

Kyrönniemi

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The Kyrönniemi sock design was greatly inspired by Rose Hiver's Fireweeds Socks and Heather Desserud's Lotus Mittens. Kyrönniemi is an old vicarage in Vieremä, Finland. Today it serves as a tourist attraction.

This is a revised version of the original pattern first published in 2014. Kyrönniemi was my very first stranded colourwork sock design.

YARN AND YARDAGE

Main colour (MC): Fru Valborg Merino Sock (75 % merino, 25 % nylon; 425 m / 100 g), 50-60 grams of dark blue (Night's Watch colourway)

Contrast colour (CC): Skeinfinity Ohkanen sukkaneen (75 % wool, 25 % nylon; 400 m / 100 g), 30-40 grams of light blue (Suru colourway)

Any fingering weight yarns can be used.

GAUGE

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

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



Sample socks shown in size L.

NEEDLES

2.0 mm / US1 and 2.5 mm / US1.5 (or suitable to obtain gauge) circular needles, at least 80 cm / 32 inches long.

Socks can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.

SIZE

There are instructions for sizes medium (68 sts) and large (72 sts), which are referred to in the instructions as M (L). If only one stitch count is given, it applies to both sizes. With the given gauge, size M (L) fits foot circumference of approximately 20 (21) cm / 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ (8 $\frac{1}{4}$) inches with some negative ease.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. The front of the leg and instep are worked on needle 1. The back of the leg, heel and sole are worked on needle 2. The BOR is at the beginning of needle 1.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff and leg

With MC and smaller needles, cast on 68 (72) sts. Distribute sts evenly onto needle 1 and needle 2. *There are now 34 (36) sts on each needle.* Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

Work *ktbl, p1* ribbing for 14 (16) rounds or to desired ribbing length.

Switch to larger needles if desired and knit one round with MC, one round with CC and one round with MC. Then, work sts on each needle according to chart A1 (A2). Repeat chart rows 1-16 three times or to desired leg length. ***Please note that you can proceed to the heel after any row of A1 (A2).***



Heel

Slip the first stitch of needle 2 onto needle 1. *There are now 35 (37) sts on needle 1 and 33 (35) sts on needle 2.*

Switch to smaller needles if desired and work the heel flap back and forth on needle 2, starting on WS as follows:

row 1 (WS): Sl1, p32 (p34), turn.

row 2 (RS): Sl1, *k1, sl1*, repeat * - * until 2 sts remain, k2, turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 32 (34) rows in the heel flap or to desired heel flap length, finishing with row 2.

Work the round heel turn as follows:

row 1 (WS): Sl1, p18 (p19), p2tog, p1, turn.

row 2 (RS): Sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn.

row 3 (WS): Sl1, purl until 1 st remains before the gap, p2tog, p1, turn.

row 4 (RS): Sl1, knit until 1 st remains before the gap, ssk, k1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all side sts have been worked and you have just finished row 4. **Do not turn** but continue working in the round on the RS. ***Please note that in size M there are no stitches to knit/purl after the decreases in the last two rows. There are now 19 (21) sts in the heel turn.***

Gusset and foot

Along the left edge of the heel flap, pick up one stitch per two rows of the heel flap and one stitch between the heel flap and needle 1. Knit the picked-up stitches with MC onto needle 2.

Work the sts on needle 1 (*i.e., the instep*) as follows: work the appropriate row of chart A1 (A2) and then, k1 with CC.

Along the right edge of the heel flap, pick up the same number of sts as were picked up along the left edge. Place the picked-up sts onto needle 2.

Place m1 to the right and m2 to the left of the 33 (35) centermost sts on needle 2. Then, count the number of gusset sts (*i.e., the number of sts before m1, which should be the same as the number of sts after m2*).

If you have an **even** number of gusset sts, work the **set-up rnd** as follows: *K1 with MC, k1 with CC*, repeat * - * to m1, sm. Work chart B1 (B2), row 1 to m2, sm. *K1 with CC, k1 with MC*, repeat * - * to the end of needle 2.

If you have an **odd** number of gusset sts, work the **set-up rnd** as follows: K1 with MC, *k1 with MC, k1 with CC*, repeat * - * to m1, sm. Work chart B1 (B2), row 1 to m2, sm. *K1 with CC, k1 with MC*, repeat * - * until 1 st remains on needle 2 and finally, k1 with MC.

Continue working the sts on needle 1 as described previously and work the gusset decreases on needle 2 as follows:

rnd 1: Ssk with MC and then knit MC sts with MC and CC sts with CC to m1, sm. Work the next row of chart B1 (B2) to m2, sm. Knit the MC sts with MC and CC sts with CC until 2 sts remain, k2tog with MC.

rnd 2: Knit MC sts with MC and CC sts with CC to m1, sm. Work the next row of chart B1 (B2) to m2, sm. Knit MC sts with MC and CC sts with CC to the end of the rnd.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 on needle 2 until 1 st remains before m1 and after m2, and you have just finished rnd 2. Remove m1 and m2. *There are now 35 (37) sts on each needle.*

Work the last decrease rnd on needle 2 as follows: ssk with MC, work sts 2-32 (2-34) of chart B1 (B2) for appropriate row and finally, k2tog with MC. *There are now 35 (37) sts on needle 1 and 33 (35) sts on needle 2.*

Continue in the established stranded colourwork pattern on needle 1 and work the sts on needle 2 according to chart B1 (B2) until foot measures approximately 5.5 cm / 2½ inches less than the desired final length.

Switch to smaller needles if desired and knit one round with MC and one round with CC. Cut CC.

Knit all sts with MC until foot measures approximately 4 cm / 1½ inches less than the desired final length.



Toe

Work the toe decreases as follows:

rnd 1: On needle 1, *k1, ssk, knit until 3 sts remain, k2tog, k1*. Repeat * - * on needle 2.

rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 until 22 (24) sts remain on each needle and you have just finished rnd 2. Then, repeat only rnd 1 until 10 (12) sts remain on each needle. Cut the yarn and graft the toe.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR – beginning of round

CC – contrast colour

dplns – double pointed needles

k – knit

ktbl – knit through the back loop

k2tog -knit 2 sts together

MC – main colour

m1 (2) – stitch marker 1 (2)

p – purl

p2tog – purl 2 sts together

rnd(s) – round(s)

ssk – slip, slip, knit

st(s) – stitch(es)

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 ends.

Chart A1 (leg / instep, size M)

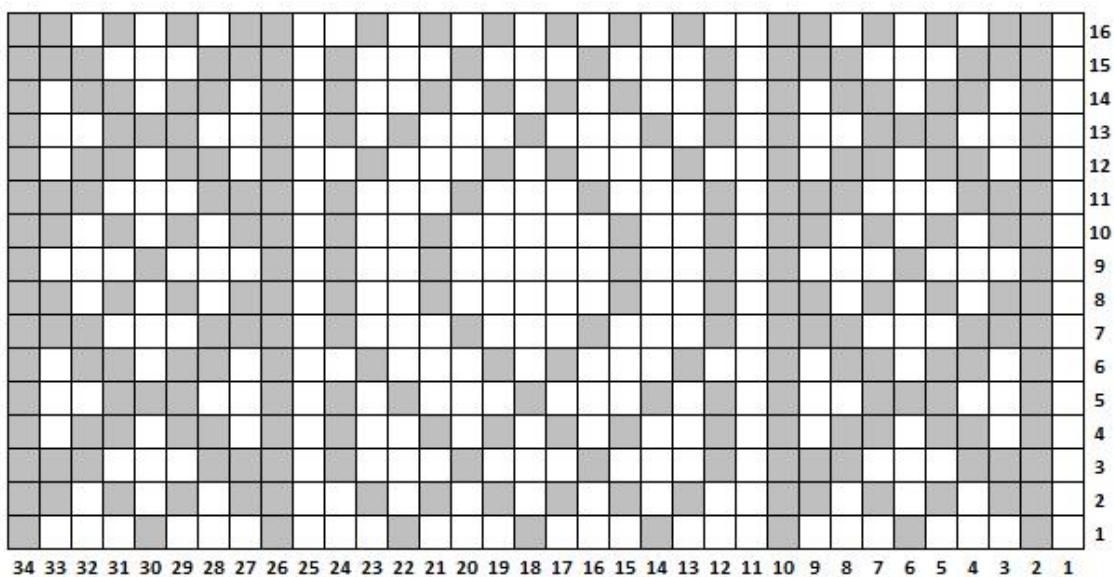


Chart B1 (sole, size M)

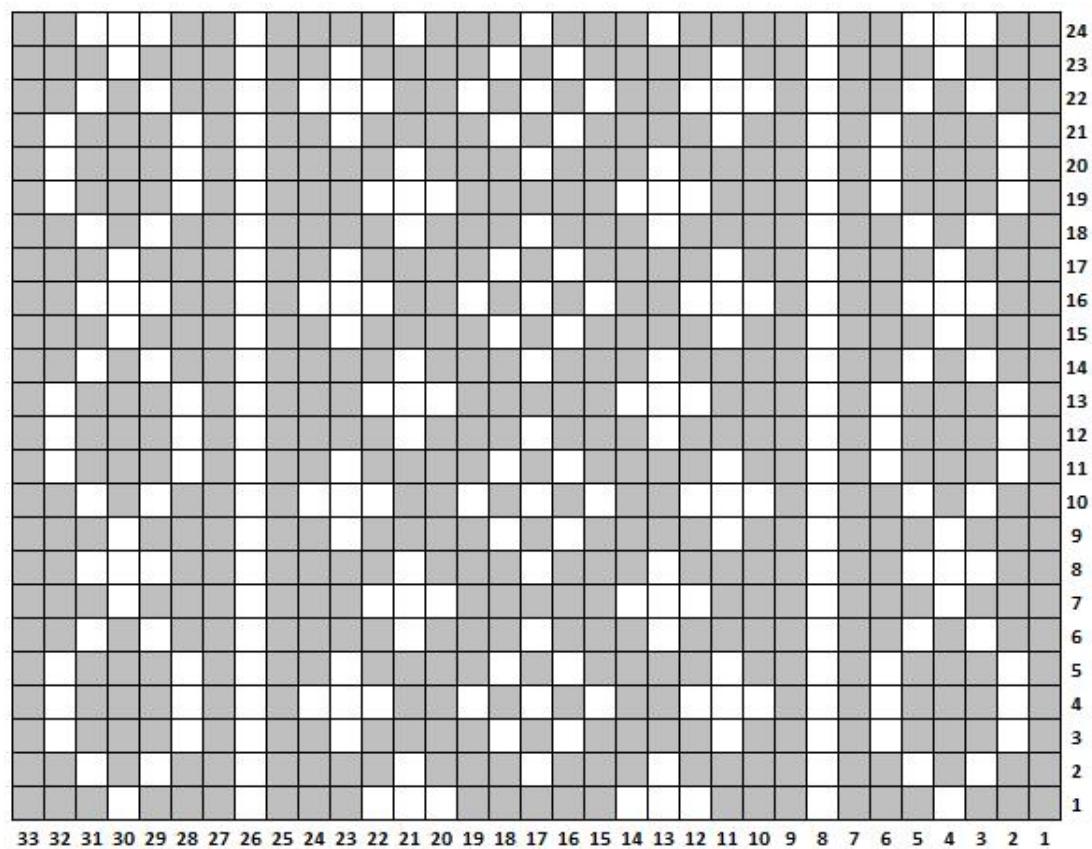


Chart key

	MC
	CC

Chart A2 (leg / instep, size L)

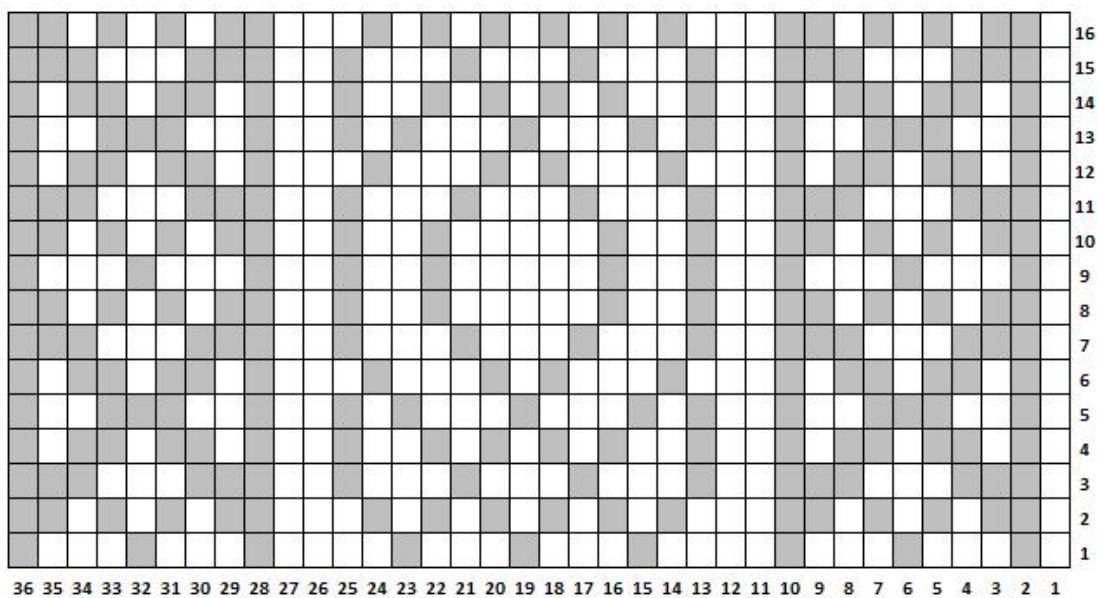


Chart B2 (sole, size L)

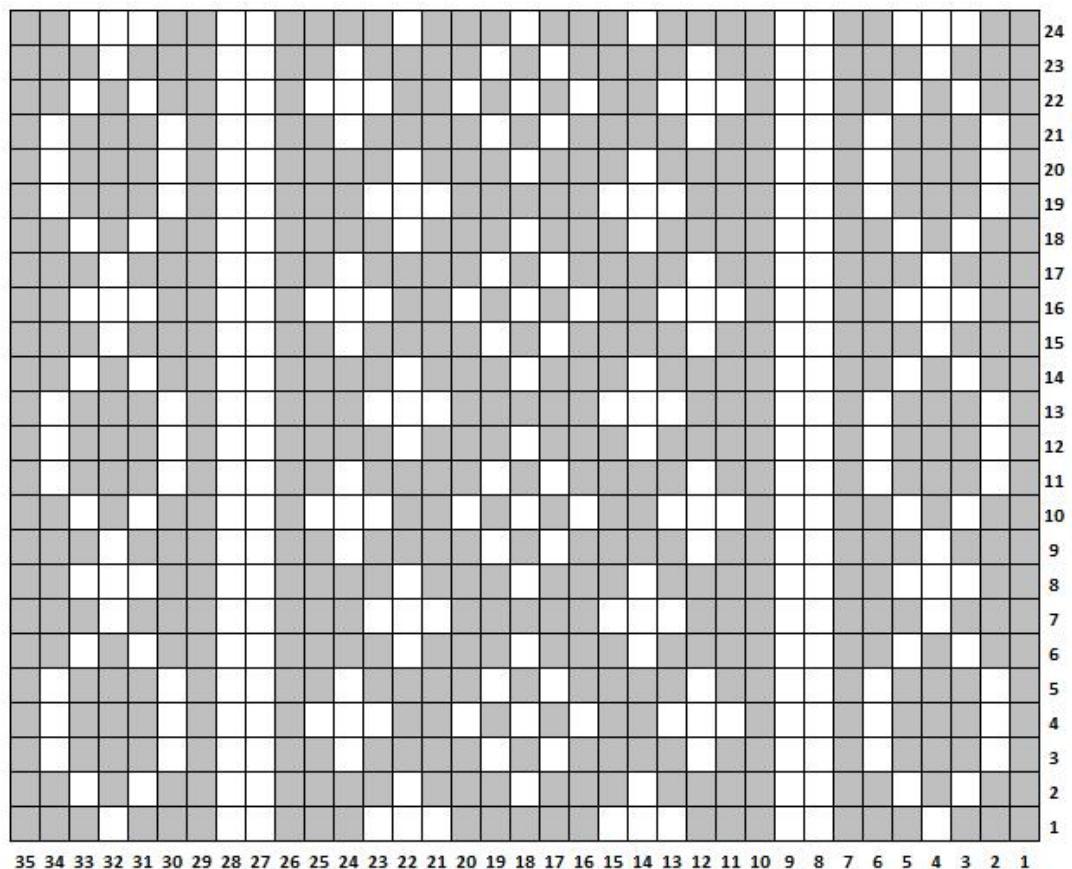


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