Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® LB Collection® Penelope®
Simple Crochet Socks
Pattern Number: L70100
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SKILL LEVEL – Intermediate

SIZES
Women's S (M, L)
Finished Leg Circumference About 7 (8, 9) in. (18 (20.5, 23) cm), unstretched
Finished Foot Circumference About 7 (8, 9) in. (18 (20.5, 23) cm), unstretched
Note: Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

MATERIALS
- Lion Brand® LB Collection® Penelope® (Art. #471)
  - 302 Homer 1 ball
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS
Crochet hook size C-2 (2.75 mm)
Crochet hook size D-3 (3.25 mm)

GAUGE
20 Esc = about 4 in. (10 cm) with larger hook.
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS
beg-Cl (beg cluster) Ch 3, yarn over, insert hook in indicated st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
Cl (cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops rem on hook); (yarn over, insert hook in same st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.
Esc (extended single crochet) Insert hook in indicated st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.
Fdc (Foundation double crochet)
1. Yarn over, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); (yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice (the "double crochet").
2. *Yarn over, insert hook into the "chain" of the double crochet just made and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), (yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice (the "double crochet"); repeat from * the total number of times indicated.

FPtr (front post treble crochet) Yarn over twice, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, (yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3 times. Skip st behind the FPTR.
sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

NOTES
1. Each Sock is worked in one piece, in rnds, from cuff down to toe.
2. Foundation double crochet (Fdc) creates a foundation ch and a double crochet all in one. It creates a more flexible first round, allowing the cuff to fit more comfortably. If you prefer to use a traditional foundation ch, beg as follows: With smaller hook, ch 38 (42, 48).

Rnd 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (beg ch counts as first dc) and in each ch across; join with sl st in top of beg ch—36 (40, 46) dc at the end of this rnd.

SOCKS (make 2)
Cuff
Rnd 1 (RS): With smaller hook, ch 3 (counts as first dc) and work Fdc 35 (39, 45) times; join with sl st in top of beg ch – you will have 36 (40, 46) sts in this rnd.
Note: Use beg yarn tail to sew edges of first rnd together.
Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), FPtr around next st, *dc in next st, FPtr around next st; rep from * to end of rnd; join with sl st in top of beg ch—18 (20, 23) dc and 18 (20, 23) FPtr.
Rnd 3: Ch 3 (counts as dc), FPtr around next FPtr, *dc in next dc, FPtr around next FPtr; rep from * to end of rnd; join with sl st in top of beg ch.
Rnd 4: Change to larger hook, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in each st to end of rnd; join with sl st in first sc.

Leg
Rnd 5: Beg-Cl in same st as join, ch 1, sk next sc, *Cl in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc; rep from * to end of rnd; join with sl st in top of beg-Cl – 18 (20, 23) clusters and 18 (20, 23) ch-1 sps.
Rnd 6: (Sl st, beg-Cl) in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, Cl in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; rep from * to end of rnd; join with sl st in top of beg-Cl.
Note: Work now proceeds in continuous rnds. Do not join rnds from this point forward. Place a marker to indicate beg of rnd and move marker up as each rnd is completed.
Rnd 7: Ch 1, Esc in same st as join and in each ch-1 sp and Cl to end of rnd; DO NOT join.
Rnd 8: Esc in each st around.
Rep Rnd 8 until piece measures about 5 in. (12.5 cm) from beg.

Heel Flap
Note: The heel flap is worked in rows over 18 (20, 24) sts. Do not remove the beg of rnd marker; it will be used again later.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in next 18 (20, 24) sts; leave rem sts unworked for instep (top of foot) – 18 (20, 24) sts.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.
Rep Row 2 until heel flap measures about 2 3/4 in. (7 cm); end with a WS row a the last row you work.

Turn Heel
Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, (sc2tog) twice, sc in each sc to last 5 sc, (sc2tog) twice, sc in last sc – 14 (16, 20) sts at the end of this row.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Rows 3 and 4: Rep Rows 1 and 2 – 10 (12, 16) sts at the end of Row 3.

Gusset
Note: A rnd is now worked across the top of the heel, down the side of the heel flap, across the instep sts, and up the opposite side of the heel flap. Markers are placed to indicate locations to decrease for gussets. **Tip:** Use different colored markers for the gusset to distinguish them from the beg of rnd marker.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, sc2tog, sc in next 4 (6, 10) sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc; work 13 sc as evenly spaced as possible along side edge of heel flap, place marker in last sc made (for gusset), Esc in 18 (20, 22) instep sts (previously unworked); work 13 sc evenly spaced along opposite side edge of heel flap, place marker in first sc of last 13 sc made (for gusset); do not join – 52 (56, 62) sts.
Note: You'll now work in continuous rnds. Beg with Rnd 2, do not join rnds. Move beg of rnd marker up as each rnd is completed.
Rnd 2: Esc in each st to 2 sts before first gusset marker, sc2tog, Esc in each st to next gusset marker, Esc in marked st, sc2tog, Esc in each st to end of rnd – 50 (54, 60) sts.
Rep Rnd 2 until 36 (40, 46) sts rem.

Foot
Rnd 1: Esc in each st around.
Rep Rnd 1 until foot measures about 2 (2, 2 1/4) in. (5 (5, 5.5) cm) less than desired finished foot length.

Flatten foot, making sure that the heel is centered to the back and one gusset marker is on each side edge.

Toe

Remove beg of rnd marker. Esc in each st to next gusset marker. This is now the new beg of rnd marker.

Rnd 1: Sc in each st around – 36 (40, 46) sc.
Rnd 2: Sc in marked sc, sc2tog, sc in each sc to 2 sc before next marker, sc2tog, sc in marked sc, sc2tog, sc in each sc to 2 sc before beg of rnd marker, sc2tog – 32 (36, 42) sc at the end of this rnd.
Rnd 3: Sc in each st around.
Rep Rnds 2 and 3 until 16 (20, 22) sc rem. Join last st with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.
Remove markers.

<u>Finishing</u>
Sew toe closed.
Weave in yarn ends.

<u>ABBREVIATIONS</u>
beg = begin(ning)
ch = chain
ch-sp(s) = chain space(s) previously made
dc = double crochet
rem = remain(ing)
rep = repeat
rnd(s) = round(s)
RS = right side
sc = single crochet
sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
WS = wrong side

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