjusting your st count to 48 (48) 56 (60) 60 sts. PM in each side with 24 (24) 28 (30) 30 sts for both heel and instep. Work stocking st flat across the 24 (24) 28 (30) 30 heel sts until the heel measures (4) 5 (6) 6 cm and the last $R$ is from the $R S$.

## HEEL DECREASES

PM in the middle of the heel.
P to 2 sts after the heel m, P2 tog tbl, P1, turn.
Slip 1 st, K to 2 sts after heel m, K2 tog, K1, turn. Slip 1 st, P to 1 st before the "gap", P2 tog tbl, P1, turn. Slip 1 st, K to 1 st before the "gap", K2 tog, K1, turn. Keep decreasing in this way until all sts outside the "gap" have been worked. Divide the sts between 2 needles. Pick up 11 (11) 14 (17) 17 sts on each side of the heel and continue in the round with stocking st. PM on each side of the 24 (24) 28 (30) 30 instep sts.
Decrease for gusset as follows: K2 tog before the 24 (24) 27 (27) 30 instep sts; after the instep sts slip 1 st knitwise, $K 1$ and pass the slipped st over. (No decreases on top of the foot.) Repeat the decreases on every R until there are 48 (48) 56 (60) 60 sts left. Work until the whole foot measures 13 (15) 17 (19) 21 cm or to desired length before the toe decreases (toe decreases = approx. 4 cm ).

## TOE DECREASES

Decrease as follows: K2 tog, K1 before each m; after each m K1, slip 1 st, K1, pass slipped st over. Repeat the decreases on every other $R$ a total of 3 times, then on every $R$ until there are 8 sts left.
Cut yarn, pull through remaining sts and fasten well.
Work one more sock.

