

YARNSMITHS

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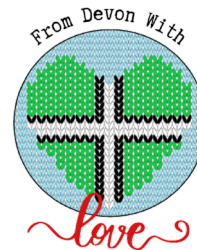
Merino Sock

Knitting

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Hi, I'm Abi. I come from a very crafty family, seriously, we're like Little Women! My happy place is sitting by the fire yarning away with a glass of wine to keep me company!! Recently, I have started designing my own sock patterns and hope that you like them too! I have lots of ideas and new patterns are being released all the time, so keep an eye out or follow me on Instagram @fromdevonwithloveuk for regular updates.



Christmas Pud Socks

MATERIALS AND MEASUREMENTS

Yarnsmiths Merino Sock		
A	30g	120mtrs
B	25g	100mtrs
C	10g	40mtrs
D	30g	120mtrs
E	5g	20mtrs
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: Yarnsmiths Merino Sock Colour A - Crimson (2K098) Colour B - Leafy Green (2K203) Colour C - Off White (2K045) Colour D - Pistachio (2K198) Colour E - Rich Brown (2K079)		
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 included.		

IMPORTANT

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

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

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") = 32 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 its 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.

Slipped stitches are always slipped purlwise unless otherwise stated.

The colour 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;
SI – Slip 1;
RS – Right Side;
WS – Wrong Side;

P2tog – Purl two together;
Tbl – Through back of loop;
K2tog – Knit two together;
Dec - Decrease;
Rnd – Round;
Rep - Repeat;
SMA – Stitch Marker A;
SMB – Stitch Marker B;

SOCK PATTERN

Make Two

CUFF

With Colour A cast on 56 [64,72] sts onto 1 of your double pointed needles.

Divide the sts evenly over 4 of the needles and join in the round. Add a stitch marker to mark End of Round.

Work 1 round of 2x2 rib as follows: *K2, P2*, repeat *-* to end of round.

Break off Colour A and join Colour B, knit all stitches for one round, then work 14 rounds of 2x2 rib as above.

LEG

Using All Colours, work each row of the 8 st pattern repeat according to the chart 7 [8:9] times.

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

When you have worked the full chart once, knit all stitches in Colour D for 3 rounds, then work rows 1-4 of the chart again in Colours A & C.

Green and Red Stripes

Continue for the rest of the leg working the green and red stripes as follows:

Rounds 1-3 - Knit all stitches in Colour D

										16
										15
										14
										13
										12
										11
										10
										9
										8
										7
										6
										5
										4
										3
										2
										1
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			

Work the 8 rounds of the stripe pattern 3 times in total, then work rounds 1-5 only.

Break all yarns.

HEEL FLAP (worked in rows, not rounds)

Join Colour B at EOR, remove EOR marker and knit across 13 [15:17] sts, next st ktbl, **turn**.

Slip the first stitch as if to purl, then purl 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've completed the heel. Leave the remaining sts on 2 needles while you work the heel.

Knit 1 row as follows: *Slpw, K1*, rep *-* to last 2 sts, Slpw, K1tbl, **turn**.

Now repeat the following two rows which make up the heel flap 13 [15:17] times ending with a RS row:
Row 1 (WS) - Sl, purl to end.
Row 2 (RS) - *Sl, K1*, repeat *-* to last 2 sts, Sl, K1tbl.

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 right side facing you and one more gap to close at the end of this last knit row. Knit 8 [9:10], replace EOR marker.

Break off Colour B.

Changing to the spare needle you haven't used while you worked the heel **join** Colour A and Knit 7 [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 for a while.

TURN HEEL

You will now begin to work in the round again.

Carrying on with right side facing you and using Colour A pick up and knit 16 [18:20] stitches evenly down one side of the heel flap. Place a stitch marker (we will call this SMA). Keeping your stitches spread evenly over the two needles they're on, knit the next 28 [32:36] sts.

You should now be at the opposite side of the heel flap. Place stitch marker (we will call this 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 round.

DECREASE ROUNDS (and green & red stripes)

While knitting the rows below you will need to work in the colour changes to continue the green and red stripes along the length of the foot of your sock as you did before the heel:

Rounds 1-3 - Knit all stitches in Colour D.

Rounds 4-8 - Knit all stitches in Colour A.

You have just worked round 6 in Colour A when you picked up your sts along the heel.

Work the decreases to turn the heel and get back to your original number of cast on sts as follows:

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

Round 2 - Knit all stitches Repeat these two rounds until you have 56 [64:72] stitches.

Keep SMA and SMB on your work as you will need these when you're shaping the toe.

FOOT

Continue to work the stripes in colours D and A until sock is approximately 15 [17:18] cm or 5cm shorter than foot to end of toe and end at the EOR marker.

Break all Yarns.

SHAPE TOE

Rejoin Colour B and shape the toe as follows:

Round 1 (dec) - K to 3 sts before SMA, K2tog, K2, SSK. Knit to 3 sts before SMB, K2tog, K2, SSK. Knit to end of round.

Round 2: Knit.

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.

Remove EOR marker and knit to SMA.

Break yarn, leaving a 30cm length for grafting.

MAKING UP

Sew in all loose ends.

FINISH TOE

The last 24 stitches are grafted together using Kitchener Stitch which leaves a lovely, almost seamless edge to the toe. If you've never worked this stitch before, the instructions can seem complicated, I would recommend taking a look at my YouTube video which explains this process in detail, it's far easier to understand if you can see it being done.

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.

KITCHENER STITCH

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.

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