

Jos tahdot niin

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Jos tahdot niin is a sock with a basic construction, where beginning of the round is carefully placed within the stranded colourwork and a special technique is applied in the Latvian braid to make the jog at the BOR less obvious.

The name of the pattern refers to a song titled Jos sä tahdot niin by the Finnish artist Hector.

YARN AND YARDAGE

Colour 1 (C1): Lucky Omen Yarns Merinosukka (75% merino, 25% nylon; 425 m / 100 g), 20-30 grams of pale brown (Swan Song colourway)

Colour 2 (C2): Satuko Design merino sock yarn (85% merino, 15% nylon; 400 m / 100 g), 50-70 grams of gingerbread brown

Any other fingering weight yarns can be used.

GAUGE

36 sts and 44 rows in stockinette with smaller needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

36 sts and 38 rows in stranded colourwork with bigger needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

2.0 mm / US0 and 2.5 mm / US1½ (or suitable to obtain gauge) needles of your choice

The instructions have been written so that the type of needles used is not specified.



OTHER SUPPLIES

3 stitch markers
a tapestry needle

SIZES

There are instructions for sizes extra-small (60 sts), small (64 sts), medium (68 sts), large (72 sts) and extra-large (76 sts), which are referred to in the instructions as XS (S, M, L, XL). If only one stitch count is given, it applies to all sizes. Sizes XS (S, M, L, XL) fit foot circumference of approximately 18 (19, 20, 21.5, 22.5) cm / 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9) inches with some negative ease.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. Note that the BOR is shifted a few times. Use stitch markers to keep track of both BOR and the sides of the foot.

Please note that a special technique called a hiding stitch or HS is used to make BOR jog less obvious both in the Latvian braid and the colour change on the foot. The technique is described in detail at the end of the instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff

With C1 and smaller needles cast on 60 (68, 68, 76, 76) sts. Distribute sts across needles as desired. Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. Place a BOR marker if desired.

Work k1tbl, p1 ribbing for 12 (12, 14, 14, 16) rnds or to desired length.

Leg

Knit 2 rnds.

Switch to larger needles if desired and attach C2. Work the stranded colourwork pattern according to chart A (B, B, C, C).

Knit 2 rnds with C1.

For the **first sock**, work a **right-leaning** Latvian braid as follows:

rnd 1: *K1 with C2, k1 with C1*, repeat * - * to the end of the round.

rnd 2: Work a **knit HS** with C2, pm. Bring and keep both C1 and C2 **to the front**. *Pick up C1 from **under** C2 and p1 with C1. Pick up C2 from **under** C1 and p1 with C2.* Repeat * - * to the marker, rm. *C1 and C2 will overlap and entwine on the RS of the work, and C1 and C2 yarns will become twisted as you work. (Do not untwist them.)*

rnd 3: Keep both C1 and C2 **in front**. Pick up C1 from **under** C2 and work a **purl HS** with C1 pm. *Pick up C2 **over** C1 and p1 with C2. Pick up C1 **over** C2 and p1 with C1.* Repeat * - * to marker, rm. *C1 and C2 twine in the opposite direction on the RS of the work, forming the braid, while the two yarns will untwist again.*

rnd 4: Pick up C2 **over** C1 and work a **purl HS** with C2. Bring both yarns to the back and cut C1. With C2, k18 (k5, k6, k7, k8). **This is the new BOR.** Move the BOR marker here and redistribute sts across the needles as desired.

For the **second sock**, work a **left-leaning** Latvian braid as follows:

rnd 1: *K1 with C2, k1 with C1*, repeat * - * to the end of the round.

rnd 2: Work a **knit HS** with C2, pm. Bring and keep both C1 and C2 **to the front**. *Pick up C1 **over** C2 and p1 with C1. Pick up C2 **over** C1 and p1 with C2.* Repeat * - * to marker, rm. *C1 and C2 will overlap and entwine on the RS of the work, and C1 and C2 yarns will become twisted as you work. (Do not untwist them.)*

rnd 3: Keep both C1 and C2 **in front**. Pick up C1 from **over** C2 and work a **purl HS** with C1, pm. *Pick up C2 **from under** C1 and p1 with C2. Pick up C2 **from under** C1 and p1 with C2.* Repeat * - * to marker, rm. *C1 and C2 twine in the opposite direction on the RS of the work, forming the braid, while the two yarns will untwist again.*

rnd 4: Pick up C2 from **under** C1 and work a **purl HS** with C2. Cut C1 and leave the tail in front. Bring C2 to the back and k18 (k5, k6, k7, k8). **This is the new BOR.** Move the BOR marker here and redistribute sts across the needles as desired.

With a tapestry needle, slip the C1 tail at the end of the left-leaning Latvian braid to WS, mimicking the yarn twist pattern in the braid.

Both socks:

Switch to smaller needles if desired.

Size S only: K8, ssk, k15, k2tog, k15, ssk, k15, k2tog, knit to BOR. (64 sts remain)

Size L only: K9, ssk, k17, k2tog, k17, ssk, k17, k2tog, knit to BOR. (72 sts remain)

All sizes: Knit to desired leg length. In the sample socks shown in size M there are 28 rnds of stockinette stitch.

Heel flap

Heel flap is worked over the **last** 31 (31, 35, 35, 39) sts of the rnd. Redistribute sts as desired, turn work and start on the **WS** as follows:

row 1 (WS): Sl1, p30 (p30, p34, p34, p38), turn.

row 2 (RS): *Sl1, k1*, repeat * - * 15 (15, 17, 17, 19) times in total. Finally, k1 and turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 29 (31, 33, 35, 37) rows total in the heel flap (*or to desired length*) and you have just finished row 1.

Heel turn

Work the heel turn, starting on the **RS** as follows:

row 1 (RS): Sl1, k17 (k17, k19, k19, k21), ssk, k1, turn.

row 2 (WS): Sl1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn.

row 3 (RS): Sl1, knit until 1 st remains before the gap, ssk, k1, turn.

row 4 (WS): Sl1, purl until 1 st remains before the gap, p2tog, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all side stitches have been worked and you have just finished row 4. *[19 (19, 21, 21, 23) sts remain]*

Continue working in the round on the RS. Sl1, k6 (k6, k7, k7, k8). **This is the new BOR.** Move the BOR marker here. *Please note that BOR is not exactly at the centre of the heel turn.*

Gusset

K12 (k12, k13, k13, k14).

Pick up and knit 15 (16, 17, 18, 19) sts (*or one stitch for every two rows of the heel flap*) along the left edge of the heel flap and one extra stitch between the heel flap and needle 1. Place m1 to indicate the start of instep.

K29 (k33, k33, k37, k37), place m2 to indicate the end of the instep.

Along the right edge of the heel flap, pick up and knit the same number of sts as were picked up along the left edge. Finally, knit to BOR.

Work the gusset decreases as follows:

rnd 1: Knit until 3 sts remain before m1, k2tog, k1, sm. Knit to m2, sm. K1, ssk, knit to BOR, sm.

rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 until there are 60 (64, 68, 72, 76) sts in total.

Foot

Work in stockinette stitch until foot measures a minimum of 6 (6.5, 6.5, 6.5, 6.5, 7) cm / 2¼ (2½, 2½, 2½, 2½, 2¾) inches less than the desired final length.

Attach C1 and knit 1 rnd. Remove BOR marker, work a **knit HS** and place BOR marker.

Switch to larger needles if desired and work according to chart D. *Chart D is repeated 15 (16, 17, 18, 19) times in each rnd.*

After finishing chart D cut C2 and remove BOR marker. Switch to smaller needles if desired and continue working with C1 only.

sizes XS, M and XL only: Knit to m2 (*i.e., to the end of instep*). **This is the new BOR.**

sizes S and L only: Knit to m1 (*i.e., to the beginning of instep*). **This is the new BOR.**

Work in stockinette stitch with C1 until foot measures approximately 3.5 (4, 4, 4, 4, 4.5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 1½, 1½, 1½, 1¾) inches less than the desired final length.

Toe

Please note that BOR is now at the end of the instep for sizes XS, M and XL and at the beginning of the instep for sizes S and L. There are 29 (33, 33, 37, 37) sts on the instep and 31 (31, 35, 35, 39) sts on the sole.

Start the toe decreases at BOR (i.e. m2, m1, m2, m1, m2).

rnd 1: K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts before next marker, k2tog, k1, sm, ssk, knit to 2 sts before BOR, k2tog, sm.

rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 until 19 (21, 21, 25, 25) sts remain on the instep and 21 (19, 23, 23, 27) sts remain on the sole. Then repeat rnd 1 only until 9 (11, 11, 15, 15) sts remain in the instep and 11 (9, 13, 13, 17) sts remain in the sole.

Finally, remove BOR marker, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before next marker and ssk. Cut C1 and graft the toe.

Finishing

Soak the socks in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the socks in a towel. Let dry flat or on sock blockers. Weave in the ends.

Technical tips

knit HS: With right hand needle, pick up the right leg of the stitch one row below the next stitch from back to front. Slip the picked-up stitch to left hand needle and knit the two sts together. *(I.e., the next stitch and the stitch below it are knit together as one stitch.)*

purl HS: Slip next stitch to right hand needle as if to purl. With left hand needle pick up the purl bump below the slipped stitch from front to back. Return the slipped stitch back to left hand needle and purl the two sts together. *(I.e., the next stitch and the stitch below it are purled together as one stitch.)*

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR - beginning of round

C1 (2) - colour 1 (2)

HS - hiding stitch *(see description of the stitch in the technical tips section)*

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 sts together

m1 (2) - stitch marker 1 (2)

p - purl

p2tog - purl 2 sts together

pm - place marker

rm - remove marker

rnd(s) - round(s)

RS - right side

sl - slip

sm - slip marker

ssk - slip, slip, knit

st(s) - stitches

WS - wrong side



Chart A (size XS)

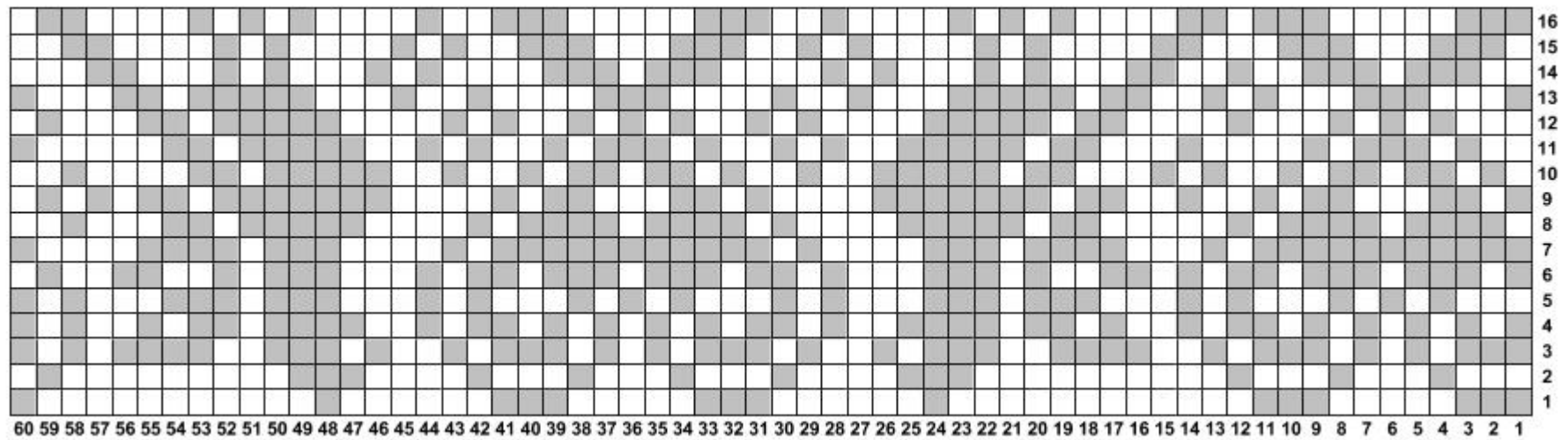


Chart B (sizes S and M)

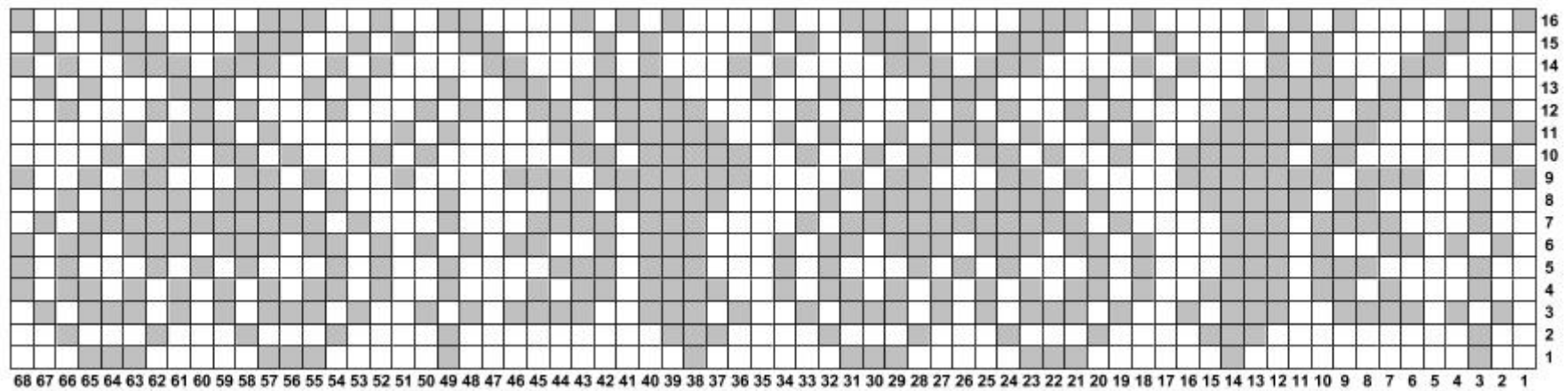


Chart C (sizes L and XL)

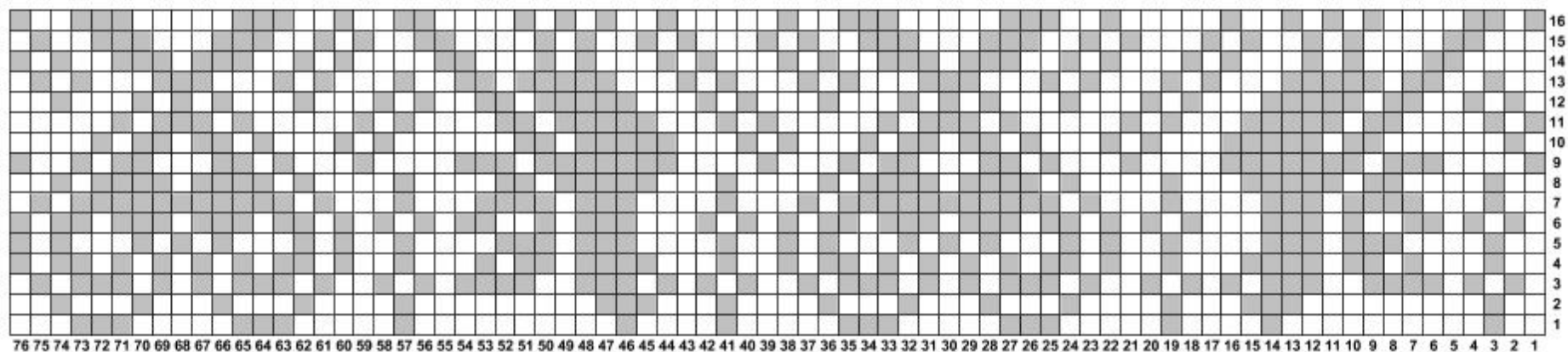


Chart D (all sizes)

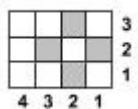


Chart key

