



Leominster Socks

Tessellated Fair Isle motifs inspired by a Priory floor make these unusual socks



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Susan lives in Scotland with her husband and tries to fit in a day job around her knitting and other crafting. You can find more of her

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“What better than a pair of hand-knitted socks to show off this colourwork pattern inspired by the tiled floor of an English priory.”

DIFFICULTY INTERMEDIATE

SKILLS USED

- Decreasing
- Colourwork (stranded)
- Knitting in the round
- Working from a chart
- Kitchener stitch

FINISHED

MEASUREMENTS

- S (M; L)
- Foot circumference: 16.5(20.5: 24)cm or 6½ (8: 9½)in
- Foot length: 21.5 (25.5: 29)cm or 8½ (10: 11½)in (customisable)

YARN USED

Knit Picks, Palette

- 100% wool
- 50g/211m/236yd
- WPI: 14
- B: Bittersweet Heather, C850 1 (1: 1.5) balls
- O: Marsala, 0185 1 (1: 1.5) balls

TENSION

- Work 34 sts and 30 rows in stranded colourwork in the round to measure 10x10cm or

4x4in using 3.25mm (US 3) needles, or size required to obtain correct tension.

- Work 34 sts and 40 rows in stocking stitch in the round to measure 10x10cm or 4x4in using 2.75mm (US 2) needles, or size required to obtain correct tension.

NOTIONS

- 2.75mm needles (US 2) long circular, DPNs, or whichever is preferred for working a small circumference in the round
- 3.25mm needles (US 3) long circular, DPNs, or whichever is preferred for working a small circumference in the round
- One spare 3.25mm (US 3) DPN
- Tapestry needle
- Two stitch markers
- Scrap yarn of same weight

YARN REVIEW

Susan says

“The loft and grip of this yarn mean it is perfect for this type of colourwork. There is also a huge range of colours to choose from.”

YARN ALTERNATIVES

- ◆ **Save**
Jamieson & Smith, 2ply Jumper Weight
- ◆ **Spend**
Rowan, Pure Wool 4ply
- ◆ **Spoil Yourself**
Malabrigo, Sock

PATTERN NOTES

Charts are worked in stocking stitch, using colours as designated.

To get the best possible fit for your socks, work the afterthought heel before finishing the foot. You can then try the sock on as you go and adjust the foot length as needed. Please note that total lengths to work to for foot in the pattern instructions do not include heel.

To prevent the floats of unused yarn becoming too tight, catch them under your working yarn every 3 or 4 stitches.

CUFF

With B and smaller needles cast on 56 (68: 80) sts and join to work in the rnd. Pm for beg of rnd (centre-back of leg).

Rib rnd: (K1, p1) to end.

Repeat this rnd until cuff measures 4 (4.5: 5)cm or 1½ (1¾: 2)in.

LEG

Change to larger needles and work Rnds 1-5 of Divider chart once, working 12-st repeat 4 (5: 6) times across rnd.

Work Rnds 1-12 of Main Chart once, then rep Rnds 5-12 until sock meas 15 (18: 20.5)cm or 6 (7: 8)in from cast on, working 12-st repeat 4 (5: 6) times across rnd.

Heel set-up

Work 42 (51: 60) sts in next rnd of Main Chart. Using a separate DPN and scrap yarn, k28 (34: 40) sts. Using



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main yarn, work chart patt across sts just worked with scrap yarn, noting the beg of next rnd will be in middle of these sts. Patt to end of rnd.

Foot

Cont in Main Chart Patt until foot meas 7.5 (8.5: 9)cm or 3 (3¼: 3½)in from scrap yarn for Heel Set-up, or 14 (17: 20)cm or 5½ (6½: 7¾)in shorter than desired length (please note that these measurements are given before working the afterthought heel), ending on Rnd 12 of Main Chart.

Work Rnds 13-15 of Main chart once, working 12-st repeat 4 (5: 6) times across rnd.

Work Rnd 5 of Divider chart once, followed by Rnd 4, Rnd 3, Rnd 2, then finally Rnd 1, working 12-st repeat 4 (5: 6) times across rnd.

Toe

Rnd 1: Rm. With O and smaller needles, k14 (17: 20) and pm to mark new beg of rnd. K28 (34: 40), pm, knit to new end of rnd.

****Rnd 2:** *K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts bm, k2tog, k1; rep from * once more.

Rnd 3: Knit.

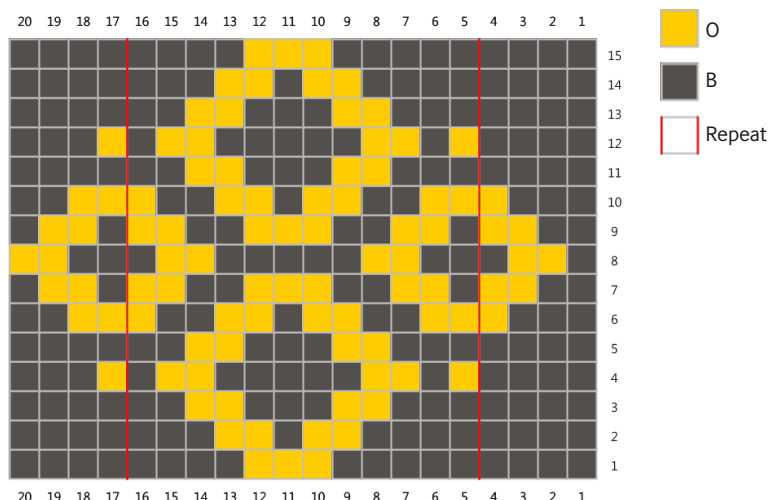
Repeat last 2 rnds 10 (13: 16) times more.
12 sts rem

Graft rem sts together using Kitchener Stitch.***

Afterthought heel

Carefully remove scrap yarn and place loops of live stitches on to needles. You should have 56 (68: 80) sts. Arrange sts on needles, placing

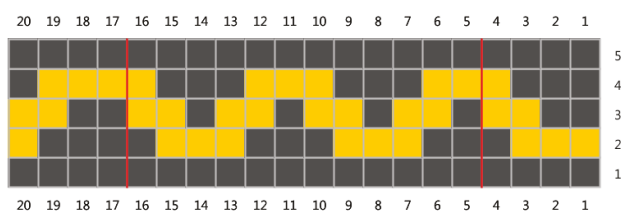
MAIN CHART



KEY



DIVIDER CHART



markers to mark the beginning and centre of the round.

Using smaller needles and O, work as for Toe from ** to ***.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and block to measurements.

Cast
OFF