



A Whimsical Christmas sock set

Two traditional Christmas/winter holiday inspired colourwork sock patterns, to add a bit of joy and help put you in a festive mood.

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This colourwork sock pattern set, includes two sock patterns. One inspired by happy gingerbread men and the other by festive Robin birds. These sock patterns are a must have for all yuletide and holiday season lovers. Whether knitting these for yourself or for your loved ones, I hope you enjoy! (This set was made with sock yarn in collaboration with Manos del Uruguay).



Happy Gingerbread socks

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I love the anticipation of the holidays and really enjoy all the food and treats in particular! I am a big fan of gingerbread and wanted to create a pair of socks featuring some adorable looking gingerbread people. They are not only happy and going to bring you a lot of joy wearing them, but they are designed to be easy to knit, using just 2 colours in the colourwork section. Knit these for yourself or your family and friends, while watching your favourite Holiday movies (or two!) to get you in the mood. These socks are perfect for keeping your feet cozy AND in the mood for any festivities.

Knit from the top down, starting with a 2x2 ribbed cuff. These socks have a short row heel and a fun to knit stranded colourwork gingerbread men motif pattern. The motif only uses two colours and repeats throughout the leg and foot. The toe is finished by grafting stitches together. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 23cm (9 inch) circulars or DPNs).

Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 19.5 – 21 (21.5 – 23.5, 26-28) cm / 8 (9 ½, 10 ¾) inches.

Finished circumference: 17.5 (21, 24.5) cm / 7 (8 ½, 9 ¾) inches.

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) of negative ease. For your foot circumference, measure around the widest part of your foot. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size.

Leg/foot length can be easily adjusted. See instructions for details.

Sample shown is knit in size 2 for shoe size US 8.5 (EU 39, UK 6), foot circumference 22.5cm (8 ¾ inches).

MATERIALS

Yarn - Fingering weight sock yarn

Manos del Uruguay Alegria sock yarn (75% Superwash Merino, 25% Nylon), 425 m (445 yds) per 100g

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this pattern as long as you obtain the same gauge. Please use whatever sock yarn you have available to you.

Shown in:

MC: Sand. Approx 40 (45, 50) g, 168 (189, 210) m / 183 (207, 230) yds.

CC1: Leo. Approx 30g, 127.5 m / 140 yds

CC2: Carmine. Approx 20g, 85 m / 93 yds

Needles

For ribbing and stockinette: 2.25mm (US 1), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

For colourwork: 2.5mm (US 1.5), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

Important note: Do check your gauge for fitting. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down needle sizes.

Gauge

34 sts x 44 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for ribbing and stockinette.

34 sts x 36 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for colourwork. (This is the same gauge even though we are using a bigger needle size because for myself and many other knitters, we often knit the colourwork sections tighter than stockinette. Please check your own gauge to see if this works for you).

Notions

Stitch marker, scissors, tape measure, tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES FOR BOTH PATTERNS

Colourwork Tips

When knitting stranded colourwork, be consistent with how you hold the yarns. The yarn used to knit the contrast pattern should cross below the yarn used for the background colour at the back of your work to help make the motif pop. However, if you want the gingerbread 'face and button' stitches to really stand out, knit these stitches with the yarn below the contrast colour for these rounds. When you knit the colourwork, be sure to not pull your floats too tightly. Do not twist/catch

your floats too often or this will create an inelastic fabric. I recommend leaving 9 sts between twisting/catching floats for colourwork socks. This is a distance of approx. 2.5cm (1") with the gauge for this sock pattern. Please note, there are very long floats in the Happy Gingerbread pattern for rounds 11 and 31 of the motif. Be very careful leaving the floats elastic here, especially at the needle ends if you are knitting magic loop method or with DPNs. I recommend you try your sock on often, for fitting, throughout the knitting process. The colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left.

If you are a total beginner to colourwork socks, I recommend my colourwork sock tutorial series, produced with Domestika. <https://www.domestika.org/en/courses/5209-introduction-to-colorwork-sock-knitting/charlottestone>

Short Row Heel for Happy Gingerbread socks pattern

Short Row Heel video tutorial for this pattern: <https://youtu.be/aT32FY3Syxw>

Any short row heel or after-thought sock heel can be substituted for the heel if you wish, as long as you have decreased down to the same number of stitches as shown for your size.

If you find a hole on one or both sides of your short row heel, please find this helpful tutorial from Arne and Carlos on how to close this hole while knitting your socks.

<https://youtu.be/UMWRP26WIOE>

Duplicate stitch video for Robin pattern

<https://youtu.be/SiqUURQA4qs>

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BOTH PATTERNS

BOR = Beginning of the round

CC = Contrast colour(s)

Dec'd = Decreased

Inc'd = Increased

K = Knit

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop of the stitch.

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

MC = Main colour

M1L = Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you have just worked and the one you are about to knit, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch. (When used in the heel section, pick up the bar in the gap between the SSK and the next stitch on the left needle, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch)

M1p = Make 1 purl (used in the heel section). Pick up the bar in the gap between the P2tog and the next st on the left needle, bringing the left needle from the front to the back. Then purl through the back of the loop.

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

pg. = Page

Rep(s) = Repeat(s)

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right Side

Sl1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle with the yarn at the back of your work.

SSK = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip next stitch knitwise, knit slipped stitches together.

St(s) = Stitch(es)

WS = Wrong Side

INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with CC2 and 2.25mm needle (US 1). Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. For DPNs, place your sts equally over the 3 (or 4) needles that you are using. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing Rnd: *K2, P2; rep from * to end of rnd. Work the Ribbing Rnd for a further 11 rnds.

You now have a total of 12 rnds of ribbing from cast on edge (approximately 3 cm or just over an inch).

LEG

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

With needle size 2.5mm (US 1.5), or needle size to achieve gauge in colourwork, work following increase rnd:

Size 1: *K14, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts inc'd. 60 sts total.

Size 2: *K8, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: *K6, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts inc'd. 84 sts total.

Now work Rnds 1- 5 of the colourwork chart A on pg. 8. Cut yarn CC2 and now work Rnds 1 – 40 of colourwork chart B on pg. 9, joining CC1 where shown. The chart repeats 5 (6, 7) times around the sock. You will now have 2 sets of gingerbread motifs completed. Continue to the short row heel instructions.

SHORT ROW HEEL

Using CC2, size 2.25mm (US 1) needle and Needle 1 only, you will now work the heel instructions for your size.

Size 1 only (30 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K12, K2tog] twice, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 2 sts dec'd. There are now 28 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P25 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K24 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P23 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K22 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P21, (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P7, turn work.

You should have 8 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K6, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K8, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P9, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K24, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P25, P2tog, M1p, turn work. Cut CC2

Row 41 (RS): **Now using MC yarn**, K1, [K13, M1L] twice, K1. 2 sts inc'd.

There are now 30 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 2 only (36 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 [K6, K2tog] four times, K2, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 sts dec'd.

There are now 32 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P29 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K28 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P27 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K26 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P25 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P11, turn work.

You should have 12 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K10, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K12, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K28, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P29, P2tog, M1p, turn work. Cut CC2.

Row 41 (RS): **Now using MC yarn**, [K8, M1L] four times. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 36 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 3 only (42 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K5, K2tog] five times, K3, K2tog, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 6 sts dec'd. There are now 36 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P33 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K32 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P31 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K30 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P29 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, six more times.

Row 21: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 22: Sl1, P13, turn work.

You should have 14 purl sts in the centre and 11 unworked sts on each side.

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 23 (RS): Sl1, K12, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap). M1L, turn work.

Row 24 (WS): Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 25: Sl1, K14, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 26: Sl1, P15, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 16 more rows.

Row 43 (RS): Sl1, K32, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 44 (WS): Sl1, P33, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 45 (RS): **Now using MC yarn**, K3, [K5, M1L] six times, K3. 6 sts inc'd.

There are now 42 sts on Needle 1.

FOOT (ALL SIZES)

Join back in the round and change back to the larger size needles for the colourwork. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

With MC, knit 30 (36, 42) sts on Needle 2 back to the BOR (this will be counted as Rnd 1 on colourwork chart B). Beginning with Needle 1, resume knitting the colourwork chart B on pg. 9, starting on Rnd 2, and continuing to Rnd 40.

Check to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If you have already reached this length, continue to the toe instructions

If you still have not reached your desired length, knit Rnds 1 – 5 of colourwork chart A.

Check again to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If it has not then you will be able to do so with MC, after the following section.

Cut CC1.

Work the following decrease rnd while transferring sts back to the 2.25mm (US 1) needles.:

Size 1: *K13, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.

Size 2: *K7, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

Size 3: *K5, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

If your sock is still not long enough, knit more rnds with MC until your sock is 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired finished length.

Cut MC.

TOE

Your stitches should now be placed equally on Needles 1 and 2, remove the BOR st marker. Needle 1 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the top of your foot. You will now work the decreases for the toe, using CC2 as follows:

With CC2 and Needle 1, knit 14 (16, 18) sts. Now place the BOR st marker after these sts. This should be in the middle of the sts on Needle 1 at the bottom of your foot.

Rnd 1 (decrease rnd):

Needle 1: Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 2: K1, SSK, K until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 1: K1, SSK, K to BOR.

4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1–2, until 20 sts remain on each needle (40 sts in total).

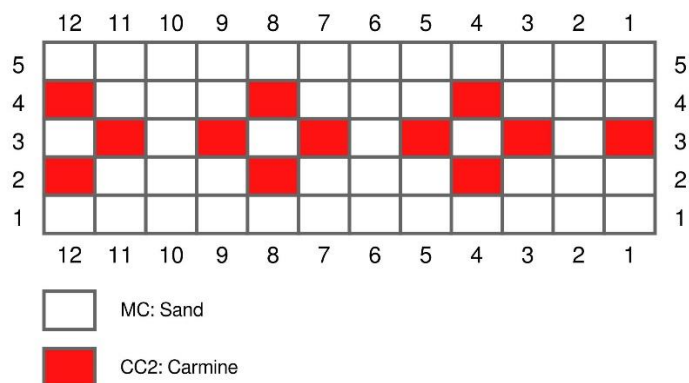
Continue working only Rnd 1 (decrease every rnd), until 10 sts remain on each needle (20 sts in total).

Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, graft the remaining sts together.

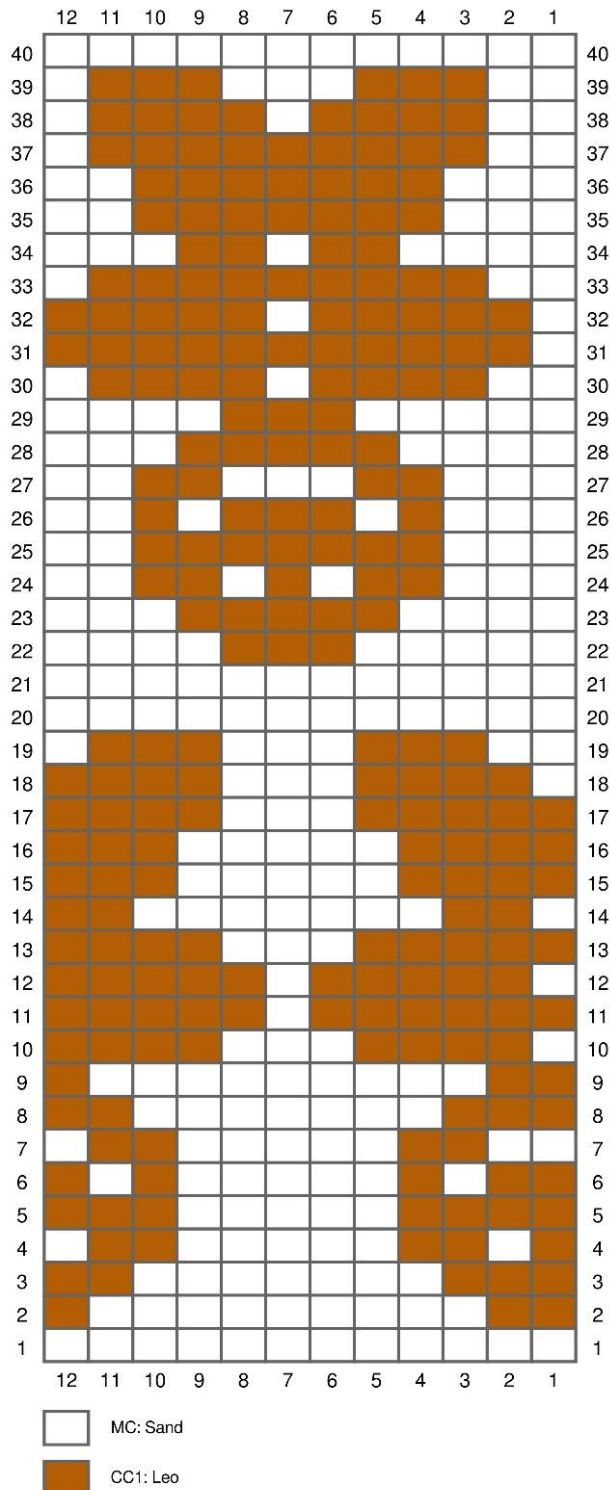
FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy.

COLOURWORK CHART A



COLOURWORK CHART B



If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the hashtag #HappyGingerbreadSocks or #stoneknits on social media or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations. This pattern has been professionally tech edited and every size has been test knitted. If you require pattern help, please contact me at charlottestoneknits@gmail.com. I try to respond within 24 hours unless it is a holiday/weekend.



Festive Robin socks

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I get so excited when I see a robin in the winter. A hardy little bird that stays around even during the cold weather when many of its fellow feathered friends have left for warmer climates. Whether on a walk in the woods, in the park, or on a bird feeder in a garden, it is always a delight to see a flash of festive red from these birds when the rest of the outdoor world can feel a bit grey and dull. Often associated with Christmas time, I couldn't resist creating a pair of socks for us to knit and wear, honouring the robin to help keep our feet warm during the festive season or on wintry walks once the celebrating has ended.

Knit from the top down with a ribbed cuff, these socks have a ribbed heel flap and gusset construction. The leg section includes a stranded colourwork motif of robins, with some added

duplicate stitches in black for the eyes and beak details. There is a little section of easy colourwork , repeating the border section for the robins, before the toe is decreased and the remaining stitches are grafted together. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 23cm (9 inch) circulars or DPNs).

Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 19 - 21 (21.5 –23.5, 26 – 28) cm / 8 (9, 10 ½) inches

Finished leg circumference for colourwork: 17.5 (21, 24.5) cm / 7 (8, 9 ½) inches

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) of negative ease for colourwork.

For your foot circumference, measure around the widest part of your foot, this is normally the ball of the foot before the toes. **Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size.** Leg/foot length can be easily adjusted. See instructions for details. Sample shown is knit in size 2 for shoe size US 8.5 (EU 39, UK 6), foot circumference 22.5cm (8 ¾ inches).

MATERIALS

Yarn - Fingering weight sock yarn

Manos del Uruguay Alegria sock yarn (75% Superwash Merino, 25% Nylon), 425 m (445 yds) per 100g

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this pattern as long as you obtain the same gauge. Please use whatever sock yarn you have available to you.

Shown in:

MC: Olive. Approx 50 (55, 60) g, 168 (189, 210) m / 183 (207, 230) yds.

CC1: Carmine. Approx 15g, 127.5 m / 140 yds

CC2: Leo. Approx 25g, 85 m / 93 yds

Black scrap yarn is required for duplicate stitch details on the eyes and beak.

Needles

For ribbing and stockinette: 2.25mm (US 1), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle, as preferred.

For colourwork: 2.5mm (US 1.5), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars, or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

Important note: Do check your gauge for fitting. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down needle sizes.

Gauge

34 sts x 44 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for ribbing and stockinette.

34 sts x 38 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for colourwork.

INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with MC and 2.25mm needle (US 1). Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. For DPNs, place your sts equally over the 3 (or 4) needles that you are using. PM for BOR. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing Rnd: *K1, P1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Work the Ribbing Rnd for a further 11 rnds (approximately 3 cm or just over 1 inch).

LEG

With MC work the following increase rnd while transferring sts to the 2.5mm (US 1.5) needles:

Size 1: *K14, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts inc'd. 60 sts total.

Size 2: *K8, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: *K6, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts inc'd. 84 sts total.

Now work Rnds 1 - 24 of the colourwork chart on pg.15. The chart repeats 5 (6, 7) times around the sock. Join CC1 and CC2 where shown. Knit the duplicate stitches shown in the chart for the eyes and beak with your MC and sew on the black stitch details once you have finished the colourwork section.

Cut CC1, CC2 at the end of the chart.

Knit 1 rnd with MC

With MC work the following decrease rnd while transferring sts back to the 2.25mm (US 1) needles:

Size 1: *K13, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts dec'd. 56 sts total.

Size 2: *K7, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts total.

Size 3: *K5, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts dec'd. 72 sts total.

Knit 19 more rnds (approx. 3.5 cm or just over 1 ¼ inch) with MC. For a longer sock, continue knitting rnds with MC until the leg of the sock is as long as you like. Do take note of how many extra rnds you knit, so both of your socks match. Please note, further rnds will require more MC yarn.

Cut MC yarn.

RIBBED HEEL FLAP

The heel is worked flat and knit back and forth using the 28 (32, 36) sts on Needle 1 with CC2. Needle 2 is holding the 28 (32, 36) sts for the instep. You can remove the marker you placed at the beginning.

Row 1 (RS): *Sl1 st purlwise, K1; rep from * to the end of the row. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 st purlwise, purl to the end of the row. Turn.

Repeat these 2 rows ending on a purl row after a total of 28 (32, 36) rows.

There will be 14 (16, 18) edge sts for you to pick up after you have worked the heel turn.

HEEL TURN

Using CC2, you will now use short rows to turn your heel.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, K15 (18, 20), SSK, K1. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P5 (7, 7), P2tog, P1. Turn.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, K6 (8, 8), SSK, K1. Turn.

Row 4 (WS): Sl1, P7 (9, 9), P2tog, P1. Turn.

Continue in this pattern: Sl1, K or P to one stitch before the gap created by turning in the previous row, SSK or P2tog to close the gap, K1 or P1. Turn. (For size 1 only: on the last two rows you will end with the last SSK or P2tog. There will be no sts remaining to K1 or P1). Continue until all stitches have

been worked, ending with a purl row on the WS. Turn to the RS, you will now have 16 (20, 22) sts left on Needle 1. K8, (10, 11) sts across the turned heel stitches (the halfway point). Cut CC2 yarn Place BOR marker.

GUSSET

You will now be picking up stitches along both sides of your heel flap, with MC yarn.

Knit across the remaining 8 (10, 11) turned heel sts to the end of Needle 1.

Pick up and Ktbl 14 (16, 18) sts along the edge of the heel flap. Pick up and knit one more stitch at the corner between heel flap and instep to help prevent a hole in the corner.

(Place a stitch marker here to help show you when to decrease in the next round or adjust the loop and needles so the heel/gusset sts and instep sts are separated there.)

Work 28 (32, 36) sts of the instep being held on Needle 2.

(Place a stitch marker after the instep stitches as well, as you did above.)

Pick up one stitch in the corner and Ktbl 14 (16, 18) sts along the edge of the heel flap. Knit the first half of the heel to the BOR stitch marker.

You now have a total of 46 (54, 60) heel/gusset sts, 28 (32, 36) instep sts and are working all stitches again in the rnd. 74 (86, 96) sts on your needles in total.

GUSSET DECREASES

Continue using MC.

Rnd 1: Knit to 3 sts before the first stitch marker (or end of Needle 1, if you are using the magic loop method) and K2tog, K1. K across the instep sts to the second marker (or start of Needle 1, if you are using the magic loop method), K1, SSK. Knit to the BOR stitch marker. 2 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 until you have decreased to 28 (32, 36) heel/gusset sts. 28 (32, 36) instep sts remain on Needle 2. There are now 56 (64, 72) sts in total.

FOOT

With MC continue to knit until the foot of your sock measures approximately 3.5 (4.5, 5.5) cm / 1¼ (1 ¾, just over 2) inches from your desired finished length.

Work following increase rnd while transferring sts to the 2.5mm (US 1.5) needles.

Size 1: *K14, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4 sts inc'd. 60 sts total.

Size 2: *K8, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: *K6, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts inc'd. 84 sts total.

Work Rnds 1 - 4 of the Colourwork Chart on pg.15, joining CC1 where shown. The chart repeats 5 (6, 7) times around the sock. Cut CC1.

Work decrease rnd with MC while transferring sts back to the 2.25mm (US 1) needles :

Size 1: *K13, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 4sts dec'd. 56 sts total.

Size 2: *K7, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts total.

Size 3: *K5, K2tog; rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts dec'd. 72 sts total.

If your sock is still not long enough, knit more rnds with MC until your sock is 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired finished length (approximately where your big toe begins).

TOE

Your stitches are now placed equally on Needles 1 and 2. Needle 1 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the bottom of your foot, with 14 (16, 18) sts on either side of the BOR marker. Needle 2 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the top of your foot.

Knit to the BOR stitch marker. Starting from here, using CC2:

Rnd 1 (decrease round):

Needle 1: Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1

Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit to the BOR stitch marker.

4 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1-2 until 20 sts remain on each needle. (40 sts in total.)

Continue working only Rnd 1 (dec every rnd) until 10 sts remain on each needle. (20 sts in total).

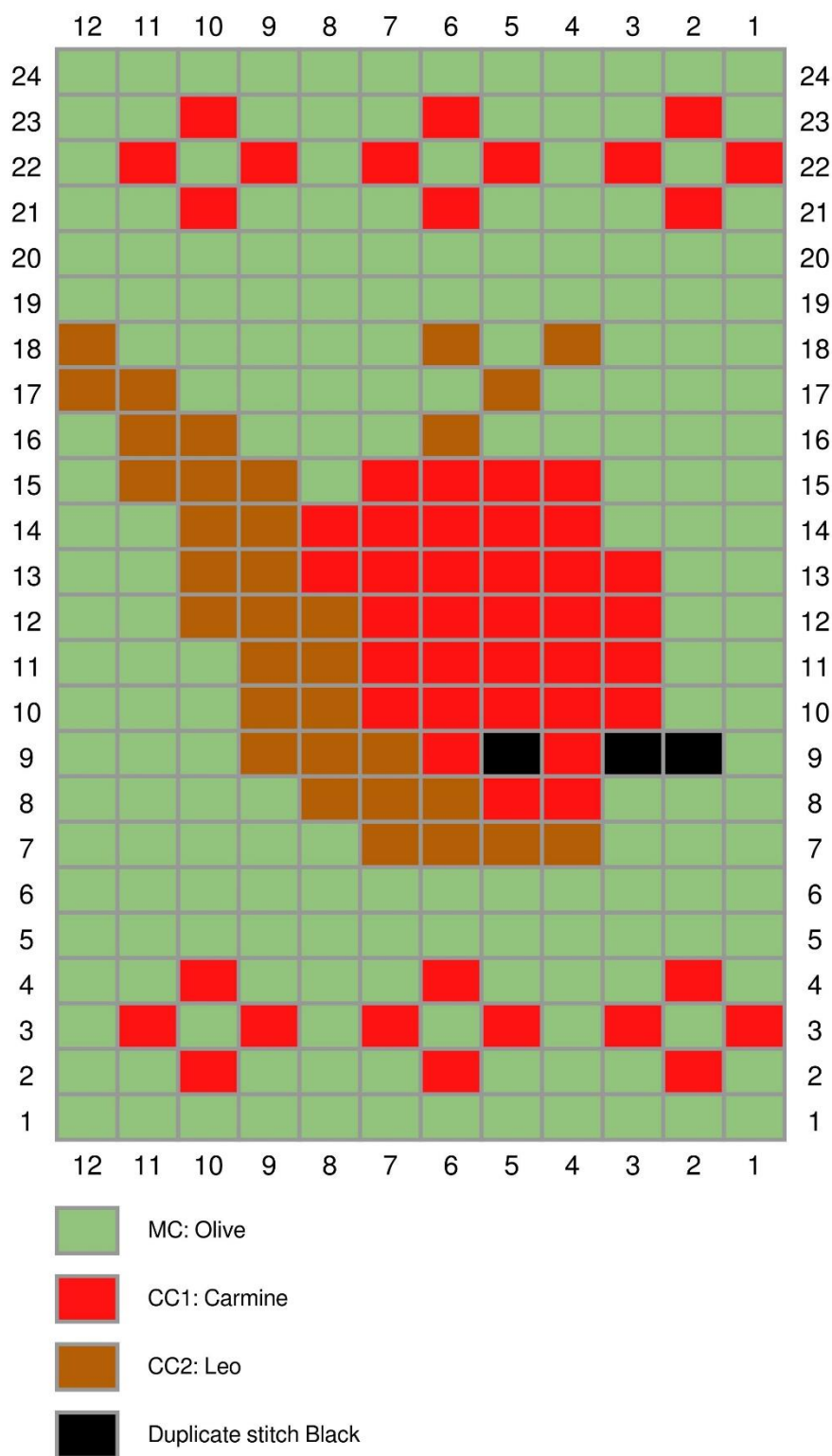
Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, graft remaining sts together.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy!



COLOURWORK CHART A



If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the hashtag #FestiveRobinSocks or #stoneknits on social media or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations. This pattern has been professionally tech edited and every size has been test knitted. If you require pattern help, please contact me at charlottestoneknits@gmail.com. I try to respond within 24 hours unless it is a holiday/weekend.