

Just Peachy Pumpkin socks

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The Just Peachy Pumpkin pattern has two options for two different pairs of fun colourwork socks for you to knit and wear. Initially inspired by juicy peaches on warm sunny days, the cute round orange coloured motifs on these socks are addictive and simple to knit. After knitting my first pair, I realized these socks could easily be adapted to look like pumpkin socks too and so two charts are included in this sock pattern. A peach version and a pumpkin Jack o lantern version too. Both versions will look great on your or your loved ones feet, even on cooler, less peachy days! Or for celebrating all things pumpkin in Autumn too.

These socks are knit from the cuff down with a 2 x 2 ribbed cuff, have a `no wrap` short row heel and have a stranded colourwork pattern throughout the leg and foot. The toe is finished with Kitchener stitch. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 9-inch circulars or dpns).

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Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 20.5–22.5 (23–25.5, 26–27.5) cm / 8½ (9½, 10½) inches

Finished circumference: 18–20 (20.5–23, 23.5–25) cm / 7½ (8½, 9½) inches

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) 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 23cm (8¾ inches).

MATERIALS

Yarn

Lilac peach version

Fingering weight, Lang Jawoll sock yarn. 75% wool and 25% nylon. 202m (221yds) per 50g skein.

Shown in: (the names for these colours can be different depending on your country. It is the colour number that is always the same).

MC: Powder (219) - 215m (225 yds) 55g.

CC1: Peach (228) – 110m (120 yds) 25g.

CC2: Grass Green (198) – 21m (23 yds) 10g.

Black pumpkin version

A Homespun house soft sock 75% SW Merino and 25% Nylon. 370 m (407 yds) per 100g.

Malabrigo Sock. 100% Merino. 402m (440 yds) per 100g.

Shown in:

MC: Ash (A Homespun house) - 203m (222 yds) 55g.

CC1: Terracotta (Malabrigo) - 100.5m (109 yds) 25g.

CC2: Lettuce (Malabrigo) - 40m (40 yds) 10g.

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

Needles

For ribbing and stockinette: 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 (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

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

Notions

Stitch marker

Scissors

Tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

GAUGE

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

36 sts x 44 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for ribbing and stockinette.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

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 your floats too often or this will create an inelastic fabric. I recommend leaving 7sts between twisting floats for colourwork socks. The colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left. There is no need to cut the yarn of CC1 in between the peaches but I recommend cutting CC2 (green) to avoid getting in a tangle. 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>.

(Any short row heel or after thought sock heel can be substituted for the heel if you wish).

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR = Beginning of the round

CC = Contrast colour(s)

Inc'd = increased

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop

MC = Main colour

M1L(p) = Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you have just worked and the one you are about to knit (purl), bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch.

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

pg. = page

PM = Place marker

Rpt(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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOTH PEACH AND PUMPKIN VERSIONS

CUFF

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with MC with 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 half of your sts on one needle and divide the other half over 2 needles. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing Rnd: *K2, P2; rep from * to end of rnd.

Work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 11 rnds (approximately 2.5cm or 1 inch).

LEG

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

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

Size 2: *K8, M1L; rep from * to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: *K6, M1L, rep from * to the end of rnd. 12 sts inc'd. 84 sts total.

Now work Rnds 1-30 of either the Peachy colourwork chart (on pg. 8) OR the Pumpkin colourwork chart on pg. 9. Join CC1 and CC2 where shown. The chart repeats 5 (6, 7) times around the sock. Rpt Rnds 1–15 and then continue to the short row heel instructions.

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). 2 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.

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 st, picking up under the SSK st, (do not twist the st), turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1Lp st, picking up under the P2tog st (do not twist 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, [K13, M1L] twice, K1. 2 sts inc'd.

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There are now 30 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 2 only (36 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 [K6, K2tog] four times, K2, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 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 st, 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 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): [K8, M1L] four times. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 36 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

Size 3 only (42 sts on Needle 1):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K5, K2tog] five times, K3, K2tog, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 6 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.

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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 st, 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 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, [K5, M1L] six times, K5. 6 sts inc'd.

There are now 42 sts on Needle 1.

FOOT (ALL SIZES)

Join back in the round with MC and using the 2.5mm (US 1.5) needles. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

Knit 30 (36, 42) sts on Needle 2 back to the BOR (this will be counted as Rnd 16 on the colourwork chart).

Rejoin CC2 (and eventually CC1 if you previously cut it) and resume knitting colourwork chart, starting with Rnd 17 and ending on Rnd 30. Knit Rnds 1-30 once more. After Rnd 24 however, do check to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 4.5 cm / 1 ¼ (1 ½, 1 ¾) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. You may need to finish the chart a few rnds before the end. Cut CC2.

Knit 1 rnd MC

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: *K7, K2tog; rep from * to end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

Size 3: *K5, K2tog; rep from* to end of rnd. 12 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, 4.5cm / 1 ¼ (1 ½, 1 ¾) inches from your desired finished length.

Cut MC.

Continue to the toe instructions.

TOE

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 CC1 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.

Set-up rnd: K1 more rnd with CC1 to the BOR st marker.

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.

Rep Rnds 1–2 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).

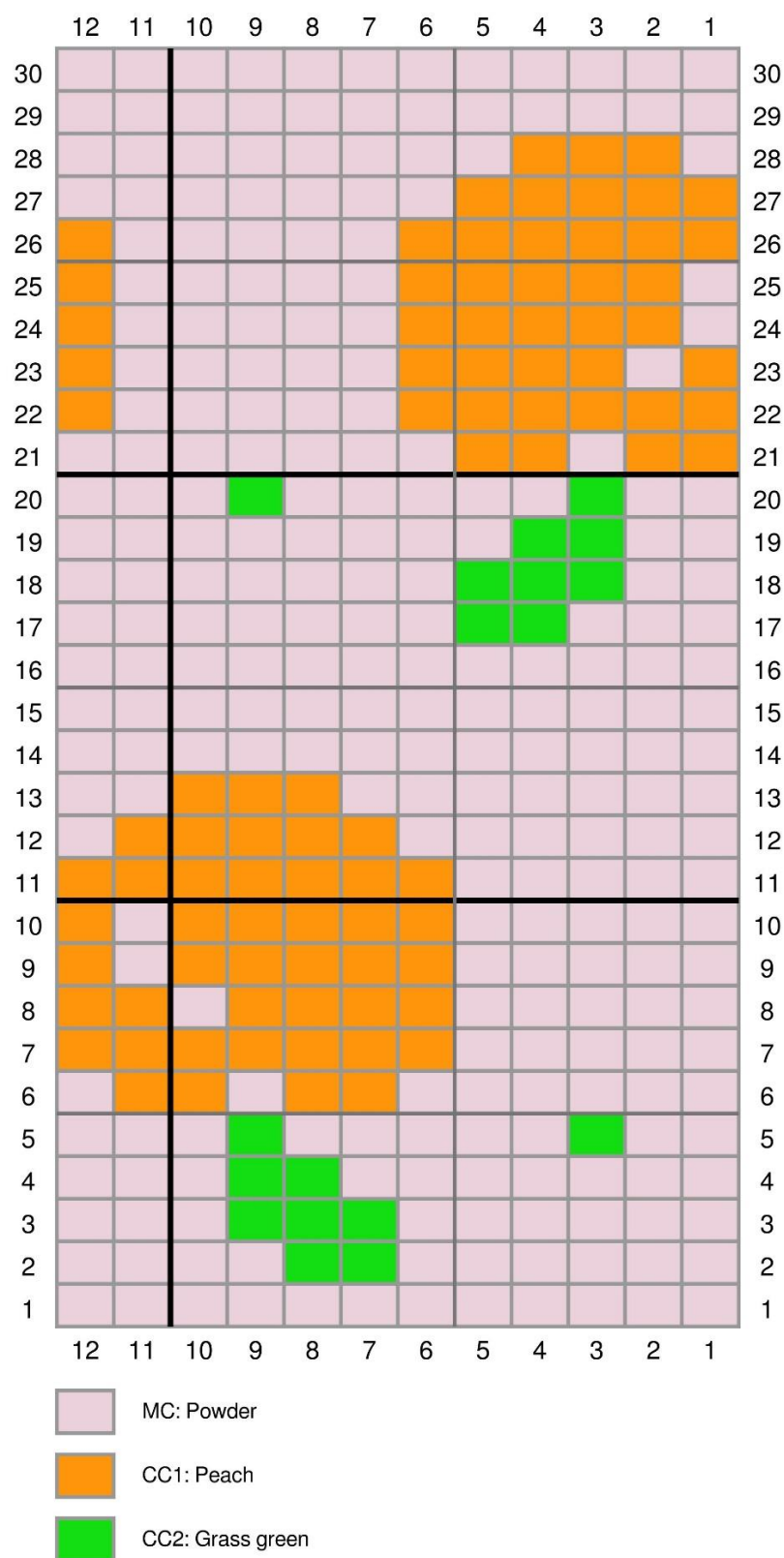
Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, join remaining sts using the Kitchener Stitch.

FINISHING

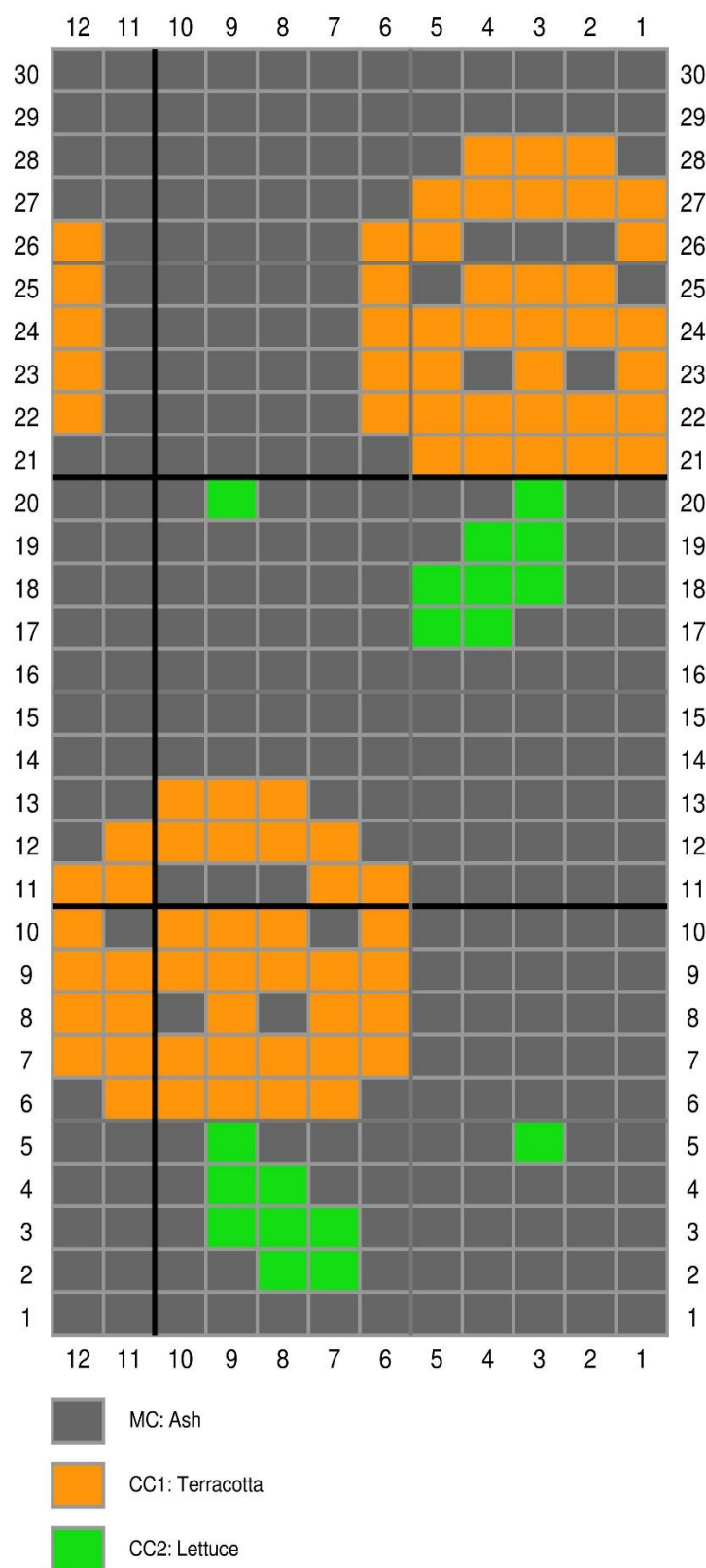
Weave in all ends. Soak and block. Repeat instructions for second sock.



Colourwork Chart – Peachy version :



Colourwork Chart – Pumpkin version :



(If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the hashtag justpeachysocks or stoneknits on Instagram or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations).