

I'm Batty for Halloween

I'm a Scorpio and I have always been a bit obsessed (perhaps batty!) with all things Halloween, even when the holiday was only just starting to become popular in the UK when I was a child. One of my most terrifying memories of Halloween was waking up and finding that a bat had flown into my bedroom in the night. On further investigation, I have found out it either meant there was a ghost in the house (not reassuring), bad luck was coming, good luck was coming or we had mice and the bat was hungry. Anyway, my father rescued it and that memory has stuck with me ever since. My appreciation of bats, however, has grown, leading me to design a fun holiday sock featuring their shape in honor of Halloween.

Construction Notes

Knit from the top down with a ribbed cuff, this sock includes a simple bat colorwork pattern throughout the leg and foot. These socks are knit with a contrasting short row heel and toe.

Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 8 (10, 11) inches / 19.5–21 (24–26, 27–30) cm

Finished circumference: 7 (9, 10) inches / 17–19 (21.5–23, 24–26) cm

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

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 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (22.5 cm).

Materials

Yarn

Fingering weight, Malabrigo Sock (100% superwash merino), 440 yds (402 m) per 100-g skein

Shown in

MC: Terracotta (1 skein)

CC: Black (1 skein)

Needles

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

Important note: *Do check your gauge for fit. Additional sizes can be achieved by going up or down needle sizes.*

Notions

Stitch marker

Scissors

Tapestry needle

Gauge

36 sts x 44 rnds = 4 inches (10 cm).

Special Techniques

[Knitting Colorwork Socks](#)

[Kitchener Stitch](#)

For all abbreviations, see [here](#)



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Cuff

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with MC and US 1 (2.25 mm) needle. Divide sts evenly over the two needles. For DPNs, place half of your sts on one needle and divide the other half over two needles. PM for BOR. Be careful when joining in the round not to twist your stitches.

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

Work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 13 rnds, approximately 1 inch (2.5 cm).

Leg

Work increase rnd:

Size 1: *K7, M1L; rep from * to end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 64 sts total.

Size 2: *K4, M1L; rep from * to end of rnd. 16 sts inc'd. 80 sts total.

Size 3: *K3, M1L; rep from * to end of rnd. 24 sts inc'd. 96 sts total.

Work rnds 1–22 of the colorwork chart ([here](#)), joining CC where shown. The chart is worked 4 (5, 6) times per rnd. Repeat rnds 1–22 twice (or for desired length of leg), ending on a rnd 11 or 22.

Cut MC.

Short Row Heel

Using CC and Needle 1 only, you will now work the heel instructions for your size.

Size 1 only (32 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K5, K2tog] 4 times to 3 sts before the end of the rnd, K2, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 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.

Repeat 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 center 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, picking up under the SSK (do not twist the st). Turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1Lp, picking up under the P2tog st (do not twist the st), turn work.

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

Row 24: Sl1, P9, P2tog, M1Lp, 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, M1Lp, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): Sl1, [K6, M1L] 4 times, K3. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 32 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to the Foot section.

Size 2 only (40 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, K2, K2tog, [K3, K2tog] 6 times, K2, K2tog, turn work (leaving 1 st unworked). 8 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 center 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, picking up under the SSK (do not twist the st), turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, M1Lp, picking up under the P2tog st (do not twist the st), turn work.

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

Row 24: Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1Lp, 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, M1Lp, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): Sl1, K3, M1L, [K4, M1L] 7 times. 8 sts inc'd.

There are now 40 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to the Foot section.

Size 3 only (48 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, *K2, K2tog; rep from * 11 times, K2tog, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 12 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 center 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, picking up under the SSK (do not twist the st), turn work.

Row 24 (WS): Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1Lp, picking up under the P2tog st (do not twist the st), turn work.

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

Row 26: Sl1, P15, P2tog, M1Lp, 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, M1Lp, turn work.

Row 45 (RS): Sl1, *K3, M1L; rep from * 11 times, K2, M1L. 12 sts inc'd.

There are now 48 sts on Needle 1.

Foot (All Sizes)

Join back in the round with MC. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

Knit 32 (40, 48) sts on Needle 2 back to the BOR (this will be counted as either a rnd 12 or rnd 1 on the color-work chart, depending on where you left off before the heel).

Continue to repeat the chart using MC and CC until your sock is 1½ inches (4 cm) from the desired finished length. Try to finish on a rnd 10 or 21.

Toe

Work decrease rnd:

Size 1: *K6, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.

Size 2: *K3, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. 16 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

Size 3: *K2, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. 24 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

Your stitches should now be placed equally on Needles 1 and 2; remove the BOR stitch 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.

With CC 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.

Setup rnd: Knit 1 rnd with CC to the BOR marker.

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 stitches.

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

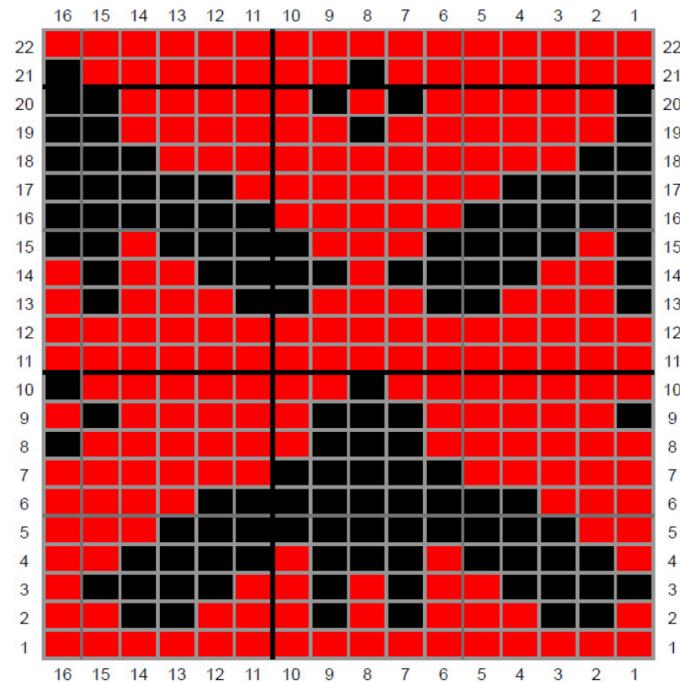
Continue knitting only rnd 1 (dec every rnd) until 10 sts remain on each needle (20 sts in total).

Remove BOR stitch marker, then knit 5 stitches to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, join remaining stitches using Kitchener stitch.

Finishing

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

Colorwork Chart



█ MC: Terracotta

█ CC: Black

