

# YARNSMITHS



*Merino Sock*

Knitting  
Intermediate

Valentine's Socks  
Design Number:  
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## MATERIALS AND MEASUREMENTS

Yarnsmiths Merino Sock		
Yarn A	I	Ball
Yarn B	I	Ball
Yarn C	I	Ball
Yarn D	I	Ball
Set of five 2.5mm double pointed needles or a 2.5mm circular needle if you prefer. Please note, the pattern is written assuming you're using DPNs – or size required to meet gauge.		
Photographed using shades: <b>Merino Sock</b> Yarn A: Fuchsia 15g/60m (2K370) Yarn B: Dusky Mauve 70g/280m (2K332) Yarn C: White 15g/60m (2K040) Yarn D: Claret 10g/40m (2K090)		
Finished size: S [M,L] Small – UK foot size 5-6 Medium – UK foot size 6-7 Large – UK foot size 7-8 The length of the leg and foot can be adjusted to fit your foot or the recipient's foot easily, as described in the pattern below.		

Please note that the limitations of the printing process mean the actual colour will not always precisely match the colours shown in the photograph.

## IMPORTANT

Use only the Yarnsmiths yarn specified. We cannot accept responsibility for an imperfect item if any other brand is used. It is essential to work to the tension stated. The quantities of yarn stated are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

## GAUGE

Knit your gauge swatch in the round as it will give you a more accurate gauge for circular knitting.  
10cm x 10cm (4" x 4") =  
33 stitches x 40 rows.

## NOTES

The most important advice I can give you when knitting a new pattern, is to read it in full before you start. I have added some notes in bold which I think are important. So read through each step in full before you begin.

When knitting in stranded colour work, knit loosely as your knitting will lose some of it's stretch over the area with the colour work. When working more than 4 stitches in one colour twist the second colour to avoid long "floats" at the back of your work which will snag during wear.

**The colourwork chart is read from right to left and from bottom to top.**

## ABBREVIATIONS (UK)

**K** – Knit; **P** – Purl;  
**St** – Stitch; **Sts** – Stitches;  
**EOR** – End of Round;  
**SSK** – Slip, Slip, Knit;  
**Slpw** – Slip 1 Purl wise;  
**Sl** – Slip 1;  
**RS** – Right Side;  
**WS** – Wrong Side;  
**P2tog** – Purl two together;  
**Tbl** – Through back of loop;  
**K2tog** – Knit two together;  
**Dec** – Decrease;  
**SMA** – Stitch Marker A;  
**SMB** – Stitch Marker B.

## SOCK PATTERN

*Make Two*

## CUFF

With yarn A, cast on 56 [64,72] sts on to 1 of your double pointed needles. Divide the sts evenly over 4 of the needles and join in the round. Add a stitch marker at EOR.

Work 1 round of 2x2 rib as follows:  
\*K2, P2\*, Repeat \*-\* to EOR.

Break off Yarn A and join Yarn B, K all sts for 1 round.

Now work 14 rounds of 2x2 rib as follows:

\*K2, P2\*, Repeat \*-\* to EOR.

K all sts for 3 rounds.

## LEG

Using yarn B, C, A and D work all rows of the 8 st pattern repeat of the colourwork chart 7 [8:9] times per round.

**Remember to work the chart from bottom to top and from right to left.**

When you have completed all 26 rows, work rows 1-8 again.

Break off yarn A, C and D and using yarn B only, K all stitches for a further 10 rounds.

Break off yarn B at EOR.

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## HEEL FLAP

*Worked in rows, not rounds.*

Join yarn C at EOR, K across 13 [15:17] sts, next st Ktbl, turn. Slip the first stitch as if to P, then P the next 27 [31:35] sts. **Keeping them on 1 needle, TURN.**

You will now be working only on these 28 [32:36] sts, you will have a spare needle you won't use again until you have completed the heel and the remaining sts can stay on the 2 needles they're already on while you work the heel.

K1 row as follows: \*Slpw, K1\*, repeat \*-\* to last 2 sts, Slpw, K1tbl, turn.

The following two rows make up the heel flap:

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl, P to end.

**Row 2 (RS):** \*Slpw, K1\*, repeat \*-\* to last 2 sts, Slpw, K1tbl.

Repeat these two rows 12 [14:16] more times, ending with a RS row.

## SHAPE BASE OF HEEL

With WS facing: P16 [18:20], P2tog, P1, turn.

**Next Row:** Sl, K5, K2tog, K1, turn.

**Next Row:** Sl, P6, P2tog, P1, turn.

Continue in this way, working 1 extra st before each Dec until you have 17 [19:21] sts remaining. Turn.

You should now have the RS facing you and one more gap to close at the end of this last K row.

K8 [9:10], place EOR marker and break off yarn C.

Changing to the spare needle you haven't used while you worked the heel, **rejoin yarn B** and K7 [8:9], K2tog. **Do NOT turn.**

You should now have 8 [9:10] sts on two of your needles, a long heel flap and 14 [16:18] left on each of the other two needles that you haven't used while you worked the heel.

## TURN HEEL

*You will now begin to work in the round again.*

Carrying on with RS facing and using yarn B, pick up and K16 [18:20] sts evenly down one side of the heel flap. Place stitch marker – Stitch Marker A (SMA).

Keeping your sts spread evenly over the two needles they're on, K the next 28 [32:36] sts.

You should now be at the opposite side of the heel flap. Place stitch marker – Stitch Marker B (SMB).

Pick up and K16 [18:20] evenly up the side of the heel flap. K8 [9:10]. You should now be back at the end of the round and should have a total of 76 [86:96] sts.

## DECREASE ROUNDS

We'll now work the following Dec rounds to complete the heel gusset and get back to your original number of cast on sts:

**Round 1 (Dec Rnd):** K to 3 sts before SMA, K2tog, K1, K to SMB, K1, SSK, K to EOR.

**Round 2:** K all stitches.

Repeat the above two rounds until you have a total of 56 [64:72] sts. Do not remove SMA and SMB as you will need these when you're shaping the toe.

## FOOT

Continue to K all sts in Yarn B until your sock is approximately 15.5 [16:16.5]cm when measured from the heel, or 6.5 [7:7.5]cm shorter than foot to end of toe, ending at the EOR marker.

Using yarn B, C, and A repeat rows 1-8 of the 8 st pattern Repeat of the colourwork chart 7 [8:9] times per round.

Break off yarn C and A and with yarn B only K all sts for 2 rounds.

## TOE

Break off yarn B and rejoin yarn A. Shape the toe as follows:

**Round 1 (Dec):** K to 3 sts before SMA, K2tog, K2, SSK, K to 3 sts before SMB, K2tog, K2, SSK, K to EOR.

**Round 2:** K all sts.

Repeat these two rounds until you have 40 sts remaining. Then work Round 1 only (the decrease round) for every round until you have 24 sts remaining. K to one of the stitch markers (it doesn't matter which one, whichever you get to first). Break yarn, leaving a 30cm length for grafting.

## FINISH TOE

The last 24 stitches are grafted together using Kitchener Stitch which leaves a lovely, almost seamless edge to the toe. Arrange sts evenly over 2 needles, so that the stitch markers are at either end of the needles. Remove stitch markers. You should now have 12 sts per needle.

Hold needles parallel to each other with yarn at right side. Thread end of yarn onto darning needle and work Kitchener Stitch to graft together sts of toe seam as follows: Insert darning needle into first st of front needle as if to purl. Leave st on needle and pull yarn through st. Insert darning needle into first st of back needle as if to knit. Leave st on needle and pull yarn through st.

\*Insert darning needle into first st of front needle as if to knit. Slip st off needle and then insert darning needle into next st of front needle as if to purl. Leave this st on needle and pull yarn through st. Insert darning needle into first st of back needle as if to purl. Slip st off needle and then insert darning needle into next st of back needle as if to knit. Leave this st on needle and pull yarn through st.\* Repeat from \*-\* until no stitches remain.

## Making Up

Sew in all loose ends.

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