

fox tales

the petite knitter



INSPIRED BY THE ARCTIC FOX

AND ITS SEASONAL CHANGING OF COATS

HOW TO CHOOSE A SIZE

For a comfortable fit, these socks are meant to be worn with a 10% negative ease. For children sizes, the finished foot circumference is approximately 1.3cm/½" smaller than actual foot circumference. For adult sizes, the finished foot circumference is approximately 2.5cm/1" smaller than actual foot circumference.

Example: If your foot circumference measures 15cm/6", your sock size should be 14cm/5½". If your foot circumference measures 30.5cm/12", your sock size should be 28cm/11". For children sizes, the sock length should be 0.6cm/¼" shorter than actual foot length. For adult sizes, the sock length should be 1.3cm/½" shorter than actual foot length.

Feel free to adjust sock height and length for best fit.

CONSTRUCTION

The foxtales socks are knitted from top-down and in the round. The pair features colourwork motif throughout. The heels are knitted using the afterthought heel technique. The final heel and toe stitches are grafted together using kitchener stitch.

NOTES

Colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and right to left. You can choose to "mismatch" the socks as in the samples or knit two identical socks. The colours listed are based on the sample that starts with colour a. Please remember to swatch to ensure you have the right gauge before beginning. Stranded colourwork might affect your usual gauge so please remember to adjust needle size as needed.

YARN

Baa Ram Ewe Pip Colourwork

Colour a - Brass Band 021

Colour b - Endeavour 015

Colour c - White Rose 001

NEEDLES

2.25mm (US 1) DPNs

two 24" circular needles or longer circular
needles for magic loop

or needles needed to achieve gauge

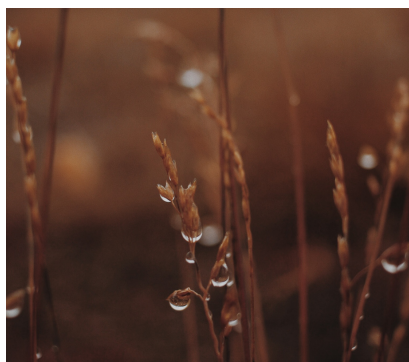
GAUGE

33 sts x 40 rows = 4" / 10 cm
in colourwork

NOTIONS

Stitch markers

Scrap yarn



YARDAGE

calculated based on mismatched pair

COLOUR A

Metres - 28, 42, 56 (70, 84, 95) 111, 140, 153 [167, 181] m

Yards - 31, 46, 61 (74, 91, 107) 122, 152, 167 [183, 198] yds

COLOUR B

Metres - 28, 42, 56 (70, 84, 95) 111, 140, 153 [167, 181] m

Yards - 31, 46, 61 (74, 91, 107) 122, 152, 167 [183, 198] yds

COLOUR C

Metres - 56, 84, 111 (140, 167, 195) 223, 278, 306 [334, 362] m

Yards - 61, 92, 122 (152, 183, 213) 244, 305, 335 [365, 396] yds

ABBREVIATIONS

bor - beginning of round

cc - contrasting colour

co - cast on

dpn - double pointed needles

k - knit stitch

k2tog - knit two

stitches together

lh - left hand

mc - main colour

pm - place marker

p - purl stitch

sl - slip purl wise

ssk - slip, slip, knit

st(s) - stitch(es)

rnd - round



A FOOT CIRCUMFERENCE

measured on the widest section of your foot

cm- 11.5, 14, 15.25 (16.5, 17.75, 20.25) 23, 25.5, 28 [30.5, 31.75]
 inches - 4½, 5½, 6 (6½, 7, 8) 9, 10, 11 [12, 12½]

B FOOT LENGTH

measured from heel to toe

cm- 12, 14, 17 (19, 21, 24) 26, 28, 32 [33, 33]
 inches - 4¾, 5½, 6¾ (7½, 8¼, 9½) 10¼, 11, 12½ [13, 13]

C SOCK HEIGHT

measured from heel to co edge

cm- 8.25, 8.25, 8.25 (11.5, 11.5, 14) 14, 14, 14, [14, 14]
 inches - 3¼, 3¼, 3¼ (4½, 4½, 5½) 5½, 5½, 5½ [5½, 5½]

BEGIN PATTERN

sock a - cuff

Using your choice of stretchy CO method, CO with colour a

40, 48, 48 (56, 56, 64) 72, 80, 88 [96, 104] sts.

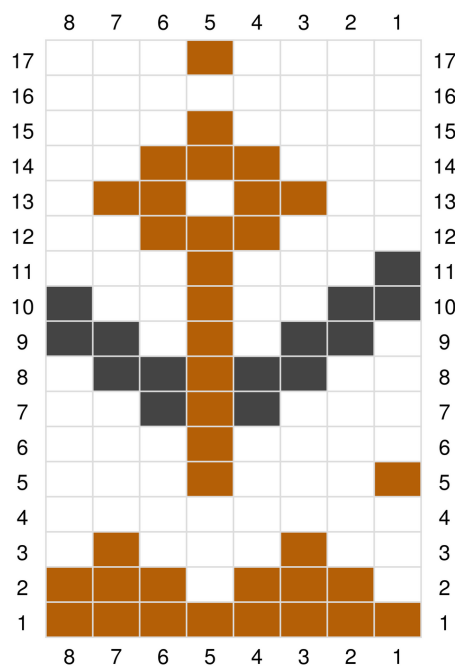
If working with four or five DPNs, divide sts equally across three or four needles.
If using magic loop or two circular needles, place half of sts on each needle.

Join in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM to mark BOR.

Work *k2, p2* until cuff measures 2.5cm / 1" from CO edge.

LEG

Begin chart a, k all sts.

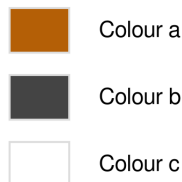
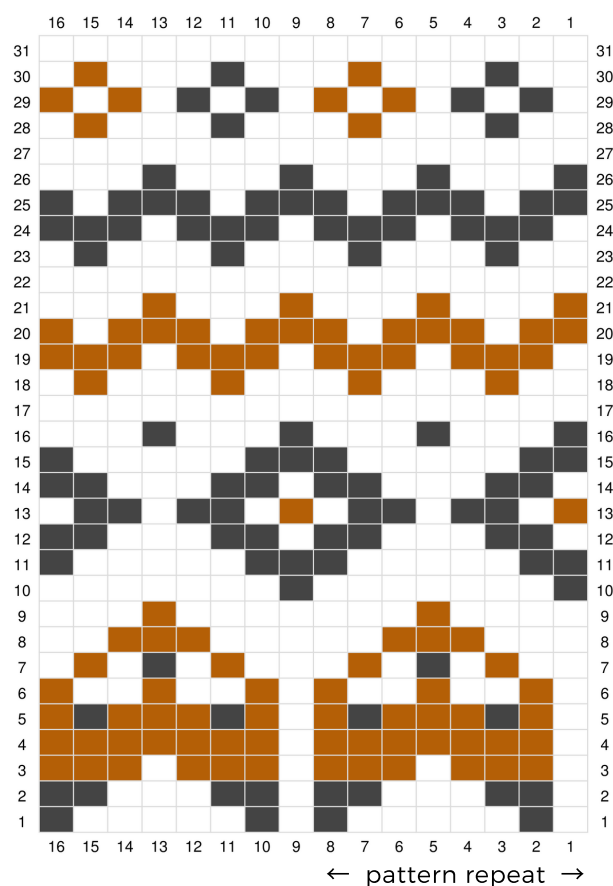


LEG - CONTINUED

When you reach the end of chart a, begin working chart b repeating rnd 1 to rnd 45 until work measures

8.25, 8.25, 8.25 (11.5, 11.5, 14) 14, 14, 14, [14, 14]cm // 3¼, 3¼, 3¼ (4½, 4½, 5½) 5½, 5½, 5½ [5½, 5½]" from CO edge.

Note: When you reach the desired length, ensure you end on a plain round with colour c. (i.e rnds 17, 22, 27 and 31)



HEEL OPENING

Using waste yarn, k the first
20, 24, 24 (28, 28, 32) 36, 40, 44 [48, 52] sts, sl
waste yarn sts back onto LH needle.

FOOT

Continue knitting chart b where you ended your
rnd on the leg, repeating the chart until work
measures
5, 5.75, 8.25 (9, 10.75, 12.75) 14, 16, 17.74 [19, 19] cm //
2, 2¼, 3¼ (3½, 4¼, 5) 5½, 6¼, 7 [7½, 7½]"
from heel opening

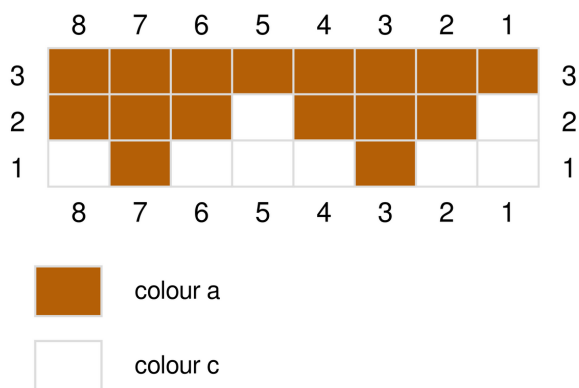
OR

7, 8.25, 9.5 (10.25, 10.25, 11.5) 12, 12, 14 [14, 14]cm //
2¾, 3¼, 3¾ (4, 4, 4½) 4¾, 4¾, 5½ [5½, 5½]"
shorter than desired foot length.

Note: When you reach the desired length, ensure
you end on a plain round with colour c.
(i.e rnds 17, 22, 27 and 31)

TOE

Begin chart c, k all sts.



TOE SHAPING

Toe is worked in the rnd in colour a. Count half
your sts and place additional marker.

Rnd 1: *ssk, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog* repeat
to end of rnd. (4 decreases)

Rnd 2: k to end of rnd.

Repeat Rnd 1 and 2 for a total of
5, 6, 6 (7, 7, 8) 8, 8, 8 [8, 8] times.

You should have
20, 24, 24 (28, 28, 32) 40, 48, 56 [64, 72] sts.

Repeat Rnd 1 for a total of
3, 4, 4 (5, 5, 5) 6, 8, 9 [9, 9] times.

You should have
8, 8, 8 (8, 8, 12) 16, 16, 20 [28, 36] sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 30cm/12" tail.
Graft sts together using kitchener stitch.

AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL

Heel is worked in the rnd using colour a.
Remove waste yarn.

Place 20, 24, 24 (28, 28, 32) 36, 40, 44 [48, 52] leg sts
on one needle, pick up 1 st at each end.

Place 20, 24, 24 (28, 28, 32) 36, 40, 44 [48, 52] foot sts
on one needle, pick up 1 st at each end.

You should have 22, 26, 26 (30, 30, 34) 38, 42, 46 [50,
54] sts on each needle

For a total of
44, 52, 52 (60, 60, 68) 76, 84, 92 [100, 108] sts.

SET-UP ROUND

PM at beginning of first needle, to mark BOR. Attach colour a, leaving a tail of at least 15cm/6”.

Rnd 1: K 22, 26, 26 (30, 30, 34) 38, 42, 46 [50, 54] sts, PM, k to end of rnd.

Note: If desired, twist picked up “corner” sts to eliminate holes.

Rnd 2: K to end of round.

HEEL DECREASES

Rnd 1: *ssk, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog* repeat to end of rnd. (4 decreases)

Rnd 2: K to end of rnd.

Repeat Rnd 1 and 2 for a total of 6, 7, 7 (8, 8, 9) 10, 11, 12 [12, 12] times.

You should have 20, 24, 24 (28, 28, 32) 36, 40, 44 [52, 60] sts.

Repeat Rnd 1 for a total of 2, 3, 3 (4, 4, 4) 5, 5, 6 [8, 8] times.

You should have 12, 12, 12 (12, 12, 16) 16, 20, 20 [20, 28] sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail of 30cm / 12”.
Graft together using kitchener stitch.

SOCK B

If you want to knit a matching pair, repeat all the above steps for your left sock.

To knit a mismatched pair as shown in the sample, replace all the colour a stitches with colour b, and all the colour b stitches with colour a, with the exception of the fox section. In the sample, the fox stitches section remains in the same colours in both socks.

FINISHING

Wet block socks to measurements.
Weave ends in with a tapestry needle.



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