



Herding Hens sock set

Two colourwork sock patterns, inspired by chickens and their chicks. For fans of hens, or for those who want to add a bit of sock knitting joy to their Easter/Spring celebrations.

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This colourwork sock pattern set, includes two sock patterns. One inspired by hens of all different colours and the other by their cute baby chicks.



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It's time to celebrate hens and all their different, vibrant colours. Whether you are a hen owner or lover, or want to knit these as part of any Easter or Spring celebrations, these are a fun pair of socks to knit. The easy, repeating chicken motif can be knit with 3 colours in one round (to add eyes and beaks) or if preferred, a chart is provided for a simpler 2 colour option. Knit for yourself or your chicken loving family and friends, these socks are perfect for keeping your feet cozy, especially if you are outdoors and feeding your feathered friends. If you celebrate Easter they would be perfect for wearing during an outdoor egg hunt, or a great gift in an Easter basket too.

Knit from the top down, starting with a 2x2 ribbed cuff, these socks have a short row heel and a fun to knit stranded colourwork chicken motif pattern. The motif can be knit using just two colours or there is an option for highlighted eyes and beaks with 1 round of 3 colours used. If preferred, the eyes and beaks can also be duplicate stitched on instead. The chickens are repeated throughout the leg and foot. The toe is finished by grafting stitches together. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 23cm (9 inch) circulars or DPNs).

The sock sample shown includes chicken motifs with the 3 colours in one round option and chicken motifs with just 2 colours too.

Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 19.5 – 21 (21.5 –23.5, 26-28) cm / 8 (9 ½, 10 ¾) inches.

Finished circumference: 17.5 (21, 24.5) cm / 7 (8 ½, 9 ¾) inches.

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) of negative ease. For your foot circumference, measure around the widest part of your foot. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size.

Leg/foot length can be easily adjusted. See instructions for details.

Sample shown is knit in size 2 for shoe size US 8.5 (EU 39, UK 6), foot circumference 22.5cm (8 ¾ inches).

MATERIALS

Yarn - Fingering weight sock yarn

MC: Lang Yarns Jawoll sock yarn (75% Virgin wool superwash, 25% Nylon), 210m (230 yds) per 50g

CC2 and CC3: Filcolana Arwetta Classic (80% Merino wool, 20% Nylon), 210m (230 yds) per 50g

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this pattern as long as you obtain the same gauge. Please use whatever sock yarn you have available to you.

Shown in:

MC: Jeans Blue 032. Approx 50g (60g, 65g), 210 (252, 273) m / 230 (275, 299) yds.

CC1: Various scrap sock yarn from stash. Approx 5g per set, if you choose to knit different colour hens. Or 35g, 147m (160 yds) in total for the pair of socks.

CC2: Cayenne. 5g, 21m / 23 yds.

CC3: Mustard. 7g, 29m / 32 yds.

Needles

For ribbing and stockinette: 2.25mm (US 1), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

For colourwork: 2.5mm (US 1.5), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

Important note: Do check your gauge for fitting. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down needle sizes.

Gauge

34 sts x 44 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for ribbing and stockinette.

34 sts x 36 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for colourwork. (This is the same gauge even though we are using a bigger needle size, because for myself and many other knitters, we often knit the colourwork sections tighter than stockinette. Please check your own gauge to see if this works for you).

Notions

Stitch marker, scissors, tape measure, tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES FOR BOTH PATTERNS

Colourwork Tips

When knitting stranded colourwork, be consistent with how you hold the yarns. The yarn used to knit the contrast pattern should cross below the yarn used for the background colour at the back of your work to help make the motif pop. When you knit the colourwork, be sure to not pull your floats too tightly. Do not twist/catch your floats too often or this will create an inelastic fabric. I recommend leaving 9 sts between twisting/catching floats for colourwork socks. This is a distance of approx. 2.5cm (1") with the gauge for this sock pattern. I recommend you try your sock on often, for fitting, throughout the knitting process. The colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left.

For the **Herding Hens socks pattern**, for the 2 colours in one round simpler pattern, I cut CC2 and CC3 yarns and rejoined it for each set of motifs. For the 3 colours in one round version, I cut CC2 and rejoined it for each motif but carried CC3 throughout my work.

For **Cheeky Chicks sock pattern**, I cut CC3 and CC4 yarns and rejoined them for each set of motifs.

If you are a total beginner to colourwork socks, I recommend my colourwork sock tutorial series, produced with Domestika. <https://www.domestika.org/en/courses/5209-introduction-to-colorwork-sock-knitting/charlottestone>

Short Row Heel tutorial for both sock patterns in this set

Short Row Heel video tutorial for this pattern: <https://youtu.be/aT32FY3Syxw>

Any short row heel or after-thought sock heel can be substituted for the heel if you wish, as long as you have decreased down to the same number of stitches as shown for your size.

If you find a hole on one or both sides of your short row heel, please find this helpful tutorial from Arne and Carlos on how to close this hole while knitting your socks.

<https://youtu.be/UMWRP26WIOE>

Duplicate stitch video

<https://youtu.be/SiqUURQA4qs>

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BOTH PATTERNS

BOR = Beginning of the round

CC = Contrast colour(s)

Dec'd = Decreased

Inc'd = Increased

K = Knit

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop of the stitch.

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

MC = Main colour

M1L = Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you have just worked and the one you are about to knit, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch

making a new stitch. (When used in the heel section, pick up the bar in the gap between the SSK and the next stitch on the left needle, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch)

M1p = Make 1 purl (used in the heel section). Pick up the bar in the gap between the P2tog and the next st on the left needle, bringing the left needle from the front to the back. Then purl through the back of the loop.

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

pg. = Page

Rep(s) = Repeat(s)

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right Side

Sl1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle with the yarn at the back of your work.

SSK = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip next stitch knitwise, knit slipped stitches together.

St(s) = Stitch(es)

WS = Wrong Side

INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with MC and 2.25mm needle (US 1). Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. For DPNs, place your sts equally over the 3 (or 4) needles that you are using. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing Rnd: *K2, P2; rep from * to end of rnd. Work the Ribbing Rnd for a further 11 rnds.

You now have a total of 12 rnds of ribbing from cast on edge (approximately 3 cm or just over an inch).

LEG

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

With needle size 2.5mm (US 1.5), or needle size to achieve gauge in colourwork, work following increase rnd:

Size 1: *K14, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts inc'd. 60 sts total.

Size 2: *K8, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: *K6, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts inc'd. 84 sts total.

Work Rnds 1- 30 of the colourwork chart of your choice - either 3 colours in 1 rnd chart on pg. 9 or 2 colours in 1 rnd chart on pg.10. Join CC1, CC2 and CC3 yarns where shown. Rep Rnds 1 – 15 of the colourwork chart of your choice. Both charts repeats 5 (6, 7) times around the sock. You will now have 3 sets of hen motifs completed. Continue to the short row heel instructions.

SHORT ROW HEEL

Using MC, size 2.25mm (US 1) needle and Needle 1 only, you will now work the heel instructions for your size.

Size 1 only (30 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K12, K2tog] twice, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 2 sts dec'd. There are now 28 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P25 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K24 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P23 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K22 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P21, (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P7, turn work.

You should have 8 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K6, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K8, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P9, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K24, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P25, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): K1, [K13, M1L] twice, K1. 2 sts inc'd.

There are now 30 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 2 only (36 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 [K6, K2tog] four times, K2, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 sts dec'd. There are now 32 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P29 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K28 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P27 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K26 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P25 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P11, turn work.

You should have 12 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K10, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K12, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K28, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P29, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): [K8, M1L] four times. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 36 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 3 only (42 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K5, K2tog] five times, K3, K2tog, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 6 sts dec'd. There are now 36 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P33 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K32 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P31 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K30 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P29 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, six more times.

Row 21: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 22: Sl1, P13, turn work.

You should have 14 purl sts in the centre and 11 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 23 (RS): Sl1, K12, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap). M1L, turn work.

Row 24 (WS): Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 25: Sl1, K14, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 26: Sl1, P15, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 16 more rows.

Row 43 (RS): Sl1, K32, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 44 (WS): Sl1, P33, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 45 (RS): K3, [K5, M1L] six times, K3. 6 sts inc'd.

There are now 42 sts on Needle 1.

FOOT (ALL SIZES)

Join back in the round and change back to the larger size needles for the colourwork. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

With MC, knit 30 (36, 42) sts on Needle 2 back to the BOR (this will be counted as Rnd 16 on the colourwork chart that you were knitting before you made the heel). Beginning with Needle 1, resume knitting the colourwork chart, starting on Rnd 17 and continuing to Rnd 30. Knit Rnds 1 to 15 once more

Check to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If you have already reached this length, continue to the toe instructions

If you still have not reached your desired length, knit Rnds 16 - 30 of colourwork chart once more

Check again to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If it has not then you will be able to do so with MC, after the following section.

Cut CC1, CC2, and CC3.

Work the following decrease rnd while transferring sts back to the 2.25mm (US 1) needles.:

Size 1: *K13, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.

Size 2: *K7, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

Size 3: *K5, K2tog; rep from* to the end of rnd. 12 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

If your sock is still not long enough, knit more rnds with MC until your sock is 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired finished length.

TOE

Your stitches should now be placed equally on Needles 1 and 2, remove the BOR st marker. Needle 1 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the top of your foot. You will now work the decreases for the toe, using MC as follows:

With MC and Needle 1, knit 14 (16, 18) sts. Now place the BOR st marker after these sts. This should be in the middle of the sts on Needle 1 at the bottom of your foot.

Rnd 1 (decrease rnd):

Needle 1: Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 2: K1, SSK, K until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 1: K1, SSK, K to BOR.

4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1–2, until 20 sts remain on each needle (40 sts in total).

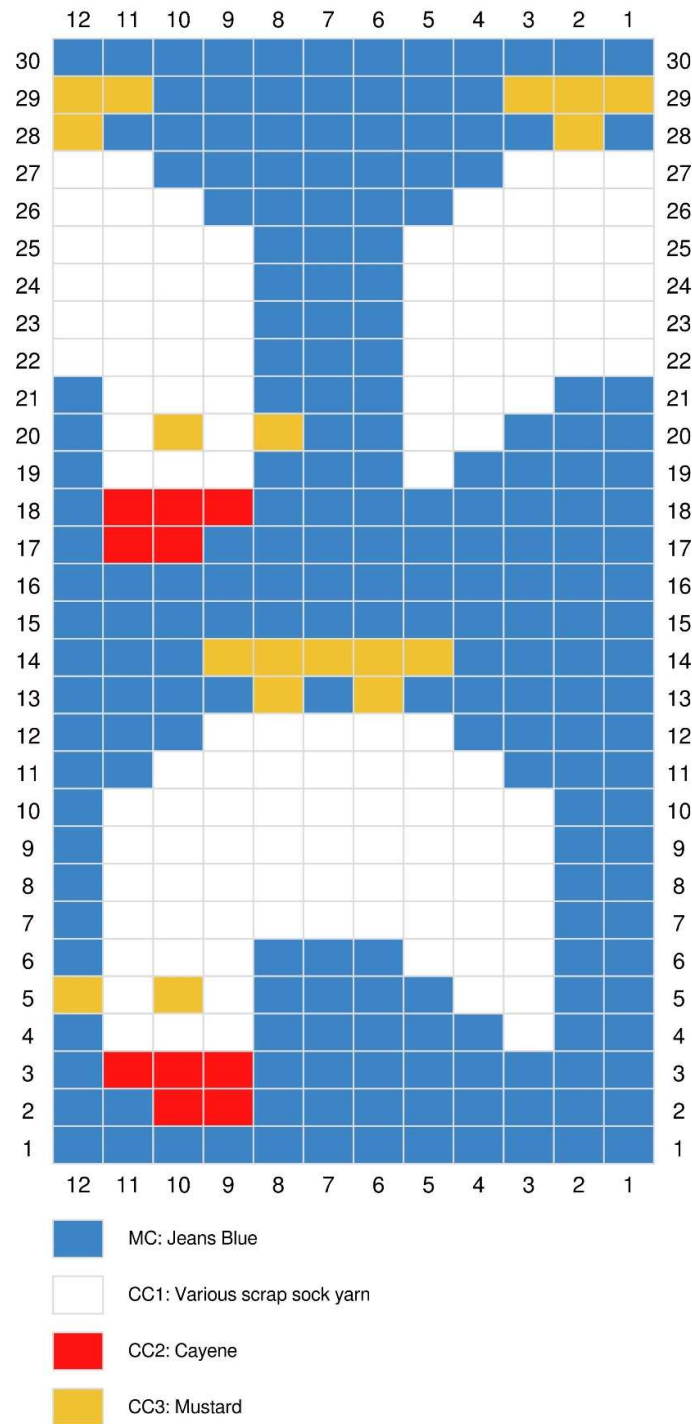
Continue working only Rnd 1 (decrease every rnd), until 10 sts remain on each needle (20 sts in total).

Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, graft the remaining sts together.

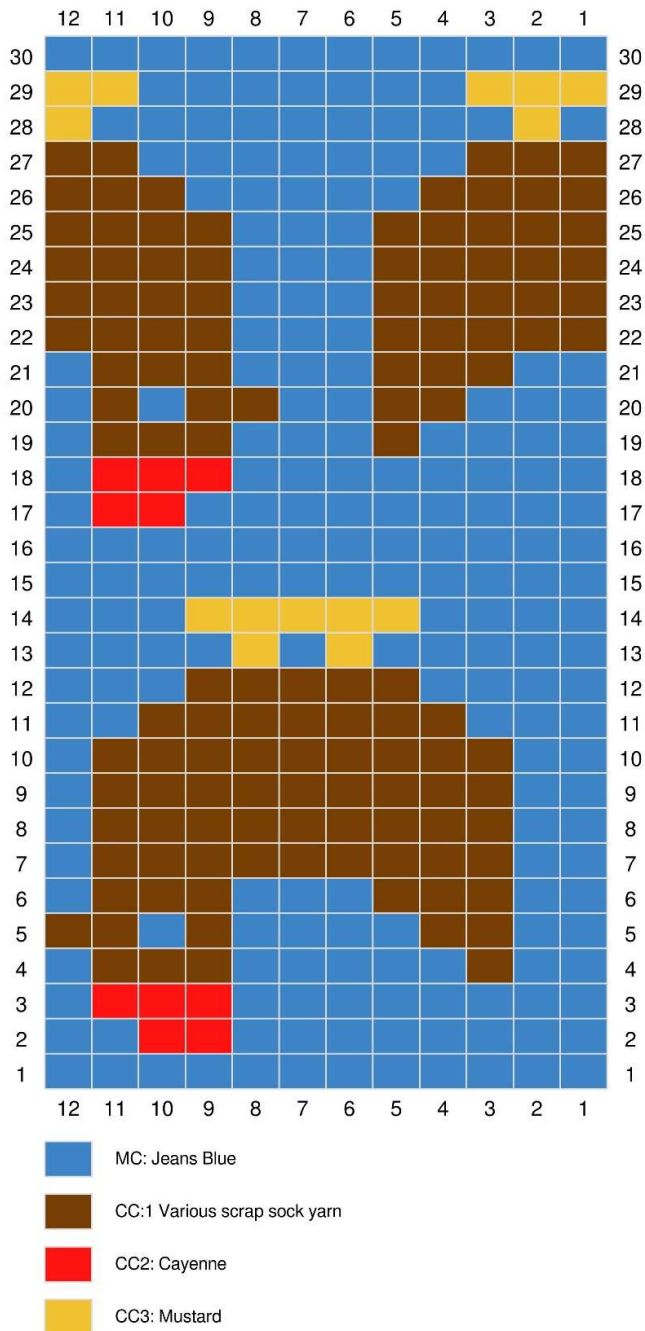
FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy.

COLOURWORK CHART (3 colours in one round for eyes and beak version.)



COLOURWORK CHART (2 colours in one round version.)



If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the hashtag #HerdingHensSocksset or #stoneknits on social media or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations. This pattern has been professionally tech edited, and every size has been test knitted. If you require pattern help, please contact me at charlottestoneknits@gmail.com. I try to respond within 24 hours unless it is a holiday/weekend.



Baby Chicks socks

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I felt we needed some cute baby chick socks to go along with their mother hens. These are a sweet little motif, perfect for wearing in the Spring or to help celebrate Easter. It could also be a fun pair of socks to make for older children in the family, with the parents (or grandparents!) wearing the Herding Hens pair.

Knit from the top down with a ribbed cuff with one stripe, these socks also have a short row heel. There is a fun to knit, easy to memorize stranded colourwork baby chick motif pattern that runs throughout the leg and foot. The motif has 1 round of 3 colours for the eyes and beak. This can be duplicate stitched instead if preferred. The toe is finished by grafting stitches together. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 23cm (9 inch) circulars or DPNs).

Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 19.5 – 21 (21.5 – 23.5, 26-28) cm / 8 (9 ½, 10 ¾) inches.

Finished circumference: 17.5 (21, 24.5) cm / 7 (8 ½, 9 ¾) inches.

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) of negative ease for colourwork.

For your foot circumference, measure around the widest part of your foot, this is normally the ball of the foot before the toes. **Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size.** Leg/foot length can be easily adjusted. See instructions for details. Sample shown is knit in size 2 for shoe size US 8.5 (EU 39, UK 6), foot circumference 22.5cm (8 ¾ inches).

MATERIALS

Yarn - Fingering weight sock yarn

Lang Yarns Jawoll sock yarn (75% Virgin wool superwash, 25% Nylon), 210m (230 yds) per 50g

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this pattern as long as you obtain the same gauge.

Shown in:

MC: Mauve 245. Approx 50g (60g, 65g), 210 (252, 273)m / 230 (275, 299) yds

CC1: White. Approx 15g, 63m / 69 yds

CC2: Lemon 149. Approx 15g, 63 m / 69 yds

CC3: Dark Brown 067. Approx 5g, 21m / 23 yds.

CC4: Mandarine 159. Approx 10g, 42m / 46 yds.

Needles

For ribbing and stockinette: 2.25mm (US 1), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle, as preferred.

For colourwork: 2.5mm (US 1.5), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

Important note: Do check your gauge for fitting. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down needle sizes.

Gauge

34 sts x 44 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for ribbing and stockinette.

34 sts x 38 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for colourwork.

INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with CC1 and 2.25mm needle (US 1). Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. For DPNs, place your sts equally over the 3 (or 4) needles that you are using. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing Rnd: *K1, P1; rep from * to the end of rnd.

Rnds 1 - 5: With CC1, work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 5 rnds.

Rnds 6 - 8: With CC2, work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 3 rnds.

Rnds 9 - 14: With CC1, work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 6 rnds.

You now have a total of 14 rnds of ribbing from cast on edge (approximately 3 cm or just over an

inch).

Cut CC1 & CC2.

LEG

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

With MC work the following increase rnd while transferring sts to the 2.5mm (US 1.5) needles:

Size 1: *K14, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts inc'd. 60 sts total.

Size 2: *K8, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: *K6, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts inc'd. 84 sts total.

Work Rnds 1- 26 of the colourwork chart on pg. 17. Join CC2, CC3 and CC4 yarns where shown. Cut CC3 and CC4 after each set of motifs and rejoin when required again. Rep Rnds 1 – 26. The charts repeats 5 (6, 7) times around the sock. You will now have 4 sets of baby chick motifs completed. Continue to the short row heel instructions.

SHORT ROW HEEL

Using CC1, size 2.25mm (US 1) needle and Needle 1 only, you will now work the heel instructions for your size.

Size 1 only (30 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K12, K2tog] twice, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 2 sts dec'd. There are now 28 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P25 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K24 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P23 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K22 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P21, (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P7, turn work.

You should have 8 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K6, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K8, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P9, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K24, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P25, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): K1, [K13, M1L] twice, K1. 2 sts inc'd.

There are now 30 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 2 only (36 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 [K6, K2tog] four times, K2, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 sts dec'd.

There are now 32 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P29 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K28 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P27 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K26 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P25 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P11, turn work.

You should have 12 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K10, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K12, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K28, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P29, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): [K8, M1L] four times. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 36 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 3 only (42 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K5, K2tog] five times, K3, K2tog, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 6 sts dec'd. There are now 36 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P33 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K32 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P31 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K30 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P29 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, six more times.

Row 21: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 22: Sl1, P13, turn work.

You should have 14 purl sts in the centre and 11 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 23 (RS): Sl1, K12, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap). M1L, turn work.

Row 24 (WS): Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 25: Sl1, K14, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 26: Sl1, P15, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 16 more rows.

Row 43 (RS): Sl1, K32, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 44 (WS): Sl1, P33, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 45 (RS): K3, [K5, M1L] six times, K3. 6 sts inc'd.

There are now 42 sts on Needle 1.

FOOT (ALL SIZES)

Cut CC1.

With MC, you will be joining back in the round and change back to the larger size needles for the colourwork. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

With MC, knit 30 (36, 42) sts on Needle 2 back to the BOR (this will be counted as Rnd 1 on the colourwork chart). Beginning with Needle 1, resume knitting the colourwork chart on pg. 17, starting on Rnd 2 and continuing to Rnd 26. Knit Rnds 1 to 13 once more.

Check to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If you have already reached this length, continue to the toe instructions

If you still have not reached your desired length, knit Rnds 14 - 25 of colourwork chart once more

Check again to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If it has not then you will be able to do so with MC, after the following section.

Cut CC2, CC3, and CC4.

Work the following decrease rnd while transferring sts back to the 2.25mm (US 1) needles:

Size 1: *K13, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.

Size 2: *K7, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

Size 3: *K5, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

If your sock is still not long enough, knit more rnds with MC until your sock is 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired finished length.

TOE

Your stitches should now be placed equally on Needles 1 and 2, remove the BOR st marker. Needle 1 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the top of your foot. You will now work the decreases for the toe, using CC1 as follows:

With CC1 and Needle 1, knit 14 (16, 18) sts. Now place the BOR st marker after these sts. This should be in the middle of the sts on Needle 1 at the bottom of your foot.

Rnd 1 (decrease rnd):

Needle 1: Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 2: K1, SSK, K until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 1: K1, SSK, K to BOR.

4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1–2, until 20 sts remain on each needle (40 sts in total).

Continue working only Rnd 1 (decrease every rnd), until 10 sts remain on each needle (20 sts in total).

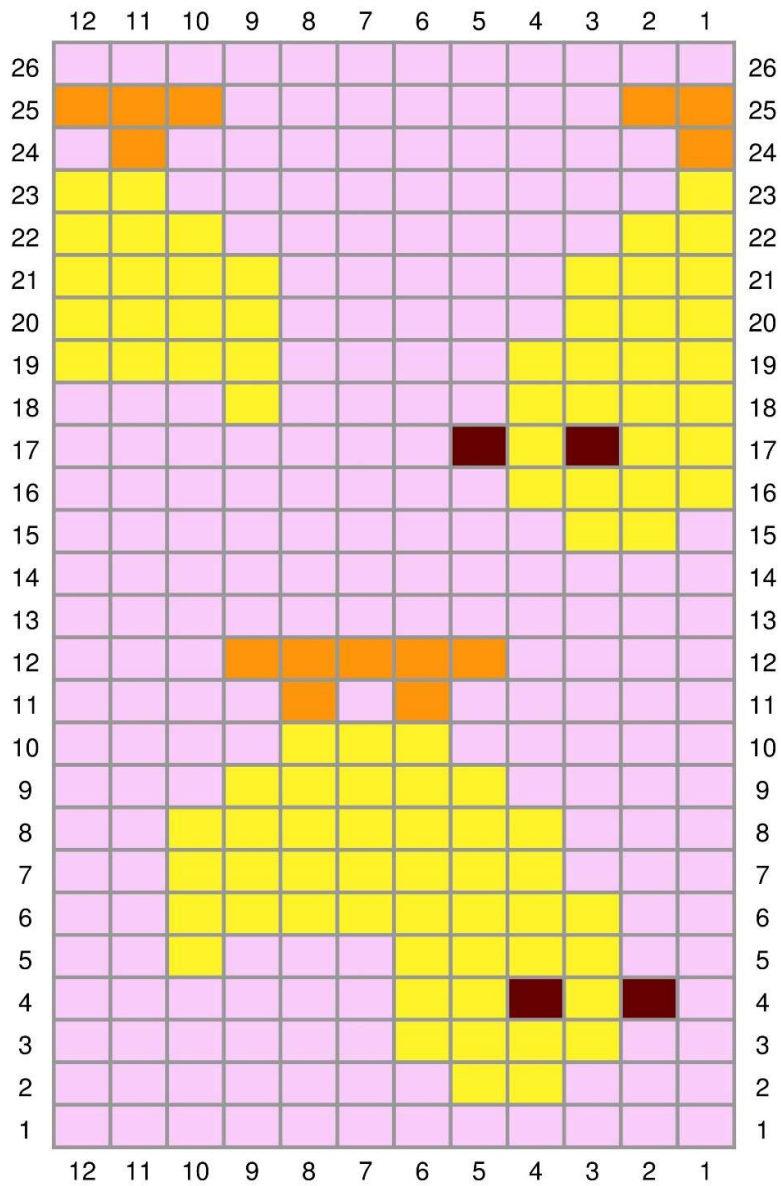
Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, graft the remaining sts together.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy.



COLOURWORK CHART



- MC: Mauve
- CC2: Yellow
- CC3: Dark Brown
- CC4: Mandarin

If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the hashtag **#HerdingHensSockSet** or **#stoneknits** on social media or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations. This pattern has been professionally tech edited and every size has been test knitted. If you require pattern help, please contact me at charlottestoneknits@gmail.com. I try to respond within 24 hours unless it is a holiday/weekend.