



# SPRING CLEANING SOCKS

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Gather a colorful pile of fingering weight sock yarn to knit these scrappy stashbusting socks! The pattern begins with the leg knit sideways in garter stitch short rows. The leg is knit flat and then seamed together, producing several angular short row wedges. Little eyelet stripes provide perfect color opportunities for using small bits of leftover sock yarn. Stitches are then picked up for the cuff and heel flap. The top of the foot is knit flat with more short rows and eyelet stripes. The bottom of the foot is worked in stockinette stitch while being knitted together with the top foot fabric. A final toe is worked in the round to finish these fun sock yarn stashbusters.



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**Sizes:** 1 [2, 3, 4, 5]

**Finished Measurements:** 7 [8, 9, 10, 11]" / 18 [20, 23, 25, 28]cm leg and foot circumference. Measurements taken after blocking. These are the measurements of the sock.

Size 3 shown on a size US 13 / EU 47 size foot that has a 10.5" / 27cm foot circumference. The sock fits with 1.5" / 4cm of negative ease.

Socks are designed to fit an actual foot circumference of 8 [9, 10, 11, 12]" / 20 [23, 25, 28, 30]cm. The socks are designed to fit with negative ease. Choose a size with a finished foot circumference measurement that is approximately 1" / 2.5cm or 1.5" / 4cm smaller than your actual foot circumference. Measure your foot around the center part of your foot. For example, if your actual foot circumference is 9" / 23cm, then knit Size 2 of the sock. The sock should fit nice and snug on your foot with negative ease.

The lengths of the cuff and foot are easily customizable.

**Yarn:** Fingering weight

**Yardage:** Approximately 375 [475, 575, 676, 775]yds / 343 [434, 526, 617, 709]m total

I recommend having more than the recommended total yardage, so you have more freedom with your color choices and stripes.

**Shown in:** A variety of fingering weight sock yarns including Punk Rock Unicorn Soul, Mominoki Sock Fine 4ply, & Schoppel Wolle Zauberball Crazy.

These socks are great stashbusters!

**Needles:** US 1 / 2.25mm circular in 40" / 100cm length or size needed to obtain gauge

Magic loop method is used for knitting in the rnd. Watch this Westknits video to assist with the Magic Loop technique.  
<https://youtu.be/hpFHbHmrCcc>

You can use DPNs if you prefer. Watch this Westknits video to assist with using DPNs.  
<https://youtu.be/y9bvVy08PeE>

**Notions:** 2 stitch markers, spare needle or waste yarn for holding sts, tapestry needle

**Gauge:** 32 sts & 64 rnds = 4" / 10cm in garter stitch after blocking



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## Abbreviations

**BO:** bind off

**CO:** cast on

**k:** knit

**k2tog:** knit 2 sts together

**m:** marker

**m1:** (make 1) increase 1 stitch using the backwards loop cast on method

**p:** purl

**p2tog:** purl 2 sts together

**pm:** place marker

**rnd/s:** round/s

**RS:** right side

**sl:** slip stitch purl-wise unless instructed otherwise

**slm:** slip marker

**ssk:** (slip slip knit) slip first stitch knit-wise, slip second stitch knit-wise, knit those 2 sts together tbl

**st/s:** stitch/es

**tbl:** through back loop

**WS:** wrong side

**wyib:** with yarn in back

**wyif:** with yarn in front

**yo:** yarn over



## INSTRUCTIONS

### Leg

Watch this Westknits video to assist with the Long Tail CO method.

<https://youtu.be/mwLE60tEK5Q>

Using a color for the first short row wedge, CO 41 sts using the Long Tail CO method.

The short rows are worked using the Westknits Shortcut Row technique. Watch this Westknits video to assist with Westknits Shortcut Rows.

<https://youtu.be/cp7gRnnxtiQ>

#### Pattern Repeat

##### Short Row Wedge 1

**Row 1 (RS):** K36, turn to work WS.

**Row 2 (WS):** K35, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** K31, turn to work WS.

**Row 4 (WS):** K30, sl1 wyif.

**Row 5 (RS):** K26, turn to work WS.

**Row 6 (WS):** K25, sl1 wyif.

**Row 7 (RS):** K21, turn to work WS.

**Row 8 (WS):** K20, sl1 wyif.

**Row 9 (RS):** K16, turn to work WS.

**Row 10 (WS):** K15, sl1 wyif.

**Row 11 (RS):** K11, turn to work WS.

**Row 12 (WS):** K10, sl1 wyif.

**Row 13 (RS):** K6, turn to work WS.

**Row 14 (WS):** K5, sl1 wyif.

Break yarn.

##### Eyelet Stripe 1

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, k4, k2tog, yo, (k3, k2tog, yo) 6 times, k4, sl1 wyib.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1 wyif, p39, sl1 wyif.

Break yarn.

##### Short Row Wedge 2

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, sl1, k39, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K36, turn to work RS.

**Row 3 (RS):** K35, sl1 wyif.

**Row 4 (WS):** K31, turn to work RS.

**Row 5 (RS):** K30, sl1 wyif.

**Row 6 (WS):** K26, turn to work RS.

**Row 7 (RS):** K25, sl1 wyif.

**Row 8 (WS):** K21, turn to work RS.

**Row 9 (RS):** K20, sl1 wyif.

**Row 10 (WS):** K16, turn to work RS.

**Row 11 (RS):** K15, sl1 wyif.

**Row 12 (WS):** K11, turn to work RS.

**Row 13 (RS):** K10, sl1 wyif.

**Row 14 (WS):** K6, turn to work RS.

Break yarn. With RS facing, slip the last 6 sts of the row onto right needle and slide all the sts on the needle, so you are ready to work the beginning of a RS row.

##### Eyelet Stripe 2

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, sl1, k4, (yo, ssk, k3) 7 times, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, p39, sl1 wyif.

Break yarn.

Repeat instructions for Short Row Wedge 1, Eyelet Stripe 1, Short Row Wedge 2, & Eyelet Stripe 2 of Pattern Repeat 5 [6, 7, 8, 9] more times. Do not break yarn after the final repeat of Eyelet Stripe 2. There should be 6 [7, 8, 9, 10] wedges of Short Row Wedge 1 and 6 [7, 8, 9, 10] wedges of Short Row Wedge 2. There should be 12 [14, 16, 18, 20] total thin eyelet stripes.

**Next Row (RS):** Using the same color that you used for the final repeat of Eyelet Stripe 2, BO all sts.

Break yarn leaving a yarn tail approximately 20" / 51cm long. With RS facing, seam the BO & CO edge together using Mattress Stitch.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with the Mattress Stitch technique.

<https://youtu.be/xJiDB1v8b3o>

## Cuff

Start picking up sts next to the seam of the Leg.

Using A new color for the cuff, \*pick up and k6 [7, 8, 9, 10], m1 along the Left Selvedge of the Leg; repeat from \* 7 more times. Pick up and k1 st for each selvedge st. 56 [64, 72, 80, 88] sts. Place marker and join to work in the rnd.

### 2x2 Ribbing

**Rnd 1:** (K2, p2) to end of rnd.

Repeat Rnd 1 of 2x2 Ribbing 30 more times or until the cuff measures approximately 2" / 5cm or until it is your desired length. The total leg length including the cuff should be about 7" / 18cm. If you want a shorter leg, then you can work fewer ribbing rnds for the Cuff.

BO all sts on the next rnd with Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off.

<https://youtu.be/GI-U-KMFwA>

## Top Foot

Start picking up sts during Row 1 by picking up the first st in to the selvedge st next to the leg seam.

### Eyelet Stripe 1

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, \*pick up and k6 [7, 8, 9, 10], m1 along the right selvedge of the Leg; repeat from \* 3 more times. 28 [32, 36, 40, 44] sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K1, (k2tog, yo) to last st, sl1 wyif. Break yarn.

### Short Row Wedge 1

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** K to last 3 sts, turn to work WS.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

### Pattern Repeat

**Row 5 (RS):** K to m, remove m, turn to work WS.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Repeat last 2 rows of Pattern Repeat 10 [12, 14, 16, 18] more times, resulting in 13 [15, 17, 19, 21] garter ridges. Do not place a stitch marker during the final repeat of Row 6. With RS facing, there should be 3 sts at the beginning of the row before the final short row gap. Break yarn.

## Eyelet Stripe 2

**Next Row (RS):** Using a new color, k1, (yo, k2tog) to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, p to last st, sl1 wyif. Break yarn.

### Short Row Wedge 2

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 4 (WS):** K to last 3 sts, turn to work RS.

**Row 5 (RS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

### Pattern Repeat

**Row 6 (WS):** K to m, remove m, turn to work RS.

**Row 7 (RS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Repeat last 2 rows of Pattern Repeat 10 [12, 14, 16, 18] more times. Do not place a stitch marker during the final repeat of Row 7. During the final repeat of Row 7, you will just "K2, sl1 wyif." on the RS. With RS facing, there should be 3 sts at the end of the row after the final short row gap. Break yarn. Continue looking at the RS. The next row starts at the beginning of the RS row.

## Eyelet Stripe 3

**Next Row (RS):** Using a new color, sl1 wyib, (k2tog, yo) to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, p to last st, sl1 wyif. Break yarn.

### Short Row Wedge 3

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** K to last 3 sts, turn to work WS.

**Row 4 (WS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

### Pattern Repeat

**Row 5 (RS):** K to m, remove m, turn to work WS.

**Row 6 (WS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Repeat last 2 rows of Pattern Repeat 10 [12, 14, 16, 18] more times, resulting in 13 [15, 17, 19, 21] garter ridges. Do not place a stitch marker during the final repeat of Row 6. With RS facing, there should be 3 sts at the beginning of the row before the final short row gap. Break yarn.

#### Eyelet Stripe 4

**Next Row (RS):** Using a new color, k1, (yo, k2tog) to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, p to last st, sl1 wyif. Break yarn.

#### Short Row Wedge 4

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (WS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 3 (RS):** K to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 4 (WS):** K to last 3 sts, turn to work RS.

**Row 5 (RS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

#### Pattern Repeat

**Row 6 (WS):** K to m, remove m, turn to work RS.

**Row 7 (RS):** K2, pm, k to last st, sl1 wyif.

Repeat last 2 rows of Pattern Repeat 10 [12, 14, 16, 18] more times. Do not place a stitch marker during the final repeat of Row 7. With RS facing, there should be 3 sts at the end of the row after the final short row gap. Break yarn. Continue looking at the RS. The next row starts at the beginning of the RS row.

#### Eyelet Stripe 5

**Next Row (RS):** Using a new color, sl1 wyib, (k2tog, yo) to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Next Row (WS):** K1, p to last st, sl1 wyif. Break yarn.

Stop here. Try on the sock. The Top Foot should reach just below the tip of your shortest toe. However, there will be more instructions after the next section to help lengthen the foot to reach just below the tip of your shortest toe. If you have a long foot, you may be able to work 2 more short row wedges while still achieving a foot fabric that finishes below the tip of your shortest toe. For example, my foot is a size US 13 / EU 47, so I repeated Short Row Wedge 3, Eyelet Stripe 4, Short Row Wedge 4, and Eyelet Stripe 5 once more.

For most foot sizes, I recommend stopping after Short Row Wedge 4 to ensure that the foot fabric isn't too long. There will be some optional instructions after the next section to lengthen the foot a bit before working the Toe. Only work an extra 2 short row wedges (6 total wedges), repeating Short Row Wedge 3, Eyelet Stripe 4, Short Row Wedge 4, and Eyelet Stripe 5 once more, if the foot fabric reaches just below the tip of your shortest toe after completing this repeat with a total of 6 wedges.

If you are confused about the length of the foot or doubting what to do, then just stop after completing Wedge 4 and there will be more instructions prior to knitting the Toe to help achieve the perfect foot length for you.

Place Top Foot sts on waste yarn or spare circular needle.

#### Heel Flap

**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, \*pick up and k6 [7, 8, 9, 10], m1 along the right selvedge of the Leg; repeat from \* 3 more times. 28 [32, 36, 40, 44] sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** K27 [31, 35, 39, 43], sl1 wyif.

#### Pattern Repeat

**Row 3 (RS):** K27 [31, 35, 39, 43], sl1 wyif.

**Row 4 (WS):** K27 [31, 35, 39, 43], sl1 wyif.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 of Pattern Repeat 12 [14, 16, 18, 20] more times, resulting in 14 [16, 18, 20, 22] garter ridges.

#### HEEL TURN

**Row 1 (RS):** K16 [18, 20, 22, 24], ssk, k1. Turn to work WS.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1 purl-wise wyif, p5, p2tog, p1. Turn to work RS.

#### Heel Turn Pattern Repeat

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 knit-wise wyib, k to 1 st before gap, ssk, k1, turn to work WS.

**Row 4 (WS):** Sl1 purl-wise wyif, p to 1 st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn to work RS.

Repeat last 2 rows until you have worked all the way to each end. You should have 16 [18, 20, 22, 24] sts on your needle after you have turned the heel. If you are missing a stitch or two or if you have one or two extra sts, you can sneak in a decrease or increase during the next row. Break yarn.



## Gusset

For the Gusset & Bottom Foot instructions, you can use one color if you want to create a big bold color accent for the bottom of the foot. Otherwise, feel free to play with lots of fun colorful stripes to make the Gusset and Bottom Foot fabric scrappy and splashy.

This photo shows the “sl1 picked-up selvedge st” technique at the end of Row 1. This photo shows the Stripestep Socks pattern, but the technique is exactly the same for this pattern.



**Row 1 (RS):** Using a new color, pick up and k14 [16, 18, 20, 22] sts along the right selvedge of the Heel Flap. K16 [18, 20, 22, 24]. These are the live sts from the Heel Turn. Pick up and k14 [16, 18, 20, 22] sts along the left selvedge of the Garter Stitch Heel Flap. Sl1 picked-up selvedge st wyif (this is the first selvedge st from the Top Foot). 45 [51, 57, 63, 69] sts.

This photo shows the “ssk” technique at the end of Row 2.



**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, p to last st, ssk (last st together with the picked-up selvedge st from the Top Foot). 44 [50, 56, 62, 68] sts.

### Gusset Pattern Repeat

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, k1, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k1, sl2 wyif (the last st and the next picked-up selvedge st from the Top Foot).

**Row 4 (WS):** K2tog, p to last st, ssk (last st together with a picked-up selvedge st from the Top Foot).

After each RS & WS row, 2 sts are decreased. Repeat Rows 3 & 4 of Gusset Pattern Repeat 7 [8, 9, 10, 11] more times while customizing the fabric with stripes however you like. 28 [32, 36, 40, 44] sts.



## Bottom Foot

### Bottom Foot Pattern Repeat

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1 wyif, place yarn in back, k to last st, sl2 wyif (the last st and the next picked-up selvedge st from the Top Foot).

**Row 2 (WS):** K2tog, p to last st, ssk (last st together with the picked-up selvedge st from the Top Foot).

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 of Bottom Foot Pattern Repeat until all Top Foot selvedge sts are attached to the Bottom Foot. Customize the colors however you like by working stripes or color blocks. Break yarn.

Place the 28 [32, 36, 40, 44] sts Top Foot sts onto your working needle.

**Next Rnd:** Using a new color, k28 [32, 36, 40, 44] Bottom Foot sts, pm, k28 [32, 36, 40, 44] Top Foot sts, pm to mark the beginning of the rnd. 56 [64, 72, 80, 88] sts.

The sock should reach just below the tip of your shortest toe. If you need more foot fabric, then follow the instructions for the Optional Foot Rnds to achieve a foot length that reaches just below the tip of your shortest toe. If your sock already reaches just below the tip of your shortest toe, then skip ahead to Toe instructions and use the same color of yarn for the Toe.



## Optional Foot Rnds

**Rnd 1:** Using a new color, k to m, slm, p to m, slm.

### Pattern Repeat

**Rnd 2:** K to m, slm, k to m, slm.

**Rnd 3:** K to m, slm, p to m, slm.

Repeat Rnds 2 & 3 of Pattern Repeat until the sock reaches just below the tip of your shortest toe. Break yarn and use a new color for the Toe.

## Toe

**Rnd 1:** K to m, slm, k to m, slm.

### Pattern Repeat

**Rnd 2:** K1, ssk, k to 3 sts before m, k2tog, k1, slm, k1, ssk, k to 3 sts before end of rnd, k2tog, k1. 4 sts decreased.

**Rnd 3:** K all sts.

52 [60, 68, 76, 84] sts.

Repeat last 2 rnds 6 [7, 8, 9, 10] more times. 28 [32, 36, 40, 44] sts.

Repeat Rnd 2 only 3 [4, 4, 5, 5] more times. 16 [16, 20, 20, 24] sts.

Graft the remaining sts together. Watch this Westknits video to assist with Grafting Stitches Together.

<https://youtu.be/Vks4ERYhU44>

Repeat all instructions for the second sock.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends and wet block the finished socks to smooth the fabric.

Watch this Westknits video to assist with weaving in the ends.

<https://youtu.be/33NkCgk27rQ>

