

Alice's Easter Bunny socks

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Alice's Easter Bunny socks are fun socks designed to celebrate Easter and the end of Winter with a hint of Alice in Wonderland included too. They are an easy to knit, colourwork sock pattern which includes a simple design inspired by the patterns that can be found on Faberge eggs, along with an appearance from the Easter bunny himself.

These socks are knit from the cuff down with a 2 x 2 ribbed cuff, have a 'no wrap' short row heel and have a stranded colourwork pattern throughout the leg and foot. The toe is finished with kitchener stitch. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with dpns).

Sizes

1 (2) 3

Recommended ease: Approx. 1" / 2.5 cm of negative ease.

Foot circumference: **Size 1:** 17-19cm / 7", **Size 2:** 20-23cm / 8.5", **Size 3:** 24-25.5cm / 9.5"

Leg/Foot length can be easily adjustable. See instructions for details.

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MATERIALS

Yarn:

MC: Mondim Yarn (dyed by La Bien Aimee.) non superwash 100% portuguese wool in colour in Hegelia approx 35g, 140m / 153yds

CC1: Mondim Yarn, non superwash 100% portuguese wool, colour 100, natural undyed white. 30g, 120m / 131yds

CC2: Regia premium merino yak, 07505, puder meliert 10g, 40m / 44 yds

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this sock pattern.

Sample shown is knit in size 2 for foot length Europe 39, US 8.5, UK 6, foot circumference 22.5cm / 8.8".

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

When knitting stranded colourwork, be consistent with how you hold the yarns. The yarn used to knit the contrast pattern should always cross below the yarn knit for the background colour at the back of your work. Be sure to knit the floats **loosely**. Thefor colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left.

Short Row Heel video tutorial for this pattern can be seen here: <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).

GAUGE AND NEEDLE SIZE DETAILS

Needle size 2.5mm / US 1.5 **for colourwork** 34 sts x 46 rnds = 10cm / 4 inches

Needle size 2.25mm / US 1 **for ribbing and stockinette**. 36 x 48 rnds = 10cm / 4 inches

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

Abbreviations

K= Knit

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop.

P= Purl

st(s)= Stitch(es)

Sl1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left hand needle to the right hand needle.

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

p2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

k2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

M1L(p)= Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you have just worked and the one you are about to knit (purl), bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch. 1 st inc'd.

RS= Right Side

WS = Wrong Side

BOR= Beginning of the round.

PM = Place Marker.

rep = repeat

rnd = Round

dec = dec'd

inc'd = increased

MC = Main Colour

CC = Contrast Colour

CO = Cast On

INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

CO 56, (64), 72 sts with MC with 2.25mm / US 1 needle. Divide 28, (32), 36 sts evenly over each needle. PM for BOR. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Set-up 2 x 2 rib: *K2, P2*, rep *-* to end of rnd.

Continue in ribbing for 13 rnds in total or until the cuff measures 3cm or just over 1¼ inches.

LEG

With MC and needle size 2.5mm / US 1.5 (or whatever needle achieves gauge in colourwork), increase rnd:

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

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

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

Start knitting the colourwork chart, joining CC1 & 2 where shown. Cut CC2 after rnd 34. The chart repeats 5, (6), 7 times around the sock. Work through rnds 1 until **rnd 48**. Then proceed to Heel instructions.

SHORT ROW HEEL

Using MC, size US 1 (2.25 mm) 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 st, 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.

Row 41 (RS): Sl1, [K13, M1L] twice, K1, turn work. 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 st, 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.

Row 41 (RS): [K8, M1L] four times, turn work. 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 st, 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): Sl1, [K5, M1L] six times, K5, turn work. 6 sts inc'd. There are now 42 sts on Needle 1.

FOOT

Join back in the round, rejoining CC and continue knitting the colourwork chart, restarting from **rnd 49** (the next rnd on the chart from where you left off before working the heel). Then continue repeating **rnds 38 through to 49** until your sock is approx 5cm / 2 inches from your desired length. You can finish on any rnd before starting the toe.
Cut CC1.
K 1 rnd with MC.

Size 1 only: *K13, K2tog*, rep *-* to end of rnd, K1. 4 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.
Size 2 only: *K7, k2tog*, rep *-* to end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.
Size 3 only: *K5, k2tog*, rep *-* to end of rnd. 12 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

TOE

With CC the stitches placed equally on needles 1 and 2, move the BOR stitch marker to the middle at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 holds the stitches at the top of your foot. Needle 1 is holding the stitches at the bottom of your foot.

Set-up rnd: K with MC to BOR m.

Rnd 1 (dec rnd):

Needle 1: K 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 dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Rep rnds 1–2 until 20 sts remain on both needles – 40 sts in total.
Cont knitting only rnd 1 (dec every rnd) until 10 sts remain on both needles – 20 sts in total.

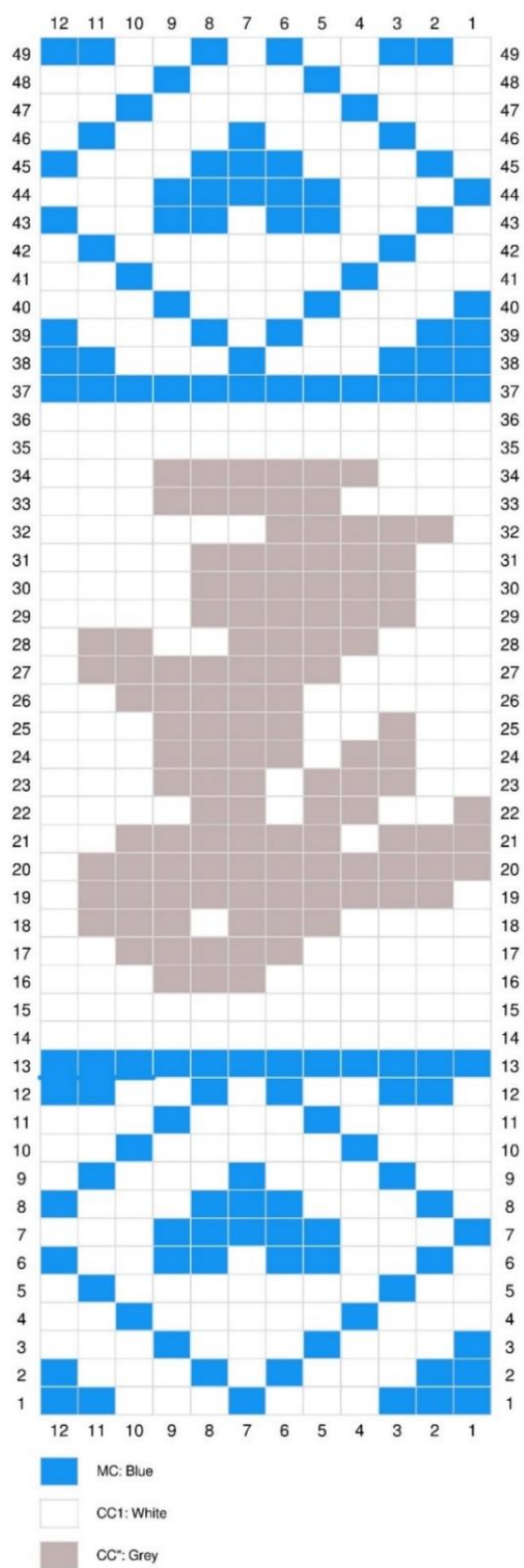
Remove BOR stitch marker. K5 sts to the side of the sock. With 10 sts remaining on each needle, graft remaining sts together with Kitchener stitch.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Soak and block. Repeat instructions for second sock. Eyes and nose can be duplicate stitched on if you wish and a french knot added for a tail.
Tutorial for duplicate stitch: <https://youtu.be/-cfmjyaaAdw> (Very Pink Knits. Duplicate stitch).



Colourwork Chart :



(If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the tag #easterbunnysocks or #stoneknits on Instagram or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations.)

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