



# Itty Bitty Berry socks

A colourwork sock pattern by Charlotte Stone, Stone Knits



Inspired by the tiny but flavourful wild strawberries that appear in our garden, the forest, and even up the mountains here in Switzerland in the Summer, these socks are as sweet as the fruits they were inspired by! With their delicate, frilly, picot edge cuff and sweet, wild strawberry colourwork motif, these socks are perfect for wearing while out foraging for tiny berry treats! (or even to just wear to the supermarket to buy the larger variety!). In summery, vibrant colours, Itty Bitty Berry socks pattern is a perfect, summery sock project for you to enjoy and wear throughout the year to help remind you of fun, sunny, outdoor days.

Knit from the top down with a short picot edge and strawberry pip cuff, these socks have a short row heel and a stranded wild strawberry colourwork pattern throughout the leg and foot using 3 colours. The toe is finished by grafting stitches together. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 23cm (9 inch) circulars or DPNs).

## Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 19 - 21 (22.5 – 24.5, 25 – 27) cm / 8 (9 ¼, 10 ½) inches.

Finished circumference: 17.5 (20.5, 23.5) cm / 7 (8 ¼, 9 ½) inches.

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) of negative ease. For your foot circumference, measure around the widest part of your foot. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size.

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 22.5cm (8 ¾ inches).

## **MATERIALS**

### **Yarn - Fingering weight sock yarn**

MC: Soc Una Troca Weekender (75% Merino, 25% Nylon), 212m (232 yds) per 50g

CC1: Schachenmayr Regia Premium Cashmere sock yarn (65% Wool, 25% Polyamid, 10% Cashmere), 400m (437 yds) per 100g

CC2: (Vi)laines Chaussettes (75% Superwash Merino, 25% Nylon), 400m (437yds) per 100g

**Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this sock pattern, as long as you can obtain the same gauge.**

### **Shown in:**

MC: Abrazo Saltarin (pink). Approx 50g (60g, 65g), 210 (252, 273) m / 230 (275, 299) yds

CC1: Lipstick Red. Approx 10g, 40m (44 yds).

CC2: Jumping in Ferns (green). Approx 10g, 40m (44 yds).

### **Needles**

**For stockinette all sizes:** 2.25mm (US 1), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

**For colourwork:** 2.5mm (US 1.5), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars or a 23cm (9inch) circular needle as preferred.

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

### **Gauge**

34 sts x 44 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for stockinette.

34 sts x 38 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for colourwork.

### **Notions**

Stitch marker, Scissors, Tapestry needle for sewing in ends and tape measure.

## **KNITTING COLOURWORK TIPS**

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. Do not twist/catch your floats too often or this will create an inelastic fabric. I recommend leaving 9 sts between twisting/catching floats for colourwork socks. This is a distance of approx. 2.5cm (1") using the gauge for this sock pattern. I recommend you try your sock on often, for fitting, throughout the knitting process. The colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left. 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>.

If you are a total beginner to colourwork socks, I recommend my recent colourwork sock tutorial

series, produced with Domestika. <https://www.domestika.org/en/courses/5209-introduction-to-colorwork-sock-knitting/charlottestone>

### **Short Row Heel**

Short Row Heel video tutorial for this pattern: <https://youtu.be/aT32FY3Syxw>

Any short row heel or after thought sock heel can be substituted for the heel if you wish, as long as you have decreased down to the same number of stitches as shown for your size.

If you find a hole on one or both sides of your short row heel, please find this helpful tutorial from Arne and Carlos on how to close this hole while knitting your socks.

<https://youtu.be/UMWRP26WIOE>

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

BOR = Beginning of the round

CC = Contrast colour(s)

Dec'd = Decreased

Inc'd = Increased

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

MC = Main colour

M1L = Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you have just worked and the one you are about to knit, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch. (When used in the heel section, pick up the bar in the gap between the SSK and the next stitch on the left needle, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch)

M1p = Make 1 purl (used in the heel section). Pick up the bar in the gap between the P2tog and the next st on the left needle, bringing the left needle from the front to the back. Then purl through the back of the loop.

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

pg. = Page

PM = Place marker

Rep(s) = Repeat(s)

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right Side

Sl1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle.

SSK = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip next stitch knitwise, knit slipped stitches together.

St(s) = Stitch(es)

WS = Wrong Side

YO = Yarn Over

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **CUFF**

Leaving a 40cm (15 ½ inch) length of yarn (to sew up the picot edge at the end), cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with MC and 2.25mm needle (US 1). Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. For DPNs, place your sts equally over the 3 (or 4) needles that you are using. PM for BOR. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Rnds 1 – 5: Knit all sts.

Rnd 6: With CC1, knit 1 rnd.

Rnd 7: \*YO, K2tog; repeat from \* to the end of the rnd. Cut CC1

Rnds 8 – 13: With MC, Knit all sts.

When you have finished knitting the sock or have knitted the leg, you will need to fold the cuff in half, so the wrong sides are facing one another. The lace detail from Rnd 7 creates a picot edge. The cast on edge needs to be facing Rnd 13, just above where the colourwork section begins. Whip stitch the cuff into place using the long length of yarn that you left from the cast on.

## LEG

With MC and needle size 2.5mm (US 1.5) or needle size to achieve gauge in colourwork, work following rnd:

Size 1: \*K14, M1L; rep from\* to the end of the rnd. 4 sts inc'd. 60 sts total.

Size 2: K2 \*K10, M1L; rep from \* to 2 sts before the end of rnd, K2. 6 sts inc'd. 70 sts total.

Size 3: \*K9, M1L; rep from \* to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 80 sts total.

Now work Rnds 1-20 of the colourwork chart on pg. 8. Join CC1 and CC2 where shown. The chart repeats 6 (7, 8) times around the sock. Rep Rnds 1–10 once more and then cut CC1 and 2. Continue to the short row heel instructions. (You can make the leg longer if you like but you will need to finish on a Rnd 10 or 20 and remember which Rnd you will need to start on after working the heel. Do note, a longer leg length for your sock will require more yarn).

## SHORT ROW HEEL

Using MC, size 2.25mm (US 1) needle and Needle 1 only, you will now work the heel instructions for your size.

### Size 1 only (30 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 [K12, K2tog] twice, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 2sts 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.

Work 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 centre 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, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

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

Row 24: Sl1, P9, P2tog, M1p, 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, M1p, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): Sl1, [K13, M1L] twice, K1. 2 sts inc'd.

There are now 30 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

**Size 2 only (35 sts on Needle 1):**

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 [K9, K2tog] three times, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 3 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 centre 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, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, M1p, picking up under the P2tog st, turn work.

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

Row 24: Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, 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, M1p, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): Sl1 [K10, M1L] three times, K1. 3 sts inc'd.

There are now 35 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

**Size 3 only (40 sts on Needle 1):**

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K7, K2tog] 4 times, K2, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 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 centre 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, turn work.

Row 24 (WS): Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

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

Row 26: Sl1, P15, P2tog, M1p, 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, M1p, turn work.

Row 45 (RS): K1, [K8, M1L] 4 times, K2. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 40 sts on Needle 1.

### **FOOT (ALL SIZES)**

Join back in the round with MC and change back to needles you were previously using for the colourwork. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

Knit 30 (35, 40) sts on Needle 2 back to the BOR (this will be counted as Rnd 11 on the colourwork chart).

Resume knitting the colourwork chart on pg. 8, using MC, CC1 and CC2, starting with Rnd 12 and ending on Rnd 20. Knit Rnds 1- 20 once more.

Check to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 1¾) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If not, continue to knit Rnds 1 – 20 once more. If possible, try to finish the chart after a Rnd 10 or Rnd 20. If your sock has still not achieved the required length, then you will be able to do so with MC, after the following section.

Knit 1 rnd MC.

Work the following decrease rnd with MC and needle size 2.25mm (US 1):

**Size 1:** \*K13, K2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd. 4 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.

**Size 2:** \*K9, K2tog; rep from \* to 4 sts before end of rnd, k4. 6 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

**Size 3:** \*K8, K2tog; rep from\* to end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

If your sock is still not long enough, knit more rnds with MC until your sock is 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 1¾) inches from your desired finished length.

Continue to the toe instructions.

## TOE

Your stitches should now be placed equally on Needles 1 and 2, remove the BOR st 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 MC 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.

Rnd 1 (decrease rnd):

Needle 1: Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 2: K1, SSK, K until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 1: K1, SSK, K to BOR.

4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

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

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

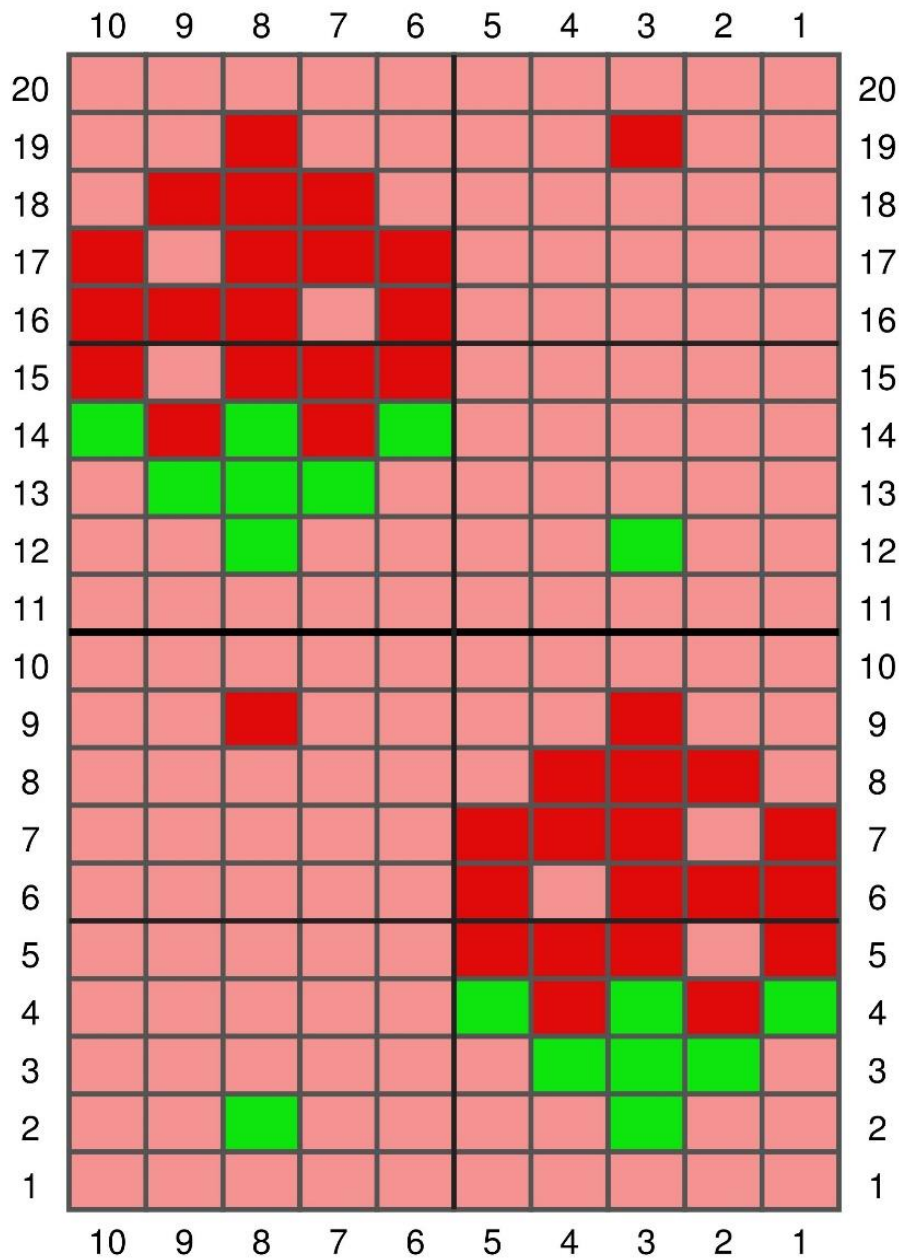
Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, graft the remaining sts together.

## FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy.



### Colourwork Chart:



- MC: Abrazo Saltarin (pink)
- CC1: Lipstick Red
- CC2: Jumping in Ferns (green)

If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the hashtag #ittybittyberrysocks or #stoneknits on social media or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations. This pattern has been professionally tech edited and every size has been test knitted. If you require pattern help, please contact me at [charlottestoneknits@gmail.com](mailto:charlottestoneknits@gmail.com). I try to respond within 24 hours (unless it is a holiday/weekend).