



## PROJECT B

# SEDUCTION SOCKS

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I'm not much of a lingerie type of gal. Most days I can't even be bothered to hang earrings in the holes in my earlobes. So I had a little trouble getting my head around the lingerie theme for this staff project . . . until I realized that I do like to lounge on the couch while I knit or read. And I do love socks. So I decided to make a pair of special lounging socks. The yarn, conveniently named Seduction, is a mixture of merino and tencel that's warm, comfortable, silky soft, and strong.

### STITCH GUIDE

**Right Twist (RT):** Knit the next 2 sts tog, but do not slip sts from needle. Knit the first st again, then slip both sts from needle.

**Cuff Pattern:** (multiple of 8 sts)

**Rnds 1, 3, and 4:** \*K4, p1, k2, p1; rep from \* to end.

**Rnd 2:** \*K1, RT (see Stitch Guide), k1, p1, RT, p1; rep from \* to end.  
Rep Rnds 1–4 for patt.

**Leg Pattern:** (multiple of 8 sts)

**Rnd 1:** \*K1, RT, k1, p1, yo, ssk (see page 2), p1; rep from \* to end.

**Rnds 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8:** \*K4, p1, k2, p1; rep from \* to end.

**Rnd 5:** \*K1, RT, k1, p1, k2tog, yo, p1; rep from \* to end.

Rep Rnds 1–8 for patt.

**Foot Pattern:** (multiple of 8 sts + 4)

**Rnd 1:** \*K1, RT, k1, p1, yo, ssk, p1; rep from \* to last 4 sts, k1, RT, k1.

**Rnds 2, 3, and 4:** \*K4, p1, k2, p1; rep from \* to last 4 sts, k4.

**Rnd 5:** \*K1, RT, k1, p1, k2tog, yo, p1; rep from \* to last 4 sts, k1, RT, k1.

**Rnds 6, 7, and 8:** \*K4, p1, k2, p1; rep from \* to last 4 sts, k4.

Rep Rnds 1–8 for patt.

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**Finished Size** 7½" foot circumference and 9¼" long from back of heel to tip of toe. To fit women's U.S. shoe sizes 6 to 8.

**Yarn** Blue Moon Fiber Arts Seduction (50% merino, 50% tencel; 400 yd [365 m]/113 g): blue moonstone, 1 skein.

**Needles** Size 2 (2.75 mm): set of 4 double-pointed (dpp). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**Notions** Marker (m); tapestry needle.

**Gauge** 16 sts and 22 rnds = 2" in St st in the rnd.

### LEG

Using the Old Norwegian method (see page 2), CO 56 sts. Divide sts so that there are 16 sts on Needle 1, 24 sts on Needle 2, and 16 sts on Needle 3. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Rnd beg at back of leg. Rep Rnds 1–4 of cuff patt (see Stitch Guide) a total of 3 times—12 cuff rnds completed; piece measures about 1". Change to leg patt (see Stitch Guide) and work even until piece measures 5" from CO or desired length to top of heel, ending with Rnd 3 or 7 of leg patt.

### HEEL

K16, turn work so WS is facing, purl next 28 sts onto one needle for heel. Divide rem 28 sts on two needles to

work later for instep. **Note:** When viewed from RS, the center 4 sts on heel needle should be k4 with RT in the center, and the st at each end of heel needle should be p1; sts at each end of instep should be k4. **Heel flap:** Work 28 heel sts back and forth in rows as foll:

**Row 1:** \*Sl 1, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, purl to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until a total of 28 rows have been worked (14 slipped sts at each selvedge). **Turn heel:** Work as foll:

**Row 1:** K16, ssk, k1, turn work.

**Row 2:** P6, p2tog, p1, turn work.

**Row 3:** Knit to 1 st before gap formed on previous row, ssk, k1, turn work.

**Row 4:** Purl to 1 st before gap formed on previous row, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked, omitting the k1 or p1 after



the dec on last 2 rows—16 sts rem.

**Gussets:** Pick up sts along selvedge edges of heel flap and rejoin for working in the rnd as foll:

**Rnd 1:** With Needle 1 and RS facing, knit across 16 heel sts, then pick up and knit 15 sts along selvedge edge of heel flap; with Needle 2, work 28 instep sts in foot patt (see Stitch Guide), beg with Row 4 or 8 of foot patt depending on whether you ended the leg patt with Rnd 3 or 7; with Needle 3, pick up and knit 15 sts along selvedge edge of heel flap, then knit first 8 sts from Needle 1 again—74 sts total; 23 sts each on Needle 1 and Needle 3, 28 sts on Needle 2. Rnd beg at back of heel.

**Rnd 2:** On Needle 1, work to last 2 sts, k2tog; on Needle 2, work instep sts in foot patt as established; on Needle 3, ssk, knit to end—2 sts dec'd.

**Rnd 3:** On Needles 1 and 3, work in St st; on Needle 2, cont patt as established. Rep Rnds 2 and 3 eight more times—56 sts rem.

**FOOT**

Cont in patt as established until foot measures about 7¼" from back of heel, or 2" less than desired total length.

**TOE**

Work all sts in St st as foll:

**Rnd 1:** On Needle 1, knit to last 3 sts,

k2tog, k1; on Needle 2, k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 3, k1, ssk, knit to end—4 sts dec'd.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

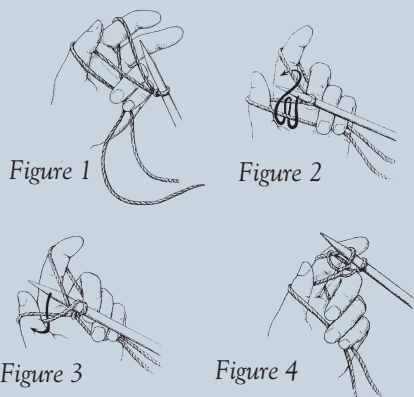
Rep Rnds 1 and 2 six more times—28 sts rem. Rep Rnd 1 only (dec every rnd) 5 times—8 sts rem. With Needle 3, knit sts from Needle 1—4 sts each on two needles.

**FINISHING**

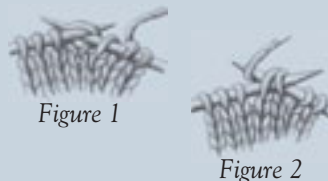
Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread tail on a tapestry needle and use Kitchener st (see below) to graft rem sts tog. Weave in loose ends. Block. ■

**Old Norwegian Cast-On**

Leaving a long tail, make a slipknot, and hold yarn as shown (Figure 1). \*Bring needle in front of thumb, under both yarns around thumb, down into center of thumb loop, back forward, and over top of yarn around index finger (Figure 2), catch this yarn, and bring needle back down through thumb loop (Figure 3), turning thumb slightly to make room for needle to pass through. Drop loop off thumb and place thumb back in V configuration while tightening up resulting stitch on needle (Figure 4). Repeat from \*.



**Ssk Decrease**



Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).

**Kitchener Stitch**

*Step 1:* Bring threaded needle through front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.  
*Step 2:* Bring threaded needle through back stitch as if to knit and leave stitch on needle.  
*Step 3:* Bring threaded needle through same front stitch as if to knit and slip this stitch off needle. Bring threaded needle through next front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.  
*Step 4:* Bring threaded needle through first back stitch as if to purl (as illustrated), slip this stitch off, bring needle through next back stitch as if to knit, leave this stitch on needle.  
 Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until no stitches remain on needles.





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