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SUMMER

(The Sun Can Bend an Orange Sky)

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Socks inspired by the Summer season of Stardew Valley. Tend to your summer crops (melon, sunflower, poppy, and corn) and forage for items (sweet pea and spice berry), before strolling down to the beach for an afternoon of fishing.

Sizes

Small (Medium, Large, X-Large)
To fit foot circumference: 8 (9, 10, 11)" / 20 (23, 25.5, 28) cm

Finished sock measurements:
Foot circumference: 7.5 (8.5, 9.5, 10.5)" / 19 (21.5, 24, 26.5) cm
Foot length (adjustable): 8 (8.75, 10, 11)" / 20.5 (22, 25.5, 28) cm
Cuff circumference: 8.5 (9.5, 10.5, 11.75)" / 21.5 (24, 26.5, 30) cm
Leg height: approx 9" / 23 cm from the heel up

Due to the all over colorwork, choose a foot circumference size with approx 0.5 " / 1.25 cm negative ease. Sample is shown in size Medium on a 8.75" foot circumference.

Cuff will stretch for a wider leg and will fit with 1-2" / 2.5-5 cm of negative ease.

Yarn

KnitPicks Palette, 231 yds / 50g, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 1 ball each of the following colors below

If you are planning to knit more than one season, note that 1 ball of each color is enough to make all 4 seasons.

Gauge

30 sts and 33 rnds = 4" in st st colorwork (in the round) on larger needles

30 sts and 36 rnds = 4" in st st (in the round) on larger needles

Materials

- US size 1 / 2.25 mm (for cuff) - 32" circular or longer for magic loop or DPNs or 9" circular (as preferred), or one size smaller than gauge needles

- US size 1.5 / 2.50 mm - 32" circular or longer for magic loop or DPNs or 9" circular (as preferred), or size needed to obtain gauge

- Stitch marker

- Yarn needle

- Wonderland Heather
- Semolina
- Clover
- Mai Tai Heather
- Alfalfa
- Edamame
- Grass
- Pimento
- Bison
- Fuchsia
- Custard
- Turmeric
- Sky
- Pool
- White
- Jay

Notes

These socks are worked cuff-down starting with 2x2 rib, followed by a colorwork leg. There are 3 leg charts - 2 are the same for all sizes, and 1 comes in each of the 4 sizes. The short row heel is knit in one color, followed by the colorwork foot. There are 2 foot charts - 1 for the small & medium size foot length, and 1 for large & x-large size foot length. The toe is finished in one color and grafted together.

If your foot measures between one of the foot lengths, use the chart for the shorter length and then, when switching to the toe color, knit additional rounds until you reach the desired length before starting decreases.

Instructions are written for magic loop. If you use another method, ensure the BOR marker is positioned on the center back of the leg before starting the leg charts, and on the center bottom of the foot before starting the foot chart. For the magic loop colorwork, the marker is placed in the middle of one needle, which avoids having to change colors when swapping needles most of the time.

If using dpns, for the heel and toe sections treat the beginning of the first dpn as the beginning of the first magic loop needle and the end of the second dpn as the end of the first magic loop needle (referred to as Needle 1 in pattern). Similarly treat the third and fourth dpns as the second magic loop needle (referred to as Needle 2 in pattern). Stitches should be evenly divided between all four dpns. If working with 9" circulars, place a marker at the halfway point between the instep and sole stitches to make it easier to work the charts.

Colorwork Tips

Charts are read from the bottom up and from right to left. When knitting colorwork, hold the color for the foreground elements to the left and the background color to the right for optimal color dominance. In areas where there is not obvious foreground element (like the sky gradient) hold the new color to the left and the old color to the right. You do not need to swap when the new color begins to overtake the old.

When joining a new color, bring the old yarn over the new yarn to catch the yarn in order to prevent holes. I also recommend knitting in ends as you go. This avoids loose stitches compared to joining new yarn as it's needed, and will save you from weaving in a lot of ends during finishing. See more here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkpdDYT_qQQ

Be sure to keep your floats long and loose. Floats should form a loose 'u' shape in the back of the work, rather than stretching tightly across the knitting. Do not catch floats too frequently, or it will result in an inelastic fabric. I like to catch my floats only if they travel more than 8 stitches. Also be sure to keep the stitches on the right-hand needle spread out as you knit. Do not let the stitches bunch together, or this will result in a puckered fabric because the floats will be too tight. See more here: https://bygumbygolly.com/2011/11/vkc-tension-puckers-even-stranded/

To handle long floats, consider using ladderback jacquard, which is a way of handling the non-working yarn on the back of the work without trapping it as usual. The non-working yarn is caught in its own column of stitches (the ladders) that float behind the work. This creates a stretchier fabric because the float isn't being trapped into the working yarn, and also makes it less likely for the floats to show through on the RS of the work. For a tutorial, see: https://ysolda.com/blogs/journal/ladderback-jacquard-tutorial

I highly recommend knitting the colorwork sections on 9" circulars! I found this makes the colorwork easier to do and gives a nicer result because you don't have to try to keep consistent tension across needle joins.

If using magic loop for colorwork, when changing needles I recommend holding the right-hand cable close to the left-hand needle for the first few stitches of each round to help knit with even tension across the gap to reduce puckering. See how-to here: https://www.instagram.com/reel/CaIQKb3Fqk_/

If you struggle with tight floats, you could try to knit your sock inside out. When using magic loop, the only difference is you work from the back needle rather than the front. See more here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xsn7Kus8Y8Y

TECHNIQUES

2x2 rib: * K2, p2; rep from * to the end.

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Kitchener Stitch: With an equal number of sts on both needles, thread end of working yarn through a yarn needle. Hold needles parallel with wrong sides together and both needles pointing to the right. Working from right to left:

Setup:

- Insert yarn needle purlwise through 1st st on front needle, pull yarn through, leaving st on the needle.

- Insert yarn needle knitwise through 1st st on back needle, pull yarn through, leaving st on the needle.

Repeat for all sts:

1. * Insert yarn needle knitwise through front st, pull yarn through and drop st from the needle.
2. Insert yarn needle purlwise through next front st, pull yarn through and leave st on the needle.
3. Insert yarn needle purlwise through back st, pull yarn through and drop st from the needle.
4. Insert yarn needle knitwise through next back st, pull yarn through and leave st on the needle.

Repeat from * until 1 st remains on each needle. Rep Steps 1 and 3 once more, then fasten off.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR: beginning of round

CO: cast on

K: knit

K2tog: knit 2 sts together

LH: left hand

P: purl

PM: place marker

Rep: repeat

RH: right hand

RM: remove marker

Rnd: round

RS: right side

Sl: slip

St st: stockinette stitch

St(s): stitch(es)

Tog: together

W&T: wrap and turn. Work to the st to be wrapped. If knitting: bring yarn to front, sl next st purlwise, bring yarn to back. If purling: bring yarn to back, sl next st purlwise, bring yarn to front. Turn work and sl wrapped st onto RH needle.

To pick up wraps: work to wrapped st. If knitting: insert RH needle under the wrap and through the wrapped st knitwise, k the st and wrap tog. If purling: sl the wrapped st purlwise to RH needle, sl wrap and st onto LH needle, and p tog.

WS: wrong side

DIRECTIONS

CUFF

With smaller needles and using Wonderland Heather, CO **64 (72, 80, 88)** sts.

Distribute sts evenly over 2 needles for magic loop. Join to work in rnd, being careful not to twist sts, and PM for beginning of rnd. Sole (bottom of foot) sts are on Needle 1, and instep (top of foot) sts are on Needle 2.

Work in 2x2 rib for 1.5 (1.5, 1.5, 2)" / 4 (4, 4, 5) cm - approx 15 (15, 15, 20) rnds.

LEG

Setup
Switch to larger needles. K16 (18, 20, 22), PM for new BOR. BOR is now the center back of the leg.

Leg
The leg is worked over 3 charts: Charts A and C are worked for all sizes and contain dec rnds for shaping; Chart B comes in each of the four sizes - use the one for your chosen size.

Work Chart A. Follow the dec rnd as marked on **Rnd 19**: [K14 (16, 18, 20), k2tog] four times (4 sts dec). 60 (68, 76, 84) sts remaining.

Work Chart B for your chosen size.

Work Chart C. Follow the dec rnd as marked on **Rnd 28**: [K13 (15, 17, 19), k2tog] four times (4 sts dec).

There will be **56 (64, 72, 80)** sts remaining after Rnd 28.

HEEL

Heel is worked over the 28 (32, 36, 40) sts on Needle 1. You can leave the marker in place in the middle of the heel, or you can remove it while working the heel and replace when starting the foot.

R1 (RS): Continuing in Clover, k13 (15, 17, 19) (to 1 st before the end of Needle 1), w&t.
R2 (WS): P26 (30, 34, 38) (to 1 st before the end of Needle 1), w&t.
R3: Knit until 1 st before the wrapped st, w&t.
R4: Purl until 1 st before the wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat **R3-4** until there are 12 (12, 14, 14) unwrapped sts left in the middle.

Heel Turn

R1 (RS): Knit to first wrapped st, k wrapped st with its wrap, w&t.
R2 (WS): Purl to first wrapped st, p wrapped st with its wrap, w&t.
R3: Knit to double wrapped st, k wrapped st with its wraps, w&t.
R4: Purl to double wrapped st, p wrapped st with its wraps, w&t.

Repeat **R3-4** until all double wrapped sts have been worked.

Note: On the last rep of Rows 3 and 4, you will work the final w&t on the first sts on either side of the heel, leaving these single wraps to be worked with Rnd 1 of the foot chart.

Turn, k14 (16, 18, 20) to BOR marker (now the center of the sole).

FOOT

Work Chart D for your chosen size. While working Rnd 1, knit the remaining 2 wraps.

TOE

Continuing with Jay, RM and k14 (16, 18, 20) (to the end of Needle 1, which is the end of the sole sts), PM for new BOR. If necessary, continue knitting until foot measures approx 1.5 (1.75, 2, 2.5)" / 4 (4.5, 5, 6) cm less than desired length.

If necessary, rearrange sts so that they are distributed evenly over the 2 needles - sole sts are on Needle 1 and instep sts are on Needle 2.

Rnd 1: On Needle 1, K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Rep for Needle 2. (4 sts dec)
Rnd 2: Knit around.

Rep **Rnds 1-2** five (7, 8, 9) times total - 18 (18, 20, 22) sts remain for each instep and sole.

Rep **Rnd 1** three (3, 3, 4) more times - 12 (12, 14, 14) sts remain for each instep and sole.

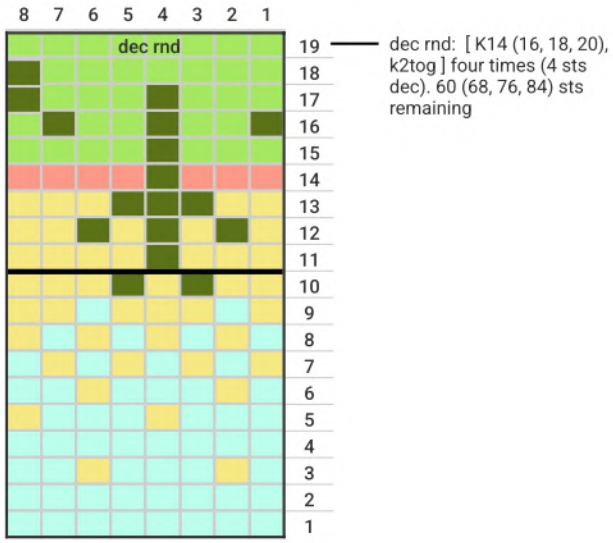
Break yarn, leaving a long tail. Graft toe sts using kitchener st. Weave in ends and block.

LEG

For all charts, the dark lines note every 10 sts and every 10 rnds

CHART A

Chart is repeated 8 (9, 10, 11) times per rnd.

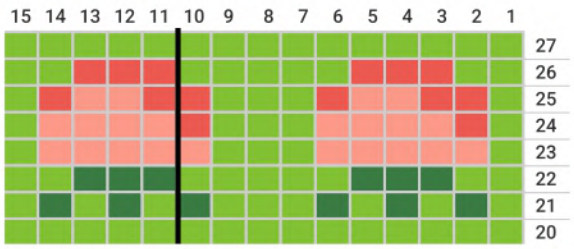


dec rnd: [K14 (16, 18, 20), k2tog] four times (4 sts dec). 60 (68, 76, 84) sts remaining

CHART B

Use chart for your size. Chart is repeated 4 times per rnd.

Small



Medium

Large

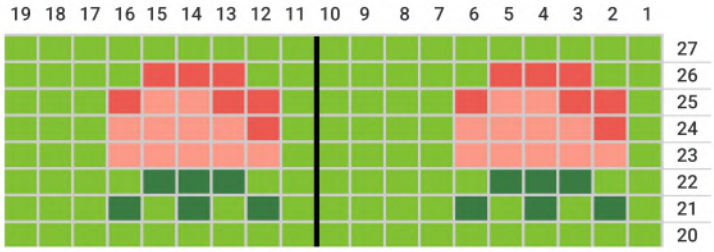


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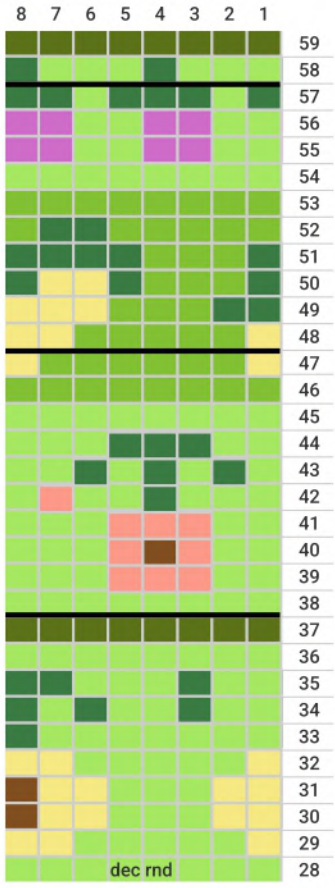
CHART C

Chart is repeated 7 (8, 9, 10) times per rnd after the dec rnd.



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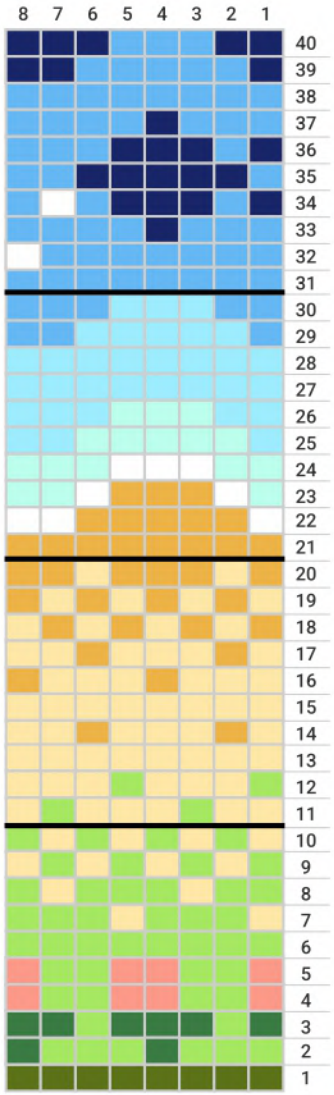
FOOT

For all charts, the dark lines note every 10 sts and every 10 rnds

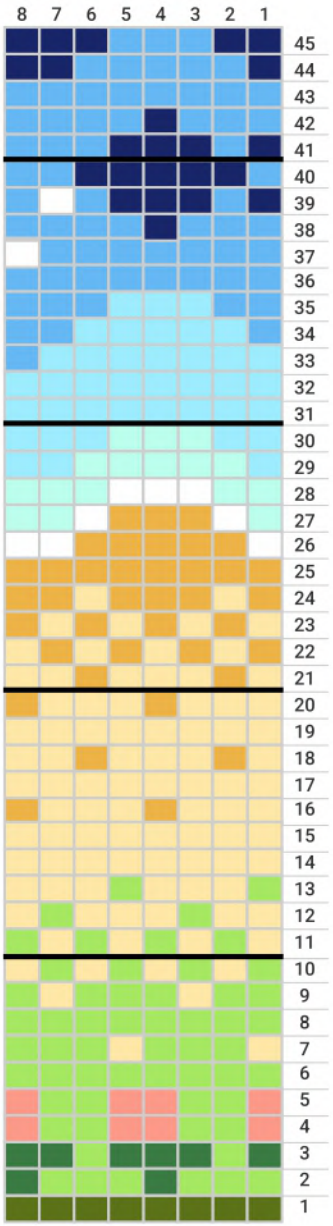
CHART D

Use chart for your size. Chart is repeated 7 (8, 9, 10) times per rnd.

Small & Medium



Large & X-Large



COLOR KEY

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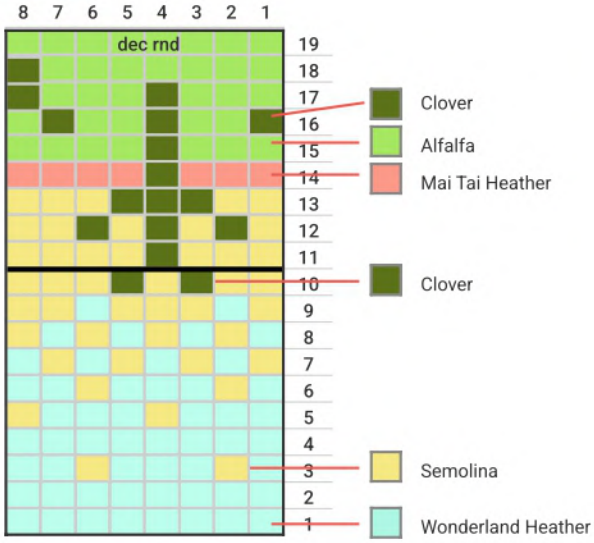
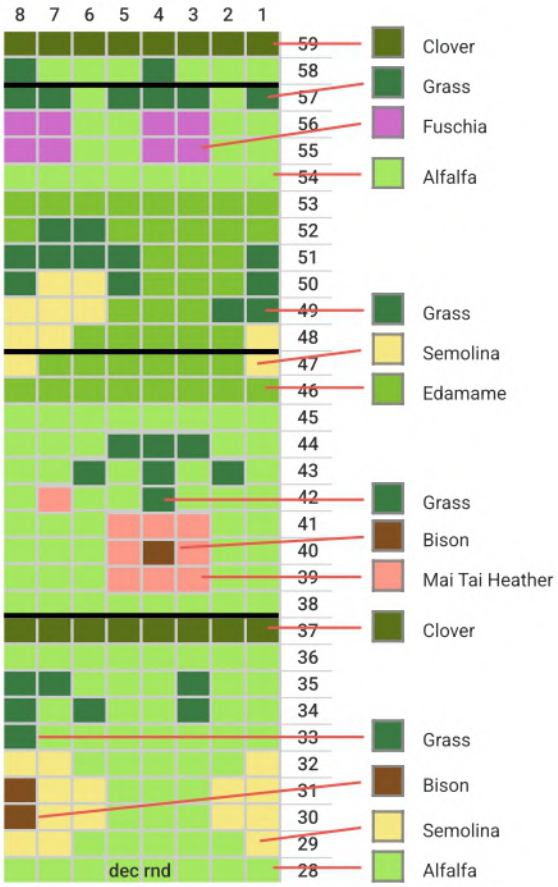


Chart B

Chart C



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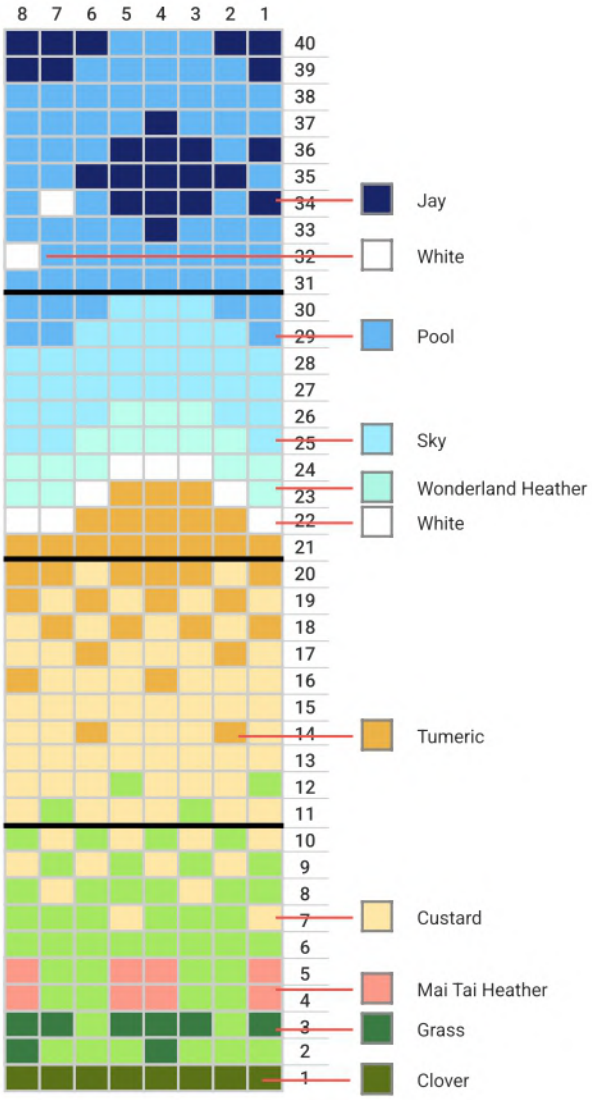

APPENDIX

If you are substituting KnitPicks Stroll sock yarn, follow the color substitutions in this appendix. Stroll will likely be knit at a tighter gauge than Palette, so I highly recommend going up a size (or otherwise being sure that you are getting pattern gauge) so that your sock isn't too small. I recommend trying it on as you go as well. Try it on once after you have completed a few rounds of colorwork on the leg, and once after you've finished the heel to make sure you can fit it over your heel.

For Summer, use Wonderland Heather for the cuff, Forest Heather for the heel, and Navy for the toe.

Yarn
KnitPicks Stroll, 231 yds / 50g, 75% Fine SW Merino Wool, 25% Nylon, 1 skein each of the following colors below

If you are planning to knit more than one season, note that 1 skein of each color is enough to make all 4 seasons.

COLOR KEY - STROLL

Chart A

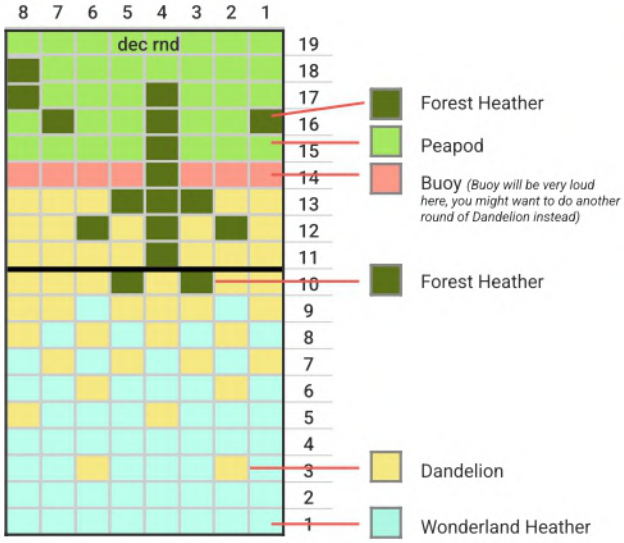

Chart B

Chart C

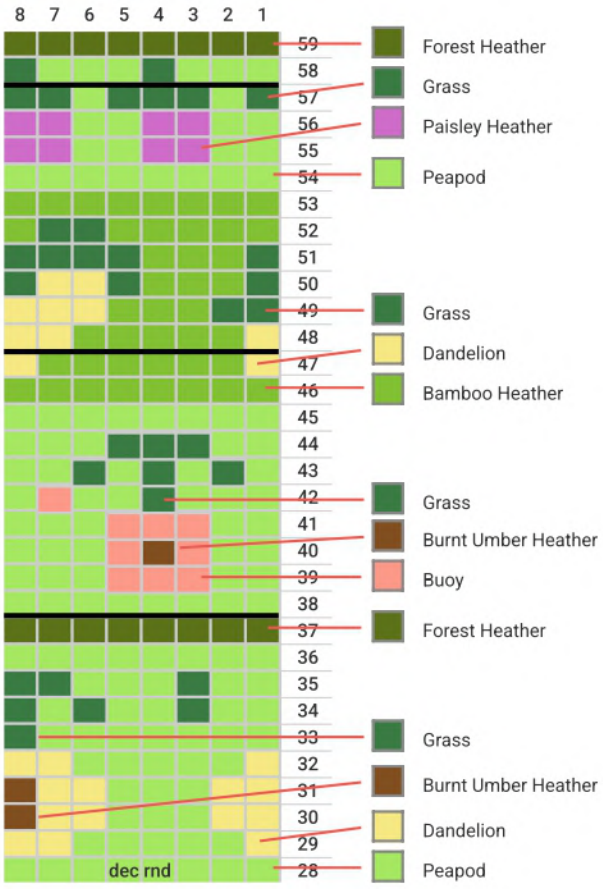
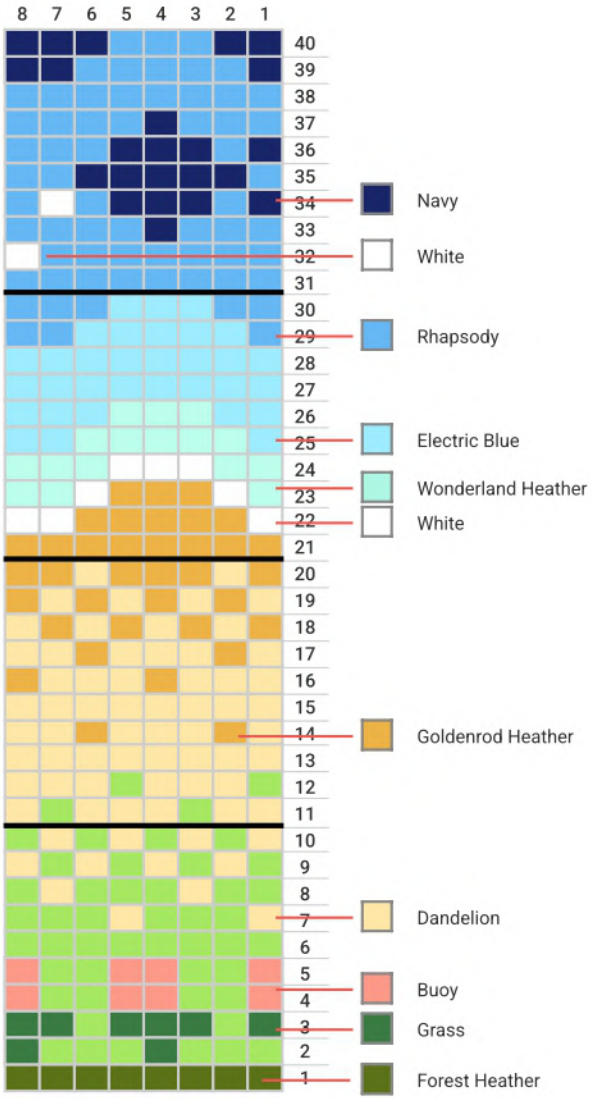
Chart D