

## *Saimaa socks by Villilanka*



Size: This pattern is for size 38 socks, but you can easily knit larger socks by adding rows for the toe or adding one whole lace pattern repeat to the foot.

Yarn: Sandnes Garn Sisu (80% wool, 20% nylon; approx 160 meters/50 grams) 60g (2 skeins)

Needles: 2,75 mm dpn, or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 7,5 stitches/inch

### Abbreviations:

PM - place marker

k – knit

p - purl

kfb – knit front and back

ssk – slip slip knit

sk2p – slip one, knit 2 together, pull slipped stitch over

k2tog – knit two together

k2tog-b – knit two together through the back loop

k1tbl – knit one through back loop

The lace pattern used in these socks is traditional Trailing leaf lace although slightly modified. The lace reminds me of Finnish Lake Saimaa and its summery waves - thus the name. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning this pattern, please contact me. Don't use this pattern on commercial purposes.

**Toe:**

I've used Kristel Nyberg's guidelines for knitting socks toe-up. Method is explained in Finnish internet knitting magazine Ulla and completed with clear pictures. ([http://www.ullaneule.net/0305/neuvot\\_sukka\\_varpaista.html](http://www.ullaneule.net/0305/neuvot_sukka_varpaista.html))

CO 10 stitches by using long tail cast on. Knit one row. Turn the work so that the right side is facing you and the cast on edge is pointing up (see picture 1.). Pick up 9 stitches from the cast-on edge. (see picture 2.). Now you have 9 stitches on the first needle and 10 stitches on the second needle.

Next you divide the stitches to four needles as follows:

Knit 5 s from the second needle to one needle and 5 s to another. Then take the fourth needle and k1, kfb, k2 from the beginning of the first needle (needle with 9 stitches on it), PM. Now you have five stitches on all needles. The end of the row is between fourth and first needle (in the middle of the sole).

Increase one stitch on every needle on every row for 6 times as follows:

On the first needle knit until there are only two stitches left on the needle, then kfb, k1. On the second needle k1, kfb, knit all stitches. Make the increases on the third needle at the same way as on the first needle and on the fourth needle same way as on the second needle. When you have 11 stitches on every needle start making the increases only on every other row until there are 14 s per needle. Knit 5 round (this is where you can add length to your sock's foot). Move one stitch from the first needle to the second and one stitch from the fourth needle to the third so that you have 15 s on needles 2 and 3 and 13 s on needles 1 and 4. Then start the lace pattern on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> needles. Use chart #1 for the first sock and chart #2 for the second sock.





**Heel:**

Slip the last stitch from the third needle to the next. Knit stitches from 4<sup>th</sup> needle to the 1<sup>st</sup> needle (27 s). Slip the first stitch knitwise on right side row and purlwise on purl side row. Knit 24 rows.

Turn heel:

Slip 1 purlwise, p17, P2tog, turn the work

Slip 1 knitwise, k9, ssk, turn

Slip 1 purlwise, p9, P2tog

etc. until 11 stitches remain. Divide stitches to two needles.

Pick up 14 s from the side of the heel flap. Knit row 1 of the lace chart on needles 2 and 3. Pick up 14 s from the other side of the heel flap and knit the stitches from the next needle. PM.

**Gusset:**

Next row:

Needle 1: Knit until 3 s on left needle; k2tog-b, k1

Needle 2&3: Knit all stitches

Needle 4: k1, k2tog, knit to end of round

Keep on decreasing on every other row (all the even numbered rows) for one lace pattern repeat. Now there are 56 stitches.

**Leg:**

Start the lace pattern also on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> needle. Repeat the pattern for four times.



**Cuff:**

k1tbl, p1 for 12 rounds.

Use sewn bind off: Cut the yarn (leave tail long enough for bind off), thread the needle.

Insert the needle into first two stitches as if to purl (from right to left), then into first stitches as if to knit (from left to right) and slip the stitch into the fourth needle. \* Insert the needle into first two stitches as if to purl, then into first stitch as if to knit and slip the stitch off the needle \*, repeat \* - \* till the end of the row.

Weave in ends. Block or steam the socks for finished look. Dance with the waves of Lake Saimaa in your feet :)

