

# Christmas Pudding socks

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"In half a minute Mrs Cratchit entered: flushed, but smiling proudly: with the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half-a-quartan of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top. " *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens.

Inspired by my childhood Christmas celebrations in Britain and in particular, the beloved Christmas pudding, these socks are a fun holiday project with a small amount of easy to knit colourwork. They are ideal as a treat for yourself or a fun holiday gift for friends or family and will no doubt get you in the mood for the festive season. They are knit from the cuff down with a 2 x 2 ribbed cuff, an eye of partridge heel and have an easy to knit small section of colourwork on the leg and before the toe. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with dpns).

There is also a fun bonus tree ornament version of this pattern gifted to you at the end of this sock pattern.

## Size (and Gauge for Colourwork section)

1, (2, 3)

**Length of foot is adjustable according to your own foot length. Size is measured by the circumference of your foot. You need to measure the around the widest part of your foot for size required.**

### Sizes (with negative ease)

**Size 1** – Foot circumference 18 – 20 cm / 7.5" (approx.)

**Size 2** – Foot circumference 20.5 – 23 cm / 8.5" (approx.)

**Size 3** – Foot circumference 23.5 – 25 cm / 9.5" (approx.)

(More sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size)

### Gauge for colourwork – 34 sts x 38 rnds per 10cm / 4"

Further sizes can be achieved with different needle sizes.

### Needles required (for knitting in the round):

Size 2.25mm / US size 1

Size 2.5mm / US size 1.5

### Yarn required

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this sock pattern. I used yarn leftovers from my stash for this pattern.

Sample shown is knit in size 2 for foot length Europe 39, US 8.5, UK 6, foot circumference 22.5cm / 8.8" using:

- **Main Colour:** Blue Moon Fiber arts. Socks that Rock 100% merino wool in colour 'Figgy Pudding' 60g, 200m / 218yds approx.
- **Contrast Colour 1:** Giggling Geckoyarns. Socklandia Sox 80% merino wool / 20% nylon in Natural 25g 100m / 109 yds approx.
- **Contrast Colour 2:** Yarn Love Yarn Cinderella sock yarn ( 80% BFL wool / 20% nylon) in Vintner Green 5g, 20m / 22 yds
- **Contrast Colour 3:** Yarn Love Yarn Cinderella sock yarn in Bolivian Chili 5g, 20m / 22 yds
- **Contrast Colour 4:** Yarn Love Yarn Cinderella sock yarn in Nutmeg 5g, 20m / 22 yds

### Colourwork tips

When knitting stranded colourwork, be consistent with how you hold the yarns. The yarn used to knit the contrast pattern should always cross below the yarn knit for the background colour at the back of your work. Be sure to knit your floats **loosely**. Do not twist your floats more than every 6 sts. Blocking a sock afterwards can help rectify issues you may have with tight floats.

### Abbreviations

K= Knit

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop

P= Purl

st(s)= Stitch(es)

rnd = Round

Sl1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left hand needle to the right hand needle.

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

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

M1l= Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you knit 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.

RS= Right Side

WS = Wrong Side

BOR= Beginning of the round

YO = Yarn Over

MC = Main Colour

CC = Contrast Colours

## Instructions

### Cuff

Cast on 56, (64, 72) sts with MC with 2.25mm (US 1) needle. Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. Be careful when joining in the round not to twist your stitches. Knit ribbing K2, P2 for a total of 13 rows (approx. 2.5cms or almost 1 inch)

### Leg

- Knit 1 rnd with MC transferring sts to 2.5mm needle.

### Increase rnd with MC and 2.5mm (US 1.5) needle

#### Size 1 only:

\*K14, M1I\* repeat 4 times until the end of the rnd. 4sts increased. 60sts total.

#### Size 2 only :

\*K8, M1I\* repeat 8 times until the end of the rnd. 8sts increased. 72 sts total.

#### Size 3 only:

\*K6, M1I\* repeat until the end of the rnd. 12sts increased. 84 sts total.

- Knit 1 rnd with MC

- Start knitting the colourwork chart A (on page 6) joining CC1, 2, 3 and 4 where shown. The chart is worked from right to left, from bottom to the top. The chart is knit 5, (6, 7) times per rnd.

- Work chart until rnd 30. Cut CC's 1, 2, 3 & 4.

- Knit 1 rnd with MC.

### Decrease rnd with MC and 2.25mm (US 1) needle

#### Size 1 only:

\*K13, K2tog\* repeat 4 times until the end of the rnd. 4 sts decreased. 56sts total.

#### Size 2 only :

\*K7, K2tog\* repeat 8 times until the end of the rnd. 8sts decreased. 64sts total.

#### Size 3 only:

\*K5, K2tog\* repeat 12 times. 12sts decreased. 72 sts total.

Using 2.25mm (US 1) needle and MC knit a further 4 ½ cm / 1.75" (or however long you want the leg of your sock to be) before starting the heel flap. Cut MC.

### Eye of Partridge Heel Flap

The heel is worked **flat and knit back and forth** using the 28, (32, 36) sts that are currently on needle 1 with CC1. Needle 2 is holding the 28 (32, 36) sts for the instep. You can remove the marker you placed at the beginning.

#### - Set Up Row. All sizes.

(RS) Knit all sts. Turn

- **Row 1 (WS):** \*SI1, purl until the end of the row. Turn
- **Row 2: (RS):** SI1, \*K1, SI1,\* repeat across the row ending with K1. Turn
- **Row 3: (WS):** \*SI1, purl until the end of the row. Turn
- **Row 4: (RS):** SI2, \*K1, SI1\* until 2st before the end of the row, K2. Turn

Repeat these 4 rows ending on a purl row, Row 3, after a total of 28, (32, 36,) rows (including the set-up row), 14, (16, 18,) edge sts for you to pick up after the heel turn.

### **Heel Turn:**

Continuing to use CC1 you will now use short rows to turn your heel.

**Row 1: (RS)** SI1, K15, (K18, K20), SSK, K1, turn

**Row 2: (WS)** SI1, P5, (P7, P7), P2tog, P1, turn

**Row 3: (RS)** SI1, K6, (K8, K8) SSK, K1, turn

**Row 4: (WS)** SI1, P7 (P9, P9), P2tog, P1, turn

Continue in this pattern - S1, K or P to one stitch before the gap created by turning in the previous row, SSK or P2tog to close the gap, K1 or P1, turn. Continue until all stitches have been worked ending with a purl row on the WS. Turn to the right side, you will now have 16, (20, 22,) sts left on needle 1.

### **Gusset**

You will be picking up stitches along both sides of your heel flap using MC.

Knit across the heel stitches placing a BOR stitch marker after 8,(10,11) stitches (the halfway point).

Pick up and Ktbl 14, 16, 18 sts along the edge of the heel flap. Pick up and knit one more stitch at the corner between heel flap and instep (to help prevent a hole in the corner).

(You can place a stitch marker here to help show you when to decrease in the next round or adjust the loop and needles so the heel/gusset sts and instep sts are separated there.)

Knit the 28, 32, 36 sts on the instep being held on needle 2.

Again you can place a stitch marker after these instep stitches to help show you when to decrease here in the next round and adjust the loop so there are three groupings on the circular needles.

Pick up one stitch in the corner and Ktbl 14, 16, 18, along the edge of the heel flap. Knit the first half of the heel to the BOR stitch marker.

You now have a total of 46, (54, 58,) heel/gusset sts, 28, (32, 36) instep sts and are working all stitches again in the round.

### **Gusset decreases**

Round 1: Knit up to 3 sts before the first stitch marker indicating where to decrease (where the picked up stitches meet the instep stitches), and K2tog, K1, Knit all instep stitches to the second marker showing where to decrease (right after the instep sts) and K1, ssk. Knit to the BOR stitch marker.

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have decreased to 28, (32, 36,) heel/gusset sts. 28, (32, 36) instep sts remain on needle 2. There are now 56, (64, 72) sts in total.

### **Foot**

With MC continue to knit all the sts until the foot of your sock measures approx. 6cm / just over 2" shorter than your desired overall sock length (at the start of your big toe).

### **Increase rnd with MC and 2.5mm (US 1.5) needle**

#### **Size 1 only:**

\*K14, M1I\* repeat 4 times until the end of the rnd. 4sts increased. 60sts total.

#### **Size 2 only :**

\*K8, M1I\* repeat 8 times until the end of the rnd. 8sts increased. 72 sts total.

#### **Size 3 only:**

\*K6, M1I\* repeat until the end of the rnd. 12sts increased. 84 sts total.

- Knit 1 rnd with MC

- Start knitting the colourwork chart B (on page 7) joining CC 2 and 3 where shown. The chart is worked from right to left, bottom to top per rnd. The chart is knit 5, (6, 7) times per rnd.

- Work chart until rnd 6. Cut MC & CC's 2 & 3.

### **Decrease rnd with CC1 and 2.25mm (US 1) needle**

#### **Size 1 only:**

\*K13, K2tog\* repeat 4 times until the end of the rnd. 4 sts decreased. 56sts total.

#### **Size 2 only :**

\*K7, K2tog\* repeat 8 times until the end of the rnd. 8sts decreased. 64sts total.

#### **Size 3 only:**

\*K5, K2tog\* repeat 12 times. 12sts decreased. 72 sts total.

Using 2.25mm (US 1) needle and CC1, knit one more round before starting the toe.

### **Toe**

Using CC1, with the 28sts, (32sts, 36sts,) placed equally on each of needles 1 and 2. Move the BOR stitch marker to the middle at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 holds the stitches at the top of your foot. Needle 1 holds the stitches at the bottom of your foot.

For all sizes. Starting from the BOR stitch marker:

#### **Round 1: (decrease round)**

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

Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit to the BOR stitch marker

#### **Round 2: Knit all stitches**

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until there are 20sts remaining on both needles (40sts in total).

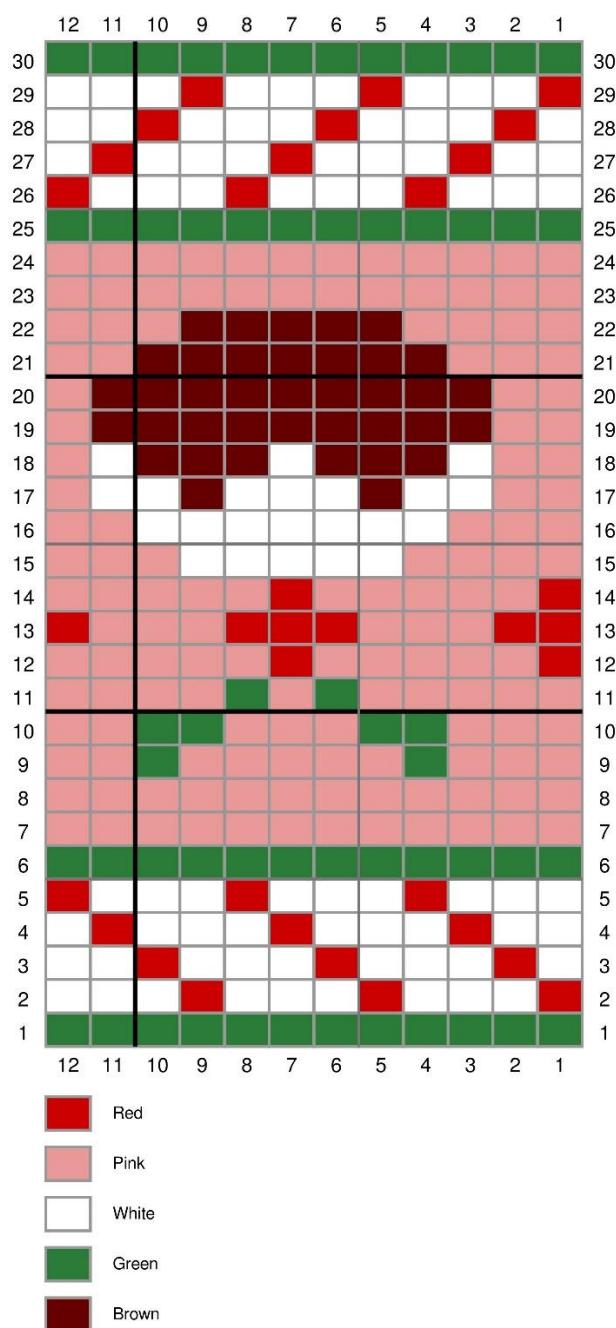
Now continue just knitting round 1 (decreasing every round) until there are 10sts remaining on both needles (20sts total).

Remove BOR stitch marker then knit 5 stitches to reach the side of the sock. With 10sts on each needle, kitchener stitch the remaining sts together.

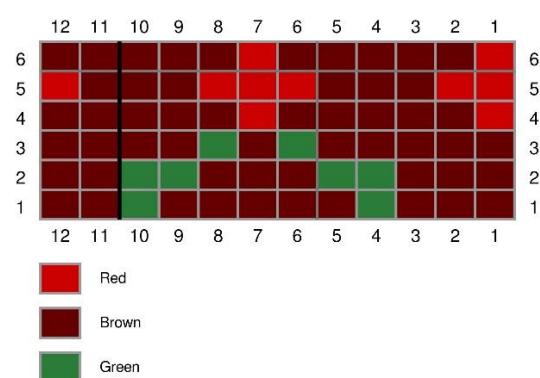
Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy!



### Colourwork Chart A for sock:



### Colourwork Chart B for sock:



# Christmas Pudding ornament sock



A little fun pattern for you to make an ornament version of the Christmas pudding socks. This mini size is suitable to hang on your tree or over the fireplace, or can be a gift for family or a friend who you might not be able to be with this year or maybe as part of an advent calendar (or even for your pet!). This ornament is a quick knit and can be used with any little leftovers of yarn.

#### **Needles required** (for knitting in the round):

Size 2.25mm / US size 1

**Size:** Ornament size

#### **Yarn required**

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this ornament. Scrap amounts required.

**MC:** brown

**CC1:** white

**CC2:** pink

**CC3:** red

**CC4:** green

## Instructions

### **Cuff**

Cast on 36 sts with MC with 2.25mm (US 1) needle. Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. Be careful when joining in the round not to twist your stitches. Knit ribbing K2, P2 for a total of 4 rows.

### **Leg**

- Start knitting the colourwork chart A (on pg. 4) joining CC1, 2, 3 and 4 where shown. The chart is worked from right to left, from bottom to the top. The chart is knit 3 times per rnd. Work chart until rnd 19.
- With MC knit a further 3 more rnds

## Heel Flap

The heel is worked **flat and knit back and forth** using the 18 sts that are currently on needle 1 with CC1. Needle 2 is holding the 18 sts for the instep.

### - Set Up Row.

(RS) Knit all sts. Turn

**- Row 1 (WS):** SI1, purl until the end of the row. Turn

**- Row 2: (RS):** SI1, knit until the end of the row. Turn

Repeat these 2 rows ending on a purl row, after a total of 16 rows (including the set-up row), 8 edge sts for you to pick up after the heel turn.

## Heel Turn:

Continuing to use CC1 you will now use short rows to turn your heel.

**Row 1: (RS)** SI1, K10, SSK, K1, turn

**Row 2: (WS)** SI1, P5, P2tog, P1, turn

**Row 3: (RS)** SI1, K6, SSK, K1, turn

**Row 4: (WS)** SI1, P7, P2tog, P1, turn

Continue in this pattern - S1, K or P to one stitch before the gap created by turning in the previous row, SSK or P2tog to close the gap, K1 or P1, turn. Continue until all stitches have been worked ending with a purl row on the WS. Turn to the right side, you will now have 12 sts left on needle 1.

## Gusset

You will be picking up stitches along both sides of your heel flap using MC.

Knit across the heel stitches placing a BOR stitch marker after 6 sts (the halfway point).

Pick up and Ktbl 8 sts along the edge of the heel flap. Pick up and knit one more stitch at the corner between heel flap and instep (to help prevent a hole in the corner).

(You can place a stitch marker here to help show you when to decrease in the next round or adjust the loop and needles so the heel/gusset sts and instep sts are separated there.)

Knit the 18 sts on the instep being held on needle 2.

Again you can place a stitch marker after these instep stitches to help show you when to decrease here in the next round and adjust the loop so there are three groupings on the circular needles.

Pick up one stitch in the corner and Ktbl 8 sts along the edge of the heel flap. Knit the first half of the heel to the BOR stitch marker.

You now have a total of 30 heel/gusset sts, 18 instep sts and are working all stitches again in the round.

## Gusset decreases

Round 1: Knit up to 3 sts before the first stitch marker indicating where to decrease (where the picked up stitches meet the instep stitches), and K2tog, K1, Knit all instep stitches to the second marker showing where to decrease (right after the instep sts) and K1, ssk. Knit to the BOR stitch marker.

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have decreased to 18 heel/gusset sts. 18 instep sts remain on needle 2. There are now 36 sts in total.

## Foot

- Knit 8 more rnd in MC

- Knit Chart B (on pg. 4) joining CC 1, 3 & 4 where required. The chart is worked from right to left, bottom to top per rnd. The chart is knit 3 times per rnd.

## Toe

Using CC1, with 18 sts placed equally on each of needles 1 and 2. Move the BOR stitch marker to the middle at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 holds the stitches at the top of your foot. Needle 1 holds the stitches at the bottom of your foot.

Starting from the BOR stitch marker:

**Round 1: (decrease round)**

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

Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit to the BOR stitch marker

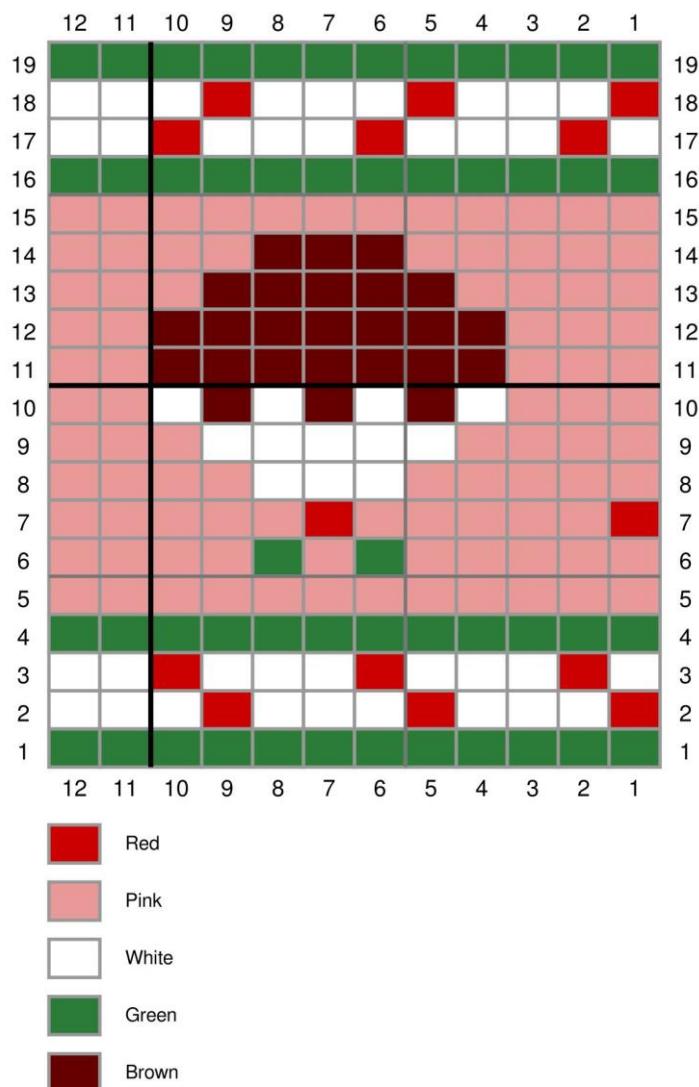
**Round 2:** Knit all stitches

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until there are 10sts remaining on both needles (20 sts in total).

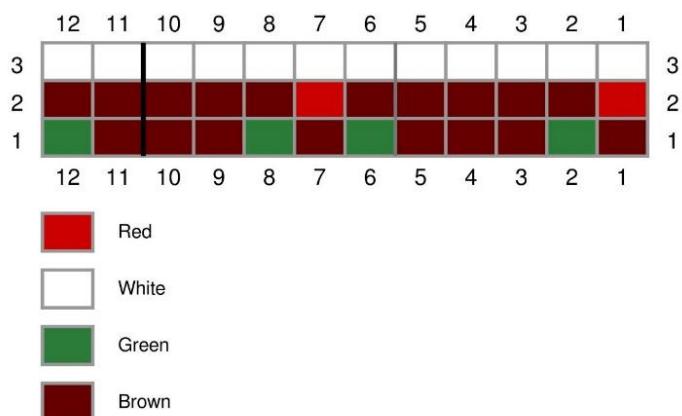
Remove BOR stitch marker (if using) then knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, kitchener stitch the remaining sts together.

Weave in all ends (or just place them inside the ornament as no one is going to wear it!). Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy! A ribbon or a string can be attached to the ornament to hang on the tree/fireplace etc.

### Colourwork Chart A for Christmas ornament:



## Colourwork Chart B for Christmas Ornament:



(Please feel free to share your work and finished socks using the tags #christmaspuddingsocks or #stoneknits on Instagram or on Ravelry if you wish. I love seeing what you have made.)