

# Lace Pattern Stockings

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### Stitchcraft (1940s)

**Materials:** 5 oz. PATONS BEEHIVE FINGERING, 3-ply ("Patonised" shrink-resist finish). A pair No. 12 "Beehive" needles and a set of four No 12 needles.

**Measurements:** To fit 9½ size foot; length of leg, 25½ ins. (this stretches when on).

**Tension:** 9 stitches to 1 inch, unpressed.



With two No. 12 needles, cast on 111 stitches and work two ins. in stocking-stitch. Fold work in half and purl together one stitch from needle and one from cast-on edge; this makes hem. Work another 2 ins. in stocking-stitch, ending with a purl row. Start pattern:

1ST ROW: k. 1, \* p. 1, k. 1, p. 5, k. 1, p. 1, k. 1; repeat from \* to end.

2ND ROW: p. 1, k. 1, \* p. 1, k. 5, (p. 1, k. 1) twice, repeat from \* to last 9 sts., p. 1, k. 5, p. 1, k. 1, p. 1.

3RD ROW: AS 1st.

4TH ROW: AS 2nd.

5TH ROW: k. 1, \* p. 1, wool over needle, slip 1, k. 1, pass slipped stitch over, p. 3,

k. 2 tog., wool round needle, p. 1, k. 1; repeat from \* to end.

6TH ROW: p. 1, k. 1, \* knit into back of loop, p. 1, k 3, p. 1, knit into back of loop, k. 1, p. 1, k. 1; repeat from \* to last 9 sts., k.b.l., p. 1, k. 3, p. 1, k.b.l., k. 1, p. 1.

7TH ROW: k. 1, \* p. 2, wl. fwd., slip 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., p. 1, k. 2 tog., w.r.n., p. 2, k. 1; repeat from \* to end.

8TH ROW: p. 1, k. 2, \* k.b.l., p. 1, k. 1, p. 1, k.b.l., k. 2, p. 1, k. 2; repeat from \* to last 8 sts., k.b.l., p. 1, k. 1, p. 1, k.b.l., k. 2, p. 1.

9TH ROW: k. 1, \* p. 3, wl. fwd., slip 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o., w.r.n., p. 3, k. 1; repeat from \* to end.

10TH ROW: p. 1, k. 3, \* k.b.l., p. 1, k.b.l., k. 3, p. 1, k. 3; repeat from \* to last 7 sts., k. b. l., p. 1, k.b.l., k. 3, p. 1. Continue in this pattern, decreasing at each end of next and every following 10th row until there are 89 sts., then at each end of every 6th row until there are 71 sts.

Work straight until leg measures 22½ ins., ending with front of work facing.

To make heel: Put first 15 and last 16 sts. on a needle and work backwards and forwards for 34 rows, thus: 1ST ROW: \* k. 1, slip 1; repeat from \* to last stitch, k. 1. 2ND ROW: Purl.

To turn heel: k. 16, slip 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 1, turn; p. 5, p. 2 tog., p. 1, turn; k. 6, slip 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 1, turn; continue thus until all sts. are worked on (18 sts.).

Now with front of work facing, knit to end of needle, pick up and knit 17 up side of heel, purl back, picking up and purling 17 up

other side of heel (52 sts.). Knit 2 rows in stocking-stitch. NEXT ROW: k. 2, slip 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., knit to last 4 sts., k. 2 tog., k. 2. Purl one row. Repeat last 2 rows until 30 sts. remain. Work straight in stocking-stitch until foot measures 5 ins.; leave these sts. on spare needle.

Return to instep sts. and work backwards and forwards in pattern until piece is same length as foot. Now put all sts. on three No. 12 double-pointed needles and work 1 inch in stocking-stitch.

Now divide sts. so that you have 35 across centre of foot on first needle, next 17 on second needle, and 18 on third.

NEXT ROUND: 1st needle: k. 1, slip 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., knit to last 3 sts., k. 2 tog., k. 1. 2nd needle: k. 1, slip 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., knit to end. 3rd needle: Knit to last 3 sts., k. 2 tog., k. 1. NEXT ROUND: Knit. Repeat these two rounds until 22 sts. remain; place sts. from 2nd and 3rd needles on one needle and graft toe.

Press lightly under a damp cloth. Join leg and foot seams; press seams.

