

# Berry special socks

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The 'Berry special' socks are the perfect pick me up sock pattern which can be knit at any time of the year, whether the strawberries are growing where you are or you are just dreaming of Summer days again on a cold and grey day in the Winter. And these socks are a very special treat because they are made with gorgeous sparkly sock yarn. Because everybody deserves to wear glittery strawberries!

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.

## MATERIALS

### Yarn:

**MC:** Soie et Laine Claire yarn 85% extrafine merino superwash and 15% nylon in Rosarot (pink), approx 50g, 200m / 218yds

**CC 1:** Soie et Laine Pauline yarn. 75% merino superwash, 20% nylon & 5% silver stellina in Patina (aqua green) approx 35g, 140m / 153 yds

**CC 2:** Soie et Laine Pauline yarn. 75% merino superwash, 20% nylon & 5% silver stellina in Scharlach (red) approx in 20g, 80m / 87 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**. The colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left. There are 3 rows per strawberry where 3 colours are knit in one row. Knit these rows loosely and only twist the floats for CC2 and only where there are more than 7 sts between colour changes. Carry CC2 throughout your work (the red). There is no need to cut the yarn of CC2 in between the strawberries but I recommend cutting CC1 (green) to avoid getting in a tangle. To weave in your yarn ends while you are knitting please see Stephen West's video 'Weavin Stephen' on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fz292NAjH2M>.

For the strawberry seeds to 'pop' I recommend the pink yarn to cross below the other yarns as you knit them. When I knit 3 colours I will pick up the strand of yarn I need, put it down and pick up the next colour as I go for these rows. It is more time consuming but I find much less stressful and I am able to control my tension better so the floats are not so tight!

(Any short row heel or after thought sock heel can be substituted for the heel if you wish.)

## GAUGE AND NEEDLE SIZE DETAILS

Needle size 2.5mm / US 1.5 34 x 46 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)

dec'd = decreased

inc'd = increased

SI1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle.

SSK= Slip one stitch knitwise, slip nxt stitch knitwise. Knit slipped stitches together.

p2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

k2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

N1, N2 = Needle 1, Needle 2.

M1L (p)= Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you knit and the one you are about to knit, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit (purl) in to the back of the stitch making a new stitch.

RS= Right Side

WS = Wrong Side

BOR= Beginning of the round

MC = Main Colour

CC = Contrast Colour

CO = Cast On

tw = turn work

## INSTRUCTIONS

### CUFF

CO 56 (64), 72 sts with CC1 with 2.5mm / US 1.5 needle (or whichever needle size achieves gauge). 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 rib for 15 rnds in total.

### LEG

With MC Knit 1 rnd.

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 the CC1 & 2 where shown. **Please see Special techniques on page 2.** The chart repeats 5, (6), 7 times around the sock. Work through rnds 1–25 stopping after row 12 or 24 for as long as you want the length of the sock. Then proceed to Heel instructions.

### HEEL

**Set up row:** with MC, K30, (36), 42 sts across N1 (this will count as rnd 13 or 25 of the chart)

Then for N2, using CC1, Row 1 of the heel is now worked:

**Size 1 only (RS):** K30,

**Size 2 only (RS):** (K7, k2tog) 4 times (4 sts dec'd) 32sts now in total.

**Size 3 only (RS):** (K5, k2tog) 6 times (6sts dec'd), 36sts now in total.

The short row heel will now be worked flat and knitted back and forth using N2 only and CC1. (N1 is holding the 30, (36), 42 instep sts.)

#### **Size 1 only:**

**Row 1 (WS):** SL1, P28, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 30 sts in total.

**Row 2 (RS):** SL1, K27 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

**Row 3:** SL1, P26 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

**Row 4:** SL1, K25 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

**Row 5:** SL1, P24 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

**Row 6:** SL1, K23, (1 st before the gap), turn work.

**Row 7:** SL1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

**Row 8:** SL1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Repeat Rows 7 & 8 five more times.

**Row 19:** SL1, P10 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

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

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

**Row 20 (RS):** SL1, K9, ssk (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L st, picking up under the ssk st, (do not twist the st), turn work.

**Row 21 (WS):** SL1, P10, p2tog, M1Lp st, picking up under the p2tog st, (do not twist the st). Turn work.

**Row 22 (RS):** SL1, K11, ssk, M1L st, picking up under the ssk st, (do not twist st), turn work.

**Row 23:** SL1, P10, p2tog, M1Lp, turn work.

**Row 24:** SL1, K11, ssk, M1L, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for **13 more rows**

**Row 37: (WS):** SL1, P24, p2tog, M1Lp, turn work.

**Row 38: (RS):** SL1, K25, ssk, M1L, turn work.

**Row 39: (WS):** SL1, P27.

28 sts remain on needle 1.

Proceed to Foot section.

**Size 2 only:**

**Row 2 (WS):** SI1, p30 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end of the row) and turn work to the RS.

**Row 3 (RS):** SI1, k29 (again leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work.

**Row 4:** SI1, p28 (turning at the last st bef the gap), turn work.

**Row 5:** SI1, k27 (turning at the last st bef the gap), turn work.

**Row 6:** SI1, p26 (turning at the last st bef the gap), turn work.

**Row 7:** SI1, k to 1 st bef the gap, turn work.

**Row 8:** SI1, p to 1 st bef the gap, turn work

Work rows 7 & 8 until...**Row 20:** SI1, P11, (turn work)

You will have 10 unworked sts on the left side and 10 unworked sts on the right side of your 12 purl sts.

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

**Row 21 (RS):** SI1, k10, ssk (working together 1 st on either side of the gap). M1l st, picking up under the ssk. Do not twist the st. Turn work.)

**Row 22 (WS):** SI1, p11, p2tog (again 1 st bef the gap and 1 st after the gap, purled tog). M1lp in the st **under** the p2tog st. Do not twist st. Turn work.)

**Row 23:** SI1, k12, ssk, M1L. Turn work.

**Row 24:** SI1, p13, p2tog, M1Lp. Turn work.

Continue in established pattern for **14 rows** until

**Row 39 (RS):** SI1, k28, ssk, M1L. Turn work.

**Row 40 (WS):** SI1, p29, p2tog, M1Lp. Turn work.

**Row 41 (RS):** \*K8, M1L\*, 4 times. 4 sts inc`d. There are now 36sts on N2.

Proceed to Foot section.

**Size 3 only:**

**Row 2 (WS):** SI1, p34 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end) and turn work to the RS.

**Row 3 (RS):** SI1, k33 (again leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work.

**Row 4:** SI1, p32 (turning at the last st bef the gap), turn work.

**Row 5:** SI1, k31 (turning at the last st bef the gap), turn work.

**Row 6:** SI1, p30 (turning at the last st bef the gap), turn work.

**Row 7:** SI1, k to 1 st bef the gap, turn work.

**Row 8:** SI1, p to 1 st bef the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 & 8 until... **Row 22:** SI1, P13, (turn work)

You will have 12 unworked sts on the left side and 12 unworked sts on the right side of your 14 purl sts. Proceed to row 1 below.

Now, the heel 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, picking up under the ssk. Do not twist the st. Turn work.

**Row 24 (WS):** Sl1, p13, p2tog. M1lp in the st **under** the p2tog st. Do not twist st. Turn work.

**Row 25 :** Sl1, k14, ssk, m1l. Turn work.

**Row 26:** Sl1, p15, p2tog, m1l. Turn work

Continue in established pattern for **16 rows** until

**Row 43 (RS):** Sl1, k32, ssk, m1l. Turn work.

**Row 44 (WS):** Sl1, p33, p2tog, m1l. Turn work.

**Row 45 (RS):** \*K6, M1L\*, 6 times. 6 sts inc'd. There are now 42sts on N2.

Proceed to Foot section.

## FOOT

Join back in the round and continue knitting the colourwork chart from either **rnd's 14 or 1** (depending on which rnd you were working on before the set up for the heel).

When your sock is approx 5cm / 2 from your desired length (Try to finish on either row 12 or 24 of the colourwork chart).

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.

Cut MC and CC2.

## TOE

With CC1 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 CC1 to BOR m.

**Rnd 1 (dec rnd):**

*Needle 1:* K until 3 sts rem, k2tog, k1;

*Needle 2:* K1, ssk, k until 3 sts rem, k2tog, k1;

*Needle 1:* K1, ssk, k to BOR. 4 sts dec'd.

**Rnd 2:** K.

Rep rnds 1–2 until 20 sts remain on both needles – 40 sts in total.

Continue knitting only rnd 1 (dec every rnd) until 10 sts rem on both needles – 20 sts in total.

Remove BOR m. K5 sts to the side of the sock. Graft remaining sts together with Kitchener stitch.

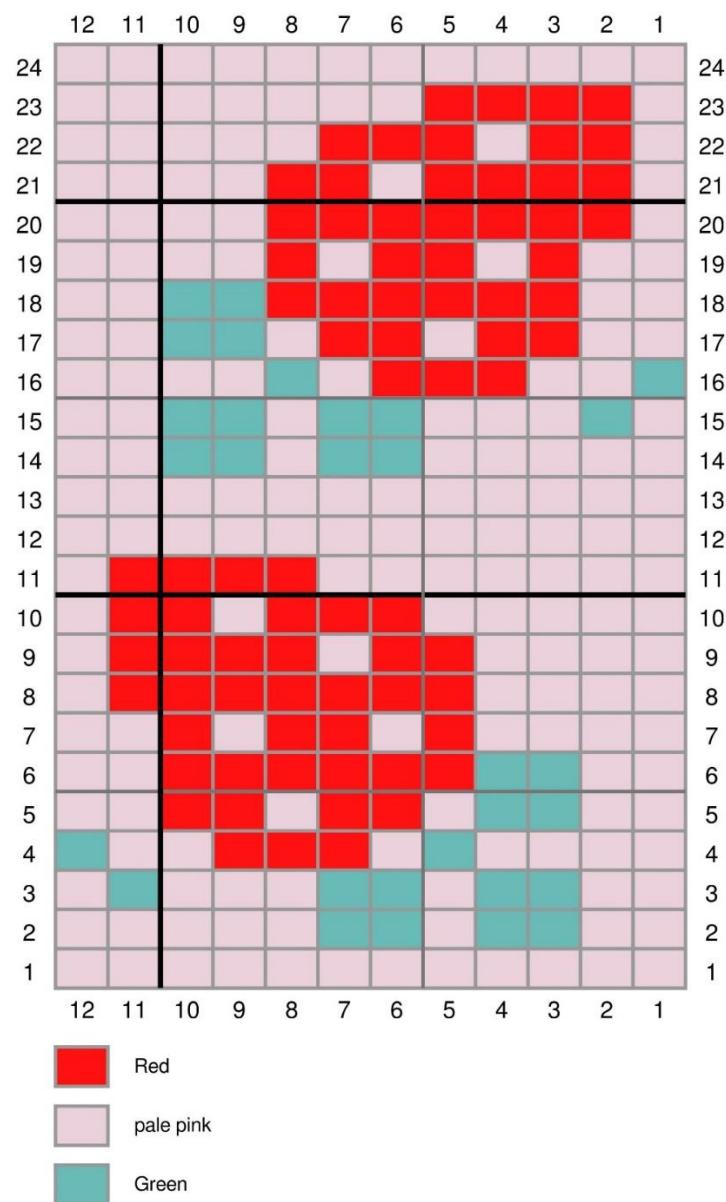
## FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Soak and block. Repeat instructions for second sock.



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### Colourwork Chart :



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