

# *In the Forest - Metsän siimeksessä*

*Sock pattern by KnitsByAnni*



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## About the Pattern

“*In the forest*” sock pattern was originally written in my native language Finnish. This shorter English version of the pattern includes only instructions for the colorwork and the cuff and leg! **YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO KNT SOCKS** to be able to finish these socks or find instructions for basic socks somewhere else!

The socks have twisted ribbing at cuff and ankle. The ankle ribbing starts at the back and widens gradually towards the front. My socks have reinforced French heels and round toes. You can make the heel, foot, and toe the way you like.

The stranded knitting pattern for the forest is worked with one or two colors at a time. The brown tree trunks are made afterwards with crochet hook.

## Size

Only one adult size. The chart for the forest has 72 stitches. If you need a smaller size, you can decrease stitches after the stranded knitting part and knit the rest of the sock in your own size. For a much bigger size try thicker yarn or bigger needles for the forest part.



## Yarns

The pattern is designed for fingering weight yarns (100g = 420m). Most of the yarns used in my pattern are Finnish brands, but you'll probably find suitable colors in your local yarn store or online. I added some ideas after the yarn information I used. For the sky and the background of the forest I used variegated yarns to make the pattern look livelier. If you don't find suitable variegated yarns, you can use sky-blue for the sky and light green for the forest background. You can knit some rows of the forest background with light green and some with brown CC3 to have more shades in the forest - maybe brown for rows 29, 31 and 35-37 - feel free to improvise!)

**Main colour (MC) Forest green**, 100g (or more if you make bigger socks)

- Schachenmayr Regia 4-ply, 01994 dark green. Other yarn ideas:
  - Austermann Step Classic, 1003 dark green
  - Opal 4-ply, color 9933 forest green or 5184 olive green
  - Sandnes Sisu, 8063 dark green

**Contrast color 1 (CC1) Variegated light blue or solid light blue**, around 20g

- Taito Pirkanmaa Roosa nauha, 35 variegated blue. Other yarn ideas:
  - Lang yarns Jawoll Twinn, 501 sky blue
  - Austermann Step, 360 light blue

**Contrast color 2 (CC2) Variegated green-brownish or solid light green**, around 30g

- Taito Pirkanmaa Kirjo-Pirkka, 32 variegated green. Other yarn ideas:
  - Drops Fabel Long Print, 650 Forest
  - Hjertegarn Strompegarn snake, 7715

**Contrast color 3 (CC3) Brown for the tree trunks**, a little (scrap yarn)

- Taito Pirkanmaa Kirjo-Pirkka, 41 light brown. Other yarn ideas:
  - Drops Fabel uni color, 300 brown
  - Regia 4-ply, 2140 brown

**Gauge** 30 sts and 40 rows = 10 cm / 4" in stockinette stitch with bigger needles

## What you need

- Double pointed knitting needles in sizes 2,25 mm / US 1 and 2,5 mm / US 1½ or suitable to obtain gauge 30 sts and 40 rows = 10 cm / 4" in stockinette stitch with bigger needles
- Crochet hook, 2,5-3 mm
- Tapestry needle to weave in the ends

## Abbreviations

MC – main colour

CC – contrast colour







st(s) – stitch(es)

k – knit

k1tbl – knit through the back loop

p – purl

## Chart key

	Knit		MC
	Purl		CC1
			CC2
			CC3

## Instructions

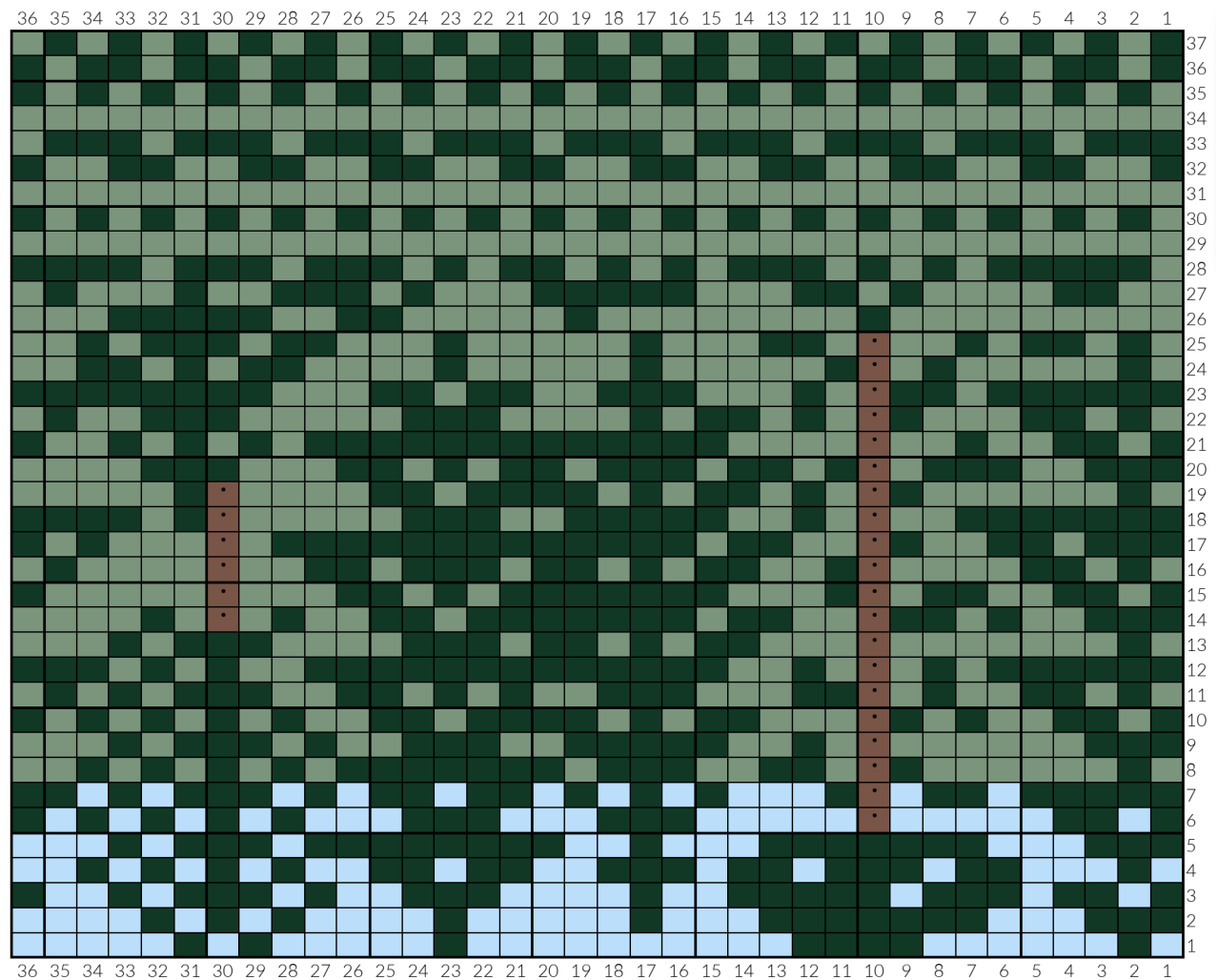
Using CC1 and smaller needles cast on 72 sts. Distribute the stitches evenly onto the needles, 18 sts on each needle. Join to work in the round. The start of the row is in the back of the sock between needles IV and I. Work k1tbl, p1 ribbing for 14 rounds. Knit one round.

Switch to larger needles, join MC and start working the chart rows 1-7. The chart is repeated 2 times on each round. Purl the brown tree trunk sts with CC1.

After finishing row 7 cut CC1 and join CC2. Work the chart rows 8-37.

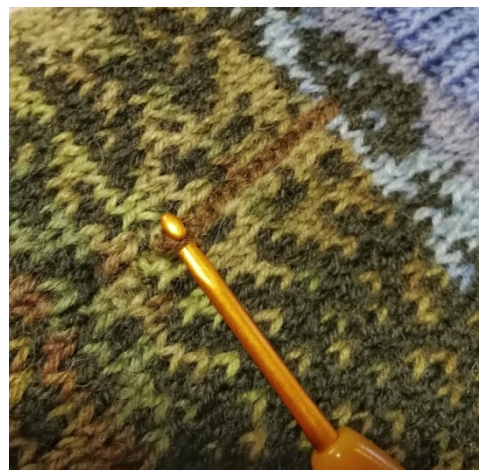


## Chart



After finishing row 37 knit one round with CC2, cut CC2. From now on you need only MC. Knit one round. If you want to make a smaller size, knit another round, and decrease suitable amount of sts evenly on this round.

Now work the tree trunks with CC3. Take the yarn to the wrong side of the colorwork. Take a crochet hook and insert it through first stitch of tree trunk. Grab the brown yarn with the hook and pull it through, forming your first loop or crochet chain. Now crochet a chain on the purled sts. After finishing the tree trunk, cut yarn and pull it to wrong side. Work all tree trunks the same way.



## Ankle

Work 8 sts k1tbl, p1 ribbing. Knit until 8 sts left, work k1tbl, p1 ribbing until end of round.

Work next round the same way. Now you have 16 sts ribbing at the back of the sock.

Work 10 sts k1tbl, p1 ribbing. Knit until 10 sts left, work k1tbl, p1 ribbing until end of round.

Work next round the same way. Now you have 20 sts ribbing at the back.

Continue adding more sts to the ribbing every second round until you have 36 sts ribbing at the back (needles I and IV). Work 12 rounds k1tbl, p1 ribbing. Knit two rounds.

Finish the sock with basic sock instructions and knit the other sock the same way. Enjoy your new socks!

*Wear your beautiful socks and  
congratulate yourself on work well done!*

*Take a walk in a forest,  
listen to its sounds and  
breathe in the fresh air.*

*Back at home,  
sit down and cast on stitches  
to start a new project!*