

Watermelon
socks

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Medium

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Shoe size 36(38)40 (EUR)

Demand Novita Muumitalo

(583) Little My <100(100)100 g

(381) Snufkin <50(50)50 g

(099) Stinky <50(50)50 g and

some (007) Moomintroll

Double-pointed needles Novita 3 mm (UK 11 / US 2½) or size needed to obtain gauge.

Stitch patterns Twisted ribbing in the round: *k1 through back loop, p1*, repeat *-*. Stockinette stitch in the round: knit all rows. Colourwork in the round: work stockinette st following the chart and instructions.

Gauge 25 sts in colourwork = 10 cm / 4 in

Note Twist the yarns around each other on the WS (at different points on back-to-back rows) to avoid floats longer than 5 sts.

Using the Snufkin yarn cast on 60(64)68 sts and divide them onto four needles, 15(16)17 sts each. The beginning of round is between needles I and IV. Work twisted ribbing in the round for 10 rounds. Knit 1 round.

Join Stinky and knit 1 round. Join Moomintroll and knit 2 rounds.

Begin the colourwork pattern on row 1 of chart I(II)III. Repeat the 15(16)17 st pattern 4 times. Work rows 2–12 of the chart. The seeds and rinds are embroidered on the finished sock using duplicate stitches.

Knit 2 rounds using Moomintroll and 1 round using Stinky.

Begin the colourwork pattern on row 1 of chart IV. Repeat the 4 st pattern 15(16)17 times. Work rows 2–10 of the chart, then keep repeating rows 1–10.

When the leg measures approx. 16(18)18 cm and you have last worked one Little My row, break yarn.

Begin the **heel flap**: move the sts on needle I onto needle IV = 30(32)34 sts. Leave the other sts on hold. Join Snufkin. Turn work, slip 1 with yarn in back and purl to end, evenly **decreasing** 4 sts = 26(28)30 sts.

Turn work and begin the **reinforced stitch pattern**:

Row 1: *slip 1, k1*, repeat *-* 12(13)14 more times. Turn work.

Row 2: slip 1, purl to end. Turn work.

Work rows 1–2 13(14)15 times in total [= 26(28)30 rows].

Begin **turning the heel**. Continue the reinforced pattern as established. Work RS row until 9(10)11 sts remain. Skp (= slip 1 knitwise, k1, pass slipped st over), turn work. Slip 1, p8, p2tog, turn work. Slip 1, work to last 8(9)10 sts, skp. Continue in this manner, decreasing at the ends with 10 sts in the middle. When only the middle sts remain, divide them onto two needles, 5 sts each. Break Snufkin and join Little My. Using needle I pick up 13(14)15 sts from the left end of the heel flap + 1 st from between the needles. Knit the 5 heel flap sts and knit the picked-up sts through the back loop. Knit the sts on needles II and III. Pick up 13(14)15 sts from the right end of the heel flap + 1 st from between the needles. Knit the picked-up sts through the back loop and knit the 5 flap sts onto needle IV.

With these 68(72)76 sts work stockinette st and begin **gusset decreases**: at the end of needle I, k2tog; at the beginning of needle IV, skp. Repeat the decreases every other round until 52(56)60 sts remain. Redistribute the sts, 13(14)15 sts per needle.

Note: When you have worked 2 rounds with Little My after the heel, resume the colourwork pattern on either row 1 or 6 of chart IV, making sure to maintain the pattern on needles II and III (instep). On needle I begin at the edge of the chart and work the 4 st pattern as needed to end of needle. On needle IV determine where to start so that the pattern continues on needle I. When you have decreased the extra sts, the pattern continues without breaking.

Work until the sole measures 18(19)20 cm and you have last worked at least 1 round with Little My.

Begin the **toe decreases** with 6 rounds of Moomintroll, then use Snufkin for the rest of the piece.

Begin toe decreases: At the end of needles I and III, k2tog, k1; at the beginning of needles II and IV, k1, skp. Decrease as established on every other round until 7(8)9 sts remain on each needle. Then work the decreases on every round.

When 8 sts remain, break yarn, pull it through the sts and securely weave in.

Knit the other sock in the same manner.

Finishing

Following the charts, **embroider** the details on the leg with Snufkin and Stinky.

Lightly steam the socks.

Chart I
Work rows 1-12

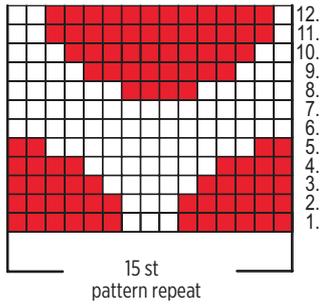


Chart II
Work rows 1-12

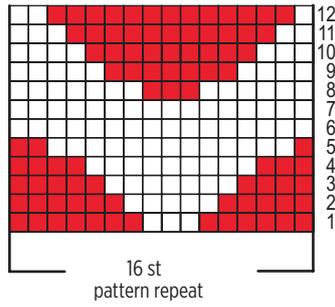


Chart III
Work rows 1-12

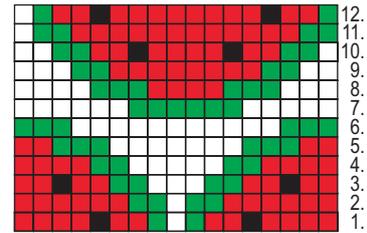
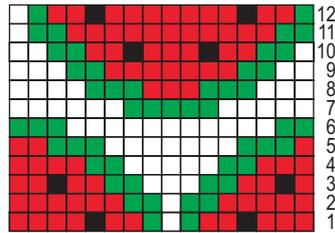
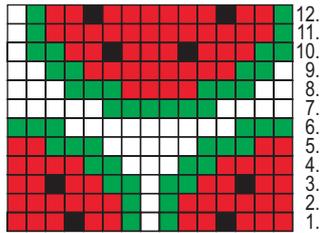
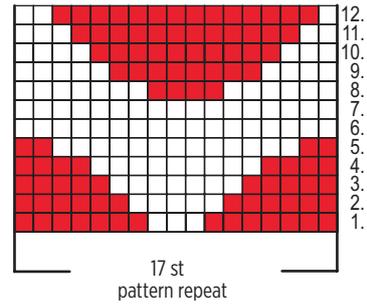
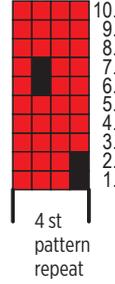


Chart IV
Keep repeating rows 1-10



- = knit st, Moomintroll
- (red) = knit st, Little My
- (green) = duplicate st, Snufkin
- (black) = duplicate st, Stinky