

# Fluke

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*A simple and straightforward top down lacy sock pattern that brings to mind a whale's fluke and the waves of the sea.*



**SIZE:** To fit women's medium to large.

**MATERIALS:** Lang JaWoll Superwash (75% wool, 18% nylon, 7 % acrylic; 190 m per 45 gm skein); two skeins color 8386 dark gray. Set of five double pointed needles, US size 1 ½ (2.5 mm).

**GAUGE:** 8 sts/inch in stockinette st knit in the round.

**NOTE:** The Craft Yarn Council's list of standard abbreviations for knitting are available at <http://www.yarnstandards.com/knit.html> or refer to your favorite basic knitting guide.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Using long tail cast on, CO 64 sts onto one of five dpns. Do not join.

**Cuff:** Knit three rows. Next rnd, [k 3, rotate hand and wrist holding left needle one full twist], rpt to end of rnd. Now distribute sts evenly over four needles (16 sts each). Join sts, being careful not to twist.

Remaining yarn tail marks the beginning of the rnd. From this point, needles are numbered 1, 2, 3, & 4. Knit 1 rnd.

**Leg:** Begin lace pattern #1 as follows or use chart below. Pattern is a 16 sts, 6 row repeat.

## LACE PATTERN #1

Rnd 1 – [p 1, yo, k 2tog, k 10, ssk, yo, p 1] ; rpt 3 more times each round.

Rnd 2 – [p 1, k 1, yo, k 2tog, k 8, ssk, yo, k 1, p 1]

Rnd 3 – [p 1, k 2, yo, k 2tog, k 6, ssk, yo, k 2, p 1]

Rnd 4 – [p 1, k 3, yo, k 2tog, k 4, ssk, yo, k 3, p 1]

Rnd 5 – [p 1, k 4, yo, k 2tog, k 2, ssk, yo, k 4, p 1]

Rnd 6 – [p 1, k 5, yo, k 2tog, ssk, yo, k 5, p 1]

## KNIT SYMBOLS

k	– knit
-	p – purl
O	yo – yarn over
/	k2tog – knit 2 together
\	ssk – slip, slip, knit

## LACE PATTERN CHART #1

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16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Work 14 rpts of 6 row chart pattern or until leg is desired length.

**Heel Flap:** The heel flap is shifted a half-repeat to center the lace pattern pleasingly over the instep, as follows:

at the end of round 14 of the leg, with ndl #4, k 8 sts from ndl #1, turn. Sl 1, p 7 st from ndl #1, p 16 st from ndl #4, p 8 sts from ndl #3. Transfer remaining 8 sts on ndl #3 to ndl #2, and 8 sts from other end of ndl#2 to ndl #1. Needles #1 & #2 now have 16 sts ea, and 32 sts are left on working needle to knit heel flap back and forth. Relax and congratulate yourself for this minor act of knitting acrobatics. ;) Begin Eye of Partridge heel:

Row 1 - Sl 1 st p wise with yarn in back (wyib), [k 1, sl 1] across to last st, k1, turn.

Row 2 - Sl 1 st p wise wyib, p 31, turn.

Row 3 - S 1 st p wise wyib, k 1,[k 1, sl 1], to two sts before end, k 2

Row 4 - Sl 1 st p wise wyib, p 31, turn.

Rpt these 4 rows 7 additional times for a total of 32 rows.

**Turn Heel:** Row 1 - k 17, ssk, k 1, turn. Row 2 - Sl 1 p wise wyib, p 3, p 2tog, p 1, turn.

Row 3 - Sl 1 p wise wyib, k to one st before the gap, ssk to close the gap, k 1, turn.

Row 4 - Sl 1 p wise wyib, p to one st before the gap, p 2tog to close the gap, p 1, turn.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 until all heel sts are used up, ending with 18 sts on a purl side row, turn.

**Gusset:** Knit halfway across the heel sts with working needle (now ndl #4), knit remaining 9 heel sts with new working needle (now ndl #1); with same ndl, pick up 16 sts along edge of heel flap plus the bar between corner of heel and instep sts. With ndl #2, work row 1 of pattern as follows across instep or use chart below: row 1 - [k 5, ssk, yo, p 2, yo, k 2tog, k5] twice; with working ndl pu bar between instep sts and first heel st, pu 16 sts along edge of heel flap, k 9 sts from ndl #4. The center of the heel marks the new beginning of the rnd.

K 9 heel sts, k 17 picked up sts through the back loop (tbl), work Rnd 2 of lace pattern #2 across both instep ndls, k 17 picked up sts tbl, k 9.

Next Rnd, k to 3 sts before the instep, k 2tog, k 1. Work Rnd 3 of lace pattern #2 across both instep ndls; k1, ssk, k to end. Work next rnd without decreases, **knitting in pattern across instep and in stockinette st on underside of foot.** Continue working these two rnds until all extra instep sts are decreased (64 sts on needles).

## LACE PATTERN #2

Rnd 1 - [k 5, ssk, yo, p2, yo, k 2tog, k 5] rpt across 32 instep sts

Rnd 2 - [k 4, ssk, yo, k 1, p 2, k 1, yo, k 2tog, k 4]

Rnd 3 - [k 3, ssk, yo, k 2, p 2, k 2, yo, k 2tog, k 3]

Rnd 4 - [k 2, ssk, yo, k 3, p 2, k 3, yo, k 2tog, k 2]

Rnd 5 - [k 1, ssk, yo, k 4, p 2, k 4, yo, k 2tog, k 1]

Rnd 6 - [ssk, yo, k 5, p 2, k 5, yo, k 2tog]

## LACE PATTERN CHART #2

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				\	o	-	-			o	/				2
					\	o	-	-	o	/					1
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**Foot:** Continue working through eleven rpts of lace pattern on instep and st st on underside of foot; finished sock will have a total of 25 pattern repeats. Knit one round plain. Try on the sock, and knit additional rnds in st st for length, if needed. Begin toe decreases when sock is 2 inches shorter than desired final length.

**Toe:** Toe decreases and finishing are as follows:

Rnd 1 – [k 6, p 2tog] around (56 sts)

Rnd 2 – 7 - [k 6, p 1]

Rnd 8 – [k 5, p 2tog] (48 sts)

Rnd 9 – 13 - [k 5, p 1]

Rnd 14 – [k 4, p 2tog] around (40 sts)

Rnd 15 – 18 - [k 4, p 1] around

Rnd 19 – [k 3, p 2tog] around (32 sts)

Rnd 20 – 22 - [k 3, p 1] around

Rnd 23 – [k 2, p 2tog] around (24 sts)

Rnd 24 – 25 - [k 2, p 1] around

Rnd 26 – [k 1, p 2 tog] around (16 sts)

Rnd 27 – [k 2 tog] around

Run yarn through remaining 8 sts; pull snug and weave in ends.

