



QUEEN OF HEARTS SOCKS

Mid-calf socks with unusual cuff and simple heel for Valentine Day

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YOU NEED

- **Double pointed needles or circular needles with 80-100 cm** for «magic loop» technique
- 2.0 mm** for toe and the inside of the serrated edge of cuff
- 2.25 mm** for plain body
- 2.5 mm** for jacquard
- Sock blockers
- Markers
- Darning (tapestry) needle
- Fingering weight yarn - **200-210m/50 g** – two skeins with 50 g (two contrast colors which you love)

Gauge: 27 stiches x 40 rows in 10 cm

You can make measurement as on the scheme down, make your sample of “broken rib pattern” 4 x 1 and count you own gauge for this socks.

The count of stitches must be **multiple of 10**: for example – 60, 70 or 80 stitches in the round.

Translation:

1. Foot length
2. Big foot circumference
3. Small foot circumference
4. Oblique foot circumference



SCHEME AND START

- The socks are knitted top down to the toe round.
- Using an auxiliary thread on 2.0 mm knitting needles, cast on the number of loops you calculated (in my case, 60) using a red yarn. Knit 7 rows.
- In the 8th row, to form a jagged edge, we knit stitches according to the pattern: * yarn over, knit 2 stitches together, repeat from * to the end of the row.
- Next we move on to the knitting needles for the main body of socks (2.25 mm). We knit 7 more rows. We connect the cast-on edge and the last 15 row together and remove auxiliary thread. We move on to the main body and knit 3-5 rows only in red color.
- Based on the scheme for two colors and changing the knitting needles to a larger size for jacquard (2.5 mm), we knit the pattern according to the diagram below, adding blue color.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Red | Blue |
| 2 | Red | Red | Blue |
| 3 | Red | Blue |
| 4 | Red | Blue |
| 5 | Red | Blue |
| 6 | Red | Blue |
| 7 | Red | Blue |
| 8 | Red | Blue |
| 9 | Red | Blue |
| 10 | Red | Blue |
| 11 | Red | Blue |
| 12 | Red | Blue |



GO ON CUFF

- Next, we cut the red thread and knit the desired number of rows down in blue, switching to a **“broken rib pattern” (4 by 1)** - we knit 4 loops with knit stitches, and we knit - **in odd rows** - with **purl stitches every fifth loop**, and **in even rows** - **with knit stitches**. The scheme below is **multiple of 5 stitches** should help you (**all rows on the scheme for knitting round**).
- | - knit
- -- - purl
- *Please note that the purl loops continue the motif of the jacquard pattern and coincide with the middle of the “hearts” and the edges of the “arches” as on the photo of socks.*

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|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| | | | | | 4 |
| | | | | -- | 3 |
| | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | -- | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |



HEEL : START TO END

- Let's **divide the total number of sock stitches into 2 parts** - upper and lower (for me it is $60/2 = 30$ stitches each). **We find 10 central loops on the bottom side**, mark them with markers ($30 = 10 + 10 + 10$).

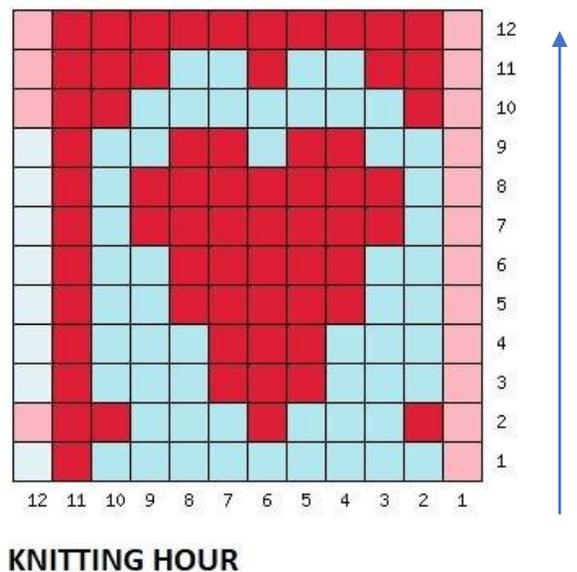
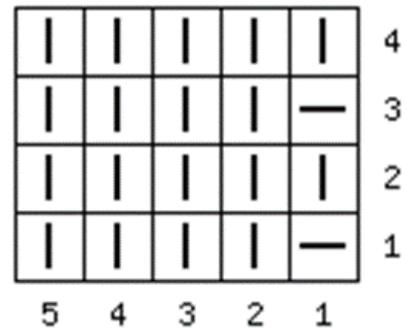
For 70 stitches round in total – $35 = 11 + 13 + 11$

For 80 stitches round in total – $40 = 13 + 14 + 13$

- **Continue to knit round both parts** of the sock and in **every 2nd row** we begin to form **increases on the heel** (bottom side of the sock) a slope to the right and a slope to the left **on the right and left sides of markers**, respectively.
- Having knitted a sufficient depth along the heel (equal to the oblique circumference of the foot), we switch to rotary knitting in **the same way as in a square heel** - we remember the 10 (13, 14) central loops of the heel, from which we made increases, and begin to make **decreases**:
 - *in each front row on the left heel side we knit the 10th(13th, 14th) loop of the center of the heel together with the next one*
 - *and in each purl row on the left we knit the first loop of the center of the heel purl together with the next one.*
- We knit in turning rows until we return to the original number of 30 (35, 40) loops on the bottom side of the sock.

FOOT

- We continue to knit round with a 4 by 1 «broken rib pattern», forming the desired length of the foot (you should measure your foot length for it).
- 3-7 cm before the start of the toe decreases, **we again switch to the jacquard pattern**, adding a red thread to the blue one, and **change the knitting needles to a larger one (2.5 mm)**. At the end of the pattern, we continue to knit the foot only in red until the beginning of the toe, focusing on the foot length measurement.



TOE

- We move on to the toe and change the knitting needles to a smaller size from the main one (in this case, 2.0 mm). A **band toe shape** is quite similar to a classic **ribbon toe shape**, but differs in that the number of loops per “ribbon” is allocated a little more and after the decreases are completed, the “ribbon” loops on the left and right are sewn together with a loop-to-loop seam. Here I have allocated 8 loops on each side for the “ribbons” – right and left.

Rhythm of decreases

- From the total number of loops we take the **whole number of tens** (if we have **60 loops, then 6** / if we have **70 loops, then 7**, etc.). Focusing on it, we make **the same number of decreases** as tens we have on both sides of the “band” (with 8 loops right and left) ***in every 2nd row*** – **4 decreases in row at all**. And when we finish them, ***we begin to make decreases in each row***, until the moment when only “band” loops on the right and left **remain** on the knitting needles.
- Transfer the remaining loops to 2 knitting needles - 8 loops on each. We leave the tip of the thread longer and use a loop-to-loop stitch to carefully connect the ribbon into one element with tapestry needle.
- *If you've never knit band toe you can watch this video-tutorial from Roxanne Richardson YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/L577qhCpTm8?si=T8YF0DeB2-QXi2Bm>*

WET HEAT TREATMENT

Tuck in the ends, wash the socks with wool detergent or shampoo, and block and dry them so that the loops straighten out and the fabric sparkles with new colors.

The socks are ready!

