

This most amazing pair is a really basic 48-stitch sock worked at a gauge of 38 stitches to the inch! It can be done. For Christmas on a more human scale, try worsted-weight yarn at 5 stitches to the inch. In either case, cast on 48 stitches and follow Claire Kellogg's socks on page 12 for numbers for heel and toe shapings.



Actual size

A Lilliputian Christmas

ADVENTUROUS LEVEL

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Christmas stockings in 1/12 scale

"These stockings are meant to hang in a miniature (1 inch=1 foot, or 1/12 scale) Christmas room. I knitted them in the round on needles that I made from piano wire in two thicknesses: 0.019" in diameter and 0.024" in diameter. Since everyone's Christmas stocking, whether miniature or full-size, ought to be a little bit different from everyone else's, I made these two with analogous designs rather than identical ones. They are

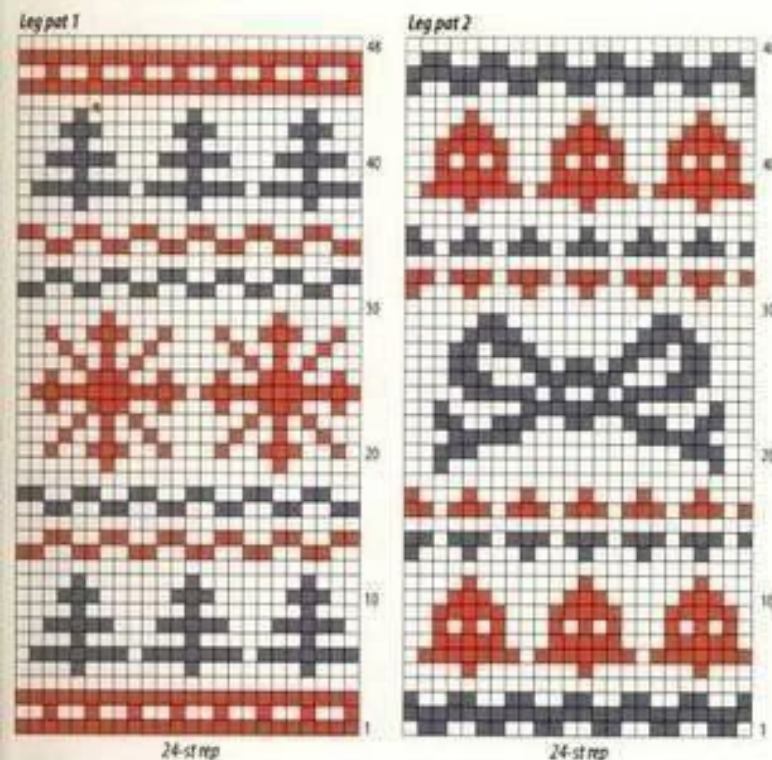
larger than what would fit a 1/12 scale foot because a Christmas stocking, in any scale, ought to be ample!

"I started each sock with a temporary cast-on using the smaller needles and finer thread for the hem (I used fine machine embroidery thread). Beginning

with the turning row, I changed to the larger needles and thicker thread (regular machine embroidery thread) and worked the rest of the sock at a gauge of 38 stitches and 42 rows to the inch. I turned the hem under and attached it at the appropriate time by knitting the stitches from the cast-on together with the working stitches from the sock itself. For the rest of the sock, I generally followed the conventional precepts for top-down sock architecture. I twisted the colors on each carry longer than about 7 stitches. To avoid the inherent 'pattern jog' of stranded knitting in the round, I tried working the first and last stitches of appropriate rounds together, then making one stitch. It was moderately successful."



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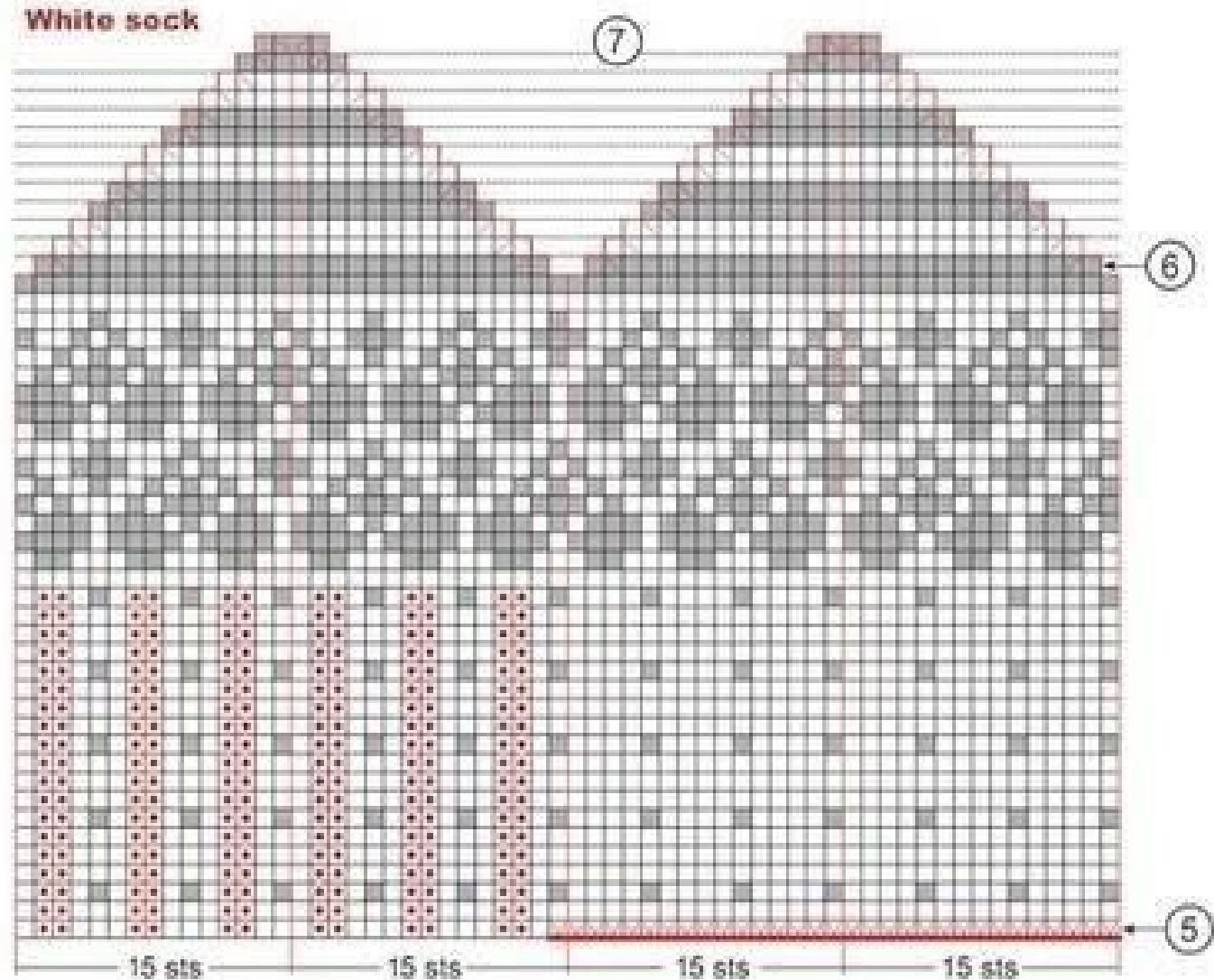


Foot chart



White
Red
Green
Red or green

White sock



Information:

Suggested yarn: Sisu Superwash from Sandnes. White, red and blue. 1 ball of each color.

Gauge for this yarn is 27 sts = 10 cm / 4 in. Using this yarn and needles the socks will be a medium ladies size.

Needles: set of DPNs nr 3 (US 2 ½).

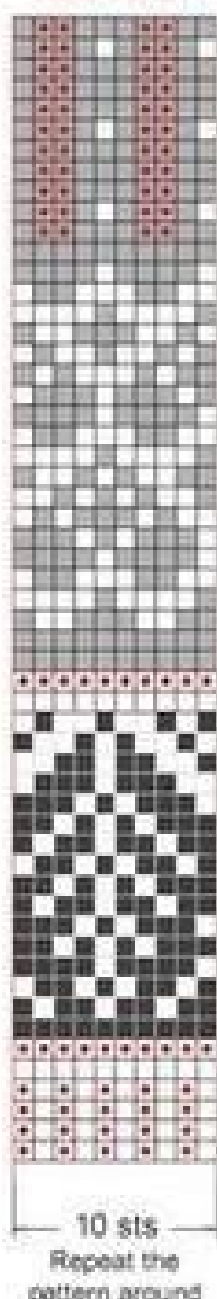
If you want a larger size, use a yarn with a gauge 23 - 24 sts = 10 cm / 4 in.

For a smaller size use needles 2 ½ (US 1 ½)

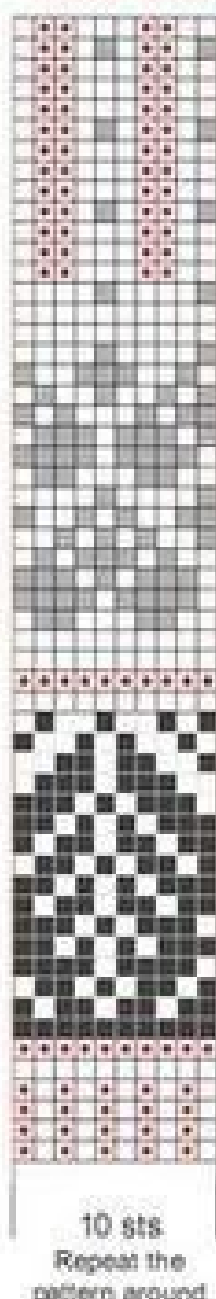
	Blue	Red	White	Key to charts:
				Knit stitch
				Purl stitch
				Knit 2 together
				Slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over
				Pick up 1 stitch
				Slip stitch
Decreases				

sts = stitches, rnd = round

Red sock



White sock



Instructions:

1. Cast on 60 sts with white color, distribute on 4 needles and join in a ring. Continue from the chart on this page for white or red socks.
2. Heel: (The heel is alike for both red and white socks) knit in stockinette (knit outside, purl inside of the heel) back and forth over the next 31 sts. The rest of the sts are waiting on their needles until the heel is finished. Slip first stitch in each row according to chart.
3. Start decreases.
4. Fold the heel together along the middle and using the end of the red yarn, kitchener together the red and the white sts on each side.
5. Continue from the foot chart on page 3 or 4. Pick up and knit 15 sts along the edge of the heel to the middle and 15 sts from the middle to the other side of the heel. (Start at top left side of the heel). Pick up 1 sts in side, then continue over the 29 waiting sts.
6. Start decreases.
7. Pull the yarn end through the last 8 sts.
8. Weave in all loose ends on the inside.

