

ESCHER SOCKS

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MATERIALS

Yarn: 1 Skein each of Bella Filato Studio Sock in "Sweet and Gracious" (MC), "Wild Orchid" (CC1), and "Pink Sand" (CC2)

Needles: US Size 1 (2.25 mm) and US Size 2 (2.75 mm)

Notions: Stitch markers, tapestry needles, measuring tape, snips

SIZES

S (7"/18 cm) **M** (8"/20 cm) **L** (9"/23 cm) **XL** (10"/25 cm)

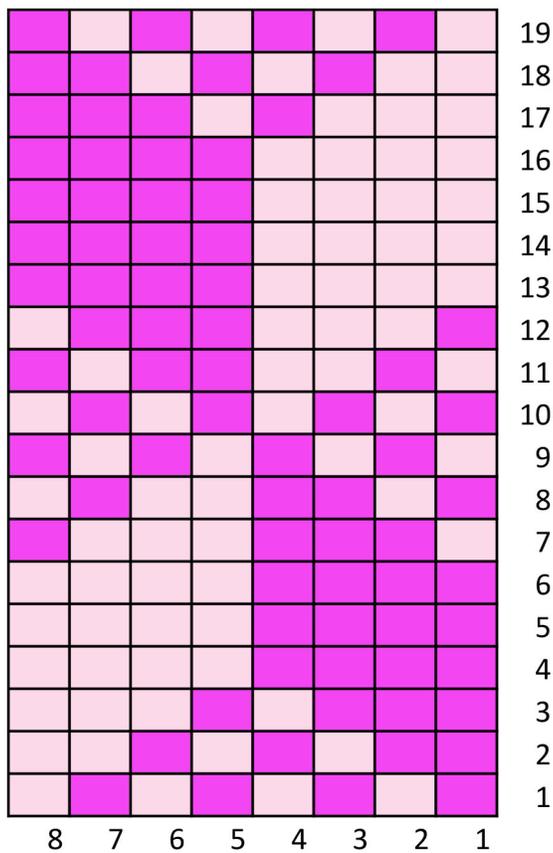
GAUGE

36 sts over 4" (10 cm) and 28 rows, knit in pattern in the round, and blocked.

ABBREVIATIONS

CO	Cast on
BOR	Beginning of round
MC	Main color
CC	Contrasting color
K	Knit
P	Purl
St	Stitch
Pm	Place marker
Sl	Slip
M	Marker
K2tog	Knit two together
P2tog	Purl two together
Ssk	Slip, Slip, Knit

CHART



INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

With MC and US Size 1 (2.25 mm) needles, CO **57 (63, 72, 81)** sts. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist your sts.

Establish 2 x 1 rib pattern: [k2, p1] around to end. Cont working rib pattern until cuff measures .75" / 2 cm, or your desired length. **On the last rnd of the cuff**, work the following increase or decrease according to your size:

S: K2tog, p1, [k2, p1] around to the end. **56 sts.**

M: K1, m1, k1, p1, [k2, p1] around to end. **64 sts.**

L: [K2, p1] around to end with no increase or decrease. **72 sts.**

XL: K2tog, p1, [k2, p1] to end. **80 sts.**

Cut MC.

LEG

With US Size 2 (2.75 mm) needles, begin working the chart with CC1 and CC2. Work 3 rnds of the chart, then stop.

AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL SET-UP

You have finished the leg, and now it's time to create a space for your heel!

Work the first **28 (32, 36, 40)** sts of rnd 4 of the chart. Cut both CC strands. Join in MC and k even the remaining **28 (32, 36, 40)** sts. Cut MC.

Join in CC1 and CC2. Work the first **28 (32, 36, 40)** sts of rnd 5 of the chart. Cut both CC strands. Join in MC and k even the remaining **28 (32, 36, 40)** sts. Cut MC.

Join in CC1 and CC2. Work the first **28 (32, 36, 40)** sts of rnd 6 of the chart. Cut both CC strands. Join in MC and k even the remaining **28 (32, 36, 40)** sts. Cut MC.

You've now created space to insert your afterthought heel! Join in CC1 and CC2 again, and proceed to the foot.

FOOT

Cont working the chart (you should be on rnd 7). Repeat all 19 rnds of the chart until your foot reaches the desired length before stopping for the toe shaping. Cut both CC strands.

I begin shaping for the toes once my work reaches just to the tip of my pinky toe. If you are knitting gift socks, or you can't easily try them on as you knit, the Craft Yarn Council has issued the following length guidelines for the foot of a sock, measured from the back of the heel to the end of the toe.

(All sizes are US)

Women's shoe sizes 4-6.5: 8 - 9" (20 - 23 cm)

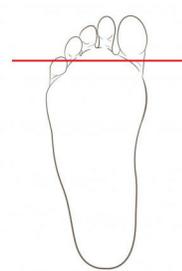
Women's shoe sizes 7-9.5: 9.25 - 10" (23 - 25.5 cm)

Women's shoe sizes 10-12.5: 10.25 - 11" (26 - 28 cm)

Men's shoe sizes 6-8.5: 9.25 - 10" (23 - 25.5 cm)

Men's shoe sizes 9-11.5: 10.25 - 11" (26 - 28 cm)

Men's shoe sizes 12-14: 11.25 - 12" (28.5 - 30.5 cm)



You will want to start your toe decreases at approximately 1.5" (4 cm) *before* the end of your desired foot length. You also need to take into account your heel length, which is also 1.5" (4 cm).

Now, take your desired foot length, from back of heel to end of toe, and subtract your heel and toe measurements. For example, my desired foot length is 9" / 23 cm. I subtract my heel (1.5" / 4 cm) and my toe (1.5" / 4 cm) and that leaves me with 6" / 15 cm I need to knit before starting my toe decreases. You can measure from where you knit the section of MC before beginning the foot.

TOES

With MC and US size 1 / 2.25 mm needles, begin the following decrease pattern for your toes:

Rnd 1: K1, ssk, k **22 (26, 30, 34)** sts, k2tog, k1, pm, k1, ssk, k **22 (26, 30, 34)** sts, k2tog, k1.

Rnd 2: K.

Rnd 3: K1, ssk, k to 3 sts before next marker, k2tog, k1, sl m, k1, ssk, k around to 3 sts before end of rnd, k2tog, k1.

Repeat rnds 2 and 3 until **24 (28, 32, 36)** sts remain. Graft your toes closed using kitchener stitch.

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KNITTING THE AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL

You should have a long tube with a cuff at one end and a toe at the other end. Flip your sock around so you are looking at the side where you knit in those three rows of MC. Make sure your tube is pressed flat. You should have half your stitches facing up at you, and the other half facing down. Your toe should look like a wedge, with the decrease lines on the sides of the wedge. Select a st in the middle of the second row of those MC sts and place a clip-on marker on that st.

On the first row of MC sts, select the first stitch at the edge of your tube, and with US Size 1 (2.25mm) needles, insert the tip of your needle into the right leg of that first st. Next insert the needle into the right leg of the second stitch, and then into the right leg of the third stitch. Continue inserting your needle into the right leg of every stitch until you have picked up **28 (32, 36, 40)** stitches.

Now, repeat the same process for the line of MC stitches on the other side of your marked st. You should have **56 (64, 72, 80)** stitches total divided evenly on your needles. If you are working magic loop, slide all your stitches down to the cables.

Now for the fun (but also kinda scary!) part. Remove the marker and tease that stitch up with your tapestry needle. Now hold your breath and snip that stitch with your scissors, being very careful not to snip anything else!

Using your tapestry needle, tease out the yarn you've snipped from the stitches. Start in the middle where you snipped and go to the end. Then go back to the middle and tease out the stitches to the other end.

You now have a gaping hole in your sock tube, and live stitches on your needles, ready to knit your heel! You also have strands of yarn dangling on each side of the hole you've made. Those will come in handy later when you weave in your ends – I use them to close up any gaps I get at the corner of the heel!

You will work your afterthought heel the same as you did your toes. Join in MC and knit 4 rnds even. Then begin the following decrease pattern:

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Rnd 2: K.

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Repeat rnds 2 and 3 until **24 (28, 32, 36)** sts remain.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block your socks!

PATTERN SUPPORT

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