



Popinjay Socks

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This sock pattern is perfect for beginner knitters who want to try their hand at colorwork knitting. The stranded pattern is easy to knit, with only two colors in one round and no more than 3 stitches of one color at a time.

These socks are knitted from the top down. They feature a stranded pattern around the leg and on top of the foot, while the bottom of the foot has a simple striped pattern. The heel and toe are knitted using CC2 yarn only. The pattern is written for the three-colored version, but I have also provided two-colored charts if you prefer to make two-colored socks.

The pattern includes sizes for the entire family, from little ones to adults. You can customize the foot length and cuff height to suit individual preferences.

*The pattern is written for the smallest size, with numbers for larger sizes in brackets: baby (toddler, child1, child2) **(adult: XS, S, M)** (L1, L2, XL, 2XL, 3XL). Please highlight the size you are working on. The charts can be found at the end.*

I hope you enjoy knitting the 'Popinjay Socks' pattern and have fun experimenting with colors.

Sizes:

baby (toddler, child1, child2) **(adult: XS, S, M1, M2)** (L1, L2, XL, 2XL, 3XL).

Finish measurements (unstretched):

Foot circumference:

12.5 (13.5, 15, 16.5) **(17.5, 18.5, 20, 21.5)** (22.5, 23.5, 25, 26.5, 27.5) cm /
5 (5.5, 6, 6.5) **(7, 7.5, 7.75, 8.25)** (8.75, 9.25, 9.75, 10.25, 10.75)"

Foot length:

12 (14, 17, 18) **(21, 23, 24, 25)** (26, 27, 29, 30, 31) cm /
4.75 (5.5, 6.75, 7) **(8.25, 9, 9.5, 9.75)** (10.25, 10.75, 11.5, 11.75, 12.25)"

The length of the foot can be easily adjusted.

Leg height (from the top of the heel to the top of the cuff):

7.5 (10, 12, 12) **(13.5, 15, 15, 15)** (17, 17, 18.5, 18.5, 18.5) cm /
2.5 (4, 4.5, 4.5) **(5.25, 5.75, 5.75, 5.75)** (6.75, 6.75, 7.25, 7.25, 7.25)"

When choosing the size of your socks, choose a size that has a foot circumference about 1 cm / 0.5" smaller than your foot circumference (measured in the middle of the foot).

Yarn

Use any Sock yarn that knits to the gauge in the following amounts:

Three-colored socks:

Main Color (MC):

about 70 (85, 100, 110) **(135, 150, 165, 180)** (200, 220, 250, 280, 310) m
/ 77 (93, 109, 120) **(148, 164, 180, 197)** (219, 241, 273, 306, 339) yds

Contrast Color 1 (CC1):

about 30 (35, 40, 45) **(55, 60, 70, 75)** (80, 90, 100, 115, 125) m
/ 31 (37, 44, 48) **(59, 66, 72, 79)** (87, 96, 109, 122, 136) yds

Contrast Color 2 (CC2):

about 50 (60, 70, 75) **(90, 100, 110, 120)** (135, 150, 165, 185, 205) m
/ 51 (61, 72, 79) **(97, 108, 119, 130)** (144, 159, 180, 202, 224) yds

Two-colored socks:

Main Color (MC):

about 70 (85, 100, 110) **(135, 150, 165, 180)** (200, 220, 250, 280, 310) m
/ 77 (93, 109, 120) **(148, 164, 180, 197)** (219, 241, 273, 306, 339) yds

Contrast Color (CC):

about 80 (95, 110, 120) **(145, 160, 180, 195)** (215, 240, 265, 300, 330) m
/ 82 (99, 116, 128) **(156, 174, 191, 209)** (232, 255, 290, 325, 359) yds

The sample on the cover shown in Willow 4ply 7oczek in colorways:

- **MC:** Water World
- **CC1:** Costa Cabana (right sock) / Lime (left sock)
- **CC2:** Lime (right socks) / Costa Cabana (left sock)

Needles

Use the type of needles you prefer for socks: Double Pointed Needles or circular needles for magic loop.

- 2.5 mm / US #1 ½ for rib, the heel and the toe
- 3 mm / US #2 ½ or appropriate size to get gauge for the stranded pattern.

Gauge

32 sts and 34 rnds in 10 cm / 4" on 3 mm / US #2 ½ needles, in stranded colorwork, in the round, after blocking.

If your gauge is different, please adjust your needles.

Other

2 stitch markers, stitch holder, tapestry needle for weaving.

Abbreviations

rnd, rnds – round, rounds

st, sts – stitch, stitches

sl1p – slip 1 st purlwise

k – knit

p – purl

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together

p2tog – purl 2 stitches together

ssk – slip, slip, knit: slip two stitches knitwise, and knit them together through the back loop

MC – main color

CC1 – contrast color 1

CC2 – contrast color 2

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

BOR – beginning of round

PM – place marker

SM – slip marker

****** - repeat as noted between asterisks

Difficulty

Intermediate: cast on, knit, purl, stranded colorwork, knitting in the round, working in the row, k2tog, p2tog, ssk, sl1p, picking up stitches, reading charts.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff

Using **smaller size needles**, 2.5 mm / US #1 ½ with **MC** cast on 40 (44, 48, 52) **(56, 60 64, 68)** (72, 76, 80, 84, 88) sts

with German twisted cast on method and join in the round.

Make sure not to twist the stitches. Place marker for BOR.

Work in 1x1 rib (k1, p1) for 10 (10, 10, 10) **(12, 12, 12, 12)** (12, 12, 12, 12, 12) rnds (approx. 2.5 (2.5, 2.5, 2.5) **(3, 3, 3, 3)** (3, 3, 3, 3, 3) cm / 1 (1, 1, 1) **(1.25, 1.25, 1.25, 1.25)** (1.25, 1.25, 1.25, 1.25, 1.25)“

Next rnd: knit all sts.

Leg

Hold the yarns in CC1 and CC2 below the yarn in MC (CC1 and CC2 to the left and MC to the right) for optimal color dominance. In this arrangement, CC1 and CC2 will be the dominant color in stranded pattern.

*The first 21 (23, 25, 27) **(29, 31, 33, 35)** (37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts will be the front of the leg, the next 19 (21, 23, 25) **(27, 29, 31, 33)** (35, 37, 39, 41, 43) sts will be the back of the leg. If you are working with the magic loop method, you can separate them between needle 1 and needle 2.*

Switch to larger needles, **3 mm / US #2 ½**.

Add the **CC1** and **CC2** yarn and start working in the stranded pattern according to:

- the **Chart A** for sizes baby (- , child1, -) (**XS**, - **M1**, -) (**L1**, - , **XL**, - , **3XL**) and
- the **Chart B** for sizes - (toddler, - , chwild2) (- , **S**, - , **M2**) (- , **L2**, - , **2XL**, -)

Knit the 4-stitch repeat 10 (11, 12, 13) (**14, 15, 16, 17**) (18, 19, 20, 21, 22) times.

Knit 16 (26, 30, 30) (36, 40, 40, 40) (48, 48, 52, 52, 52) rnds in stranded pattern. After working the Chart A/B one time vertically, start again from rnd 1.

If you want, you can modify the leg length and knit more or less numbers of rnds.

On rounds where a color is not used (CC1 or CC2) do not cut the yarn. Leave it on the wrong side of the sock at the beginning of the round.

Heel

Work the heel with **smaller size needles, 2.5 mm / US #1 ½**.

Place the first 21 (23, 25, 27) (**29, 31, 33, 35**) (37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts on a stitch holder. Remove the marker.

19 (21, 23, 25) (**27, 29, 31, 33**) (35, 37, 39, 41, 43) sts remain on the needles for the heel.

The heel will be **worked back and forth in rows**, making the heel flap.

Work with the CC2 yarn but do not cut the MC and the CC1 yarns.



1. Heel flap



2. Heel turn



3. Picking up stitches on the left side of the heel flap



4. Knitting the stranded pattern on the instep sts



5. Picking up stitches on the right side of the heel flap



6. Stitches picked up on both sides of the heel flap

Heel Flap

Start working on the heel flap on the wrong side. Work with the CC2 yarn but do not cut the MC and the CC1 yarns.

Set-up row (WS): purl to the end of heel sts, turn the work around.

Row 1 (RS): *sl1p with yarn in back, k1* repeat until 1 st remains, k1, turn the work around.

Row 2 (WS): sl1p with yarn in front, purl to end of the heel, turn the work around.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 a total of 9 (10, 11, 12) **(13, 14, 15, 16)** (17, 18, 19, 20, 21) times.

There is a total of 19 (21, 23, 25) **(27, 29, 31, 33)** (35, 37, 39, 41, 43) rows for the heel flap.

Make sure you finish with row 2 (WS). Turn the work around.

Heel turn

Start working on the heel turn on the right side. You will be working short rows to shape the heel.

Row 1 (RS): knit until 7 (7, 8, 9) **(9, 9, 10, 10)** (10, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts remain on the left needle, ssk, turn the work around.

Row 2 (WS): sl1p with yarn in front, purl until 7 (7, 8, 9) **(9, 9, 10, 10)** (10, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts remain on the left needle, p2tog, turn the work around.

Row 3 (RS): sl1p with yarn in back, knit until 6 (6, 7, 8) **(8, 8, 9, 9)** (9, 10, 10, 11, 11) sts remain, ssk, turn the work around.

Row 4 (WS): sl1p with yarn in front, purl until 6 (6, 7, 8) **(8, 8, 9, 9)** (9, 10, 10, 11, 11) sts remain on the left needle, p2tog, turn the work around.

Row 5 (RS): sl1p with yarn in back, knit until 5 (5, 6, 7) **(7, 7, 8, 8)** (8, 9, 9, 10, 10) sts remain, ssk, turn the work around.

Row 6 (WS): sl1p with yarn in front, purl until 5 (5, 6, 7) **(7, 7, 8, 8)** (8, 9, 9, 10, 10) sts remain on the left needle, p2tog, turn the work around.

Continue working like this until you have decreased all the stitches on the sides. You have finished with WS, with p2tog, and you have 7 (9, 9, 9) **(11, 13, 13, 15)** (17, 17, 19, 19, 21) sts on the needle.

Next row (RS): sl1p with yarn in back, knit to the end of the heel.

You will now need to pick up and knit stitches along the heel flap edges to join your work back in the round.

Gusset

Pick up and knit 10 (11, 12, 13) **(14, 15, 16, 17)** (18, 19, 20, 21, 22) sts along the left side of the heel flap.

The MC and the CC1 yarns are at the beginning of the round.

Place marker for BOR. Rounds are now numbered again from 1.

Switch to larger needles, **3 mm / US #2 ½**.

Set-up rnd:

Slip the 21 (23, 25, 27) **(29, 31, 33, 35)** (37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts from the stitch holder back on the left needle.

Knit the instep sts in the stranded pattern according to Chart A/B, start with rnd 17 (27, 4, 4) (10, 14, 14, 14) (22, 22, 26, 26, 26).

If you decided to make a longer or shorter leg, continue working Chart A/B following the pattern from where you left off.

Knit 5 (5, 6, 6) **(7, 7, 8, 8)** (9, 9, 10, 10, 11) times the 4-stitch repeat and then knit to the end of the chart.

21 (23, 25, 27) **(29, 31, 33, 35)** (37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts

Place the marker between the instep and the sole.

Note: As to the CC for the sole, use the CC1 when you work with CC1 for the instep and use the CC2 when you work with CC2 for the instep.

Pick up and knit 10 (11, 12, 13) **(14, 15, 16, 17)** (18, 19, 20, 21, 22) sts along the right side of the heel flap using the MC and the CC alternately, according to the Chart C. Start with MC (CC, CC, CC) (MC, CC, CC, MC) (CC, CC, MC, MC, CC).

Continue knitting in the stranded pattern according to the **Chart C**, using MC and CC alternately to the end of the round.

48 (54, 58, 62) **(68, 74, 78, 84)** (90, 94, 100, 104, 110) sts on the needle.
21 (23, 25, 27) **(29, 31, 33, 35)** (37, 39, 41, 43, 45) instep sts and
27 (31, 33, 35) **(39, 43, 45, 49)** (53, 55, 59, 61, 65) sole sts.

Gusset decreases

With MC & CC1 & CC2 work the instep sts in pattern as before with **Chart A/B**, continue from rnd 18 (1, 5, 5) **(11, 15, 15, 15)** (23, 23, 27, 27, 27).

For the sole, when gusset decreases, knit with the striped pattern according to Chart C. Decrease two stitches on the sole on every other round 4 (5, 5, 5) **(6, 7, 7, 8)** (9, 9, 10, 10, 11) times as described below (rounds are now numbered again from 1).

Rnd 1:

Instep sts: continue with the pattern according to **Chart A/B**.

Sole sts: knit with the striped pattern according to **Chart C**, start with MC (CC, CC, CC) **(MC, CC, CC, MC)** (CC, CC, MC, MC, CC).

Stitch count after round: 48 (54, 58, 62) **(68, 74, 78, 84)** (90, 94, 100, 104, 110)

Rnd 2:

Instep sts: continue with the pattern according to **Chart A/B**.

Sole sts: k2tog with CC (MC, MC, MC) **(CC, MC, MC, CC)** (MC, MC, CC, CC, MC), continue with the striped pattern until 2 sts remain before

BOR, ssk with CC (MC, MC, MC) **(CC, MC, MC, CC)** (MC, MC, CC, CC, MC).

(2 sts decreased)

Stitch count after round: 46 (52, 56, 60) **(66, 72, 76, 82)** (88, 92, 98, 102, 108)

Rnd 3:

Instep sts: continue with the pattern according to **Chart A/B**.

Sole sts: continue with the striped pattern.

Stitch count after round: 46 (52, 56, 60) **(66, 72, 76, 82)** (88, 92, 98, 102, 108)

Rnd 4:

Instep sts: continue with the pattern according to **Chart A/B**.

Sole sts: k2tog with MC (CC, CC, CC) **(MC, CC, CC, MC)** (CC, CC, MC, MC, CC), continue with the striped pattern until 2 sts remain before BOR, ssk with MC (CC, CC, CC) **(MC, CC, CC, MC)** (CC, CC, MC, MC, CC).

(2 sts decreased)

Stitch count after round: 44 (50, 54, 58) **(64, 70, 74, 80)** (86, 90, 96, 100, 106)

Continue working like this (decrease 2 sts on every other round) until you have decreased 8 (10, 10, 10) **(12, 14, 14, 16)** (18, 18, 20, 20, 22) sts total.

40 (44, 48, 52) **(56, 60 64, 68)** (72, 76, 80, 84, 88) sts on the needles.
21 (23, 25, 27) **(29, 31, 33, 35)** (37, 39, 41, 43, 45) sts for the instep and
19 (21, 23, 25) **(27, 29, 31, 33)** (35, 37, 39, 41, 43) sts for the sole.

Foot

Continue in established pattern according to **Chart A/B for the instep** and the striped pattern according to Chart C for the sole. Keep the BOR marker and the marker between the instep and the sole.

Continue working in the round until the piece measures 10 (12, 14.5, 15) **(18, 19.5, 20.5, 21)** (22, 23, 24.5, 25.5, 26) cm
/ 4 (4.5, 5.75, 6) **(7, 7.75, 8, 8.25)** (8.5, 9, 9.75, 10, 10.25)" from the back of the heel or measures 2 (2, 2.5, 3) **(3, 3.5, 3.5, 4)** (4, 4, 4.5, 4.5, 5) cm
/ 0.75 (0.75, 1, 1.25) **(1.25, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5)** (1.5, 1.5, 1.75, 1.75, 2)" shorter than the desired foot length.

Repeat the Chart A/B vertically as many times as needed. You can finish with any round of the chart.

Cut the MC and the CC1 leaving a long tail to weave in later.

Toe

*Toe will be worked with CC2 only. Make sure you have **BOR** marker and the marker between the instep and the sole.*

When shaping the toe, decrease four stitches on every other round 3 (4, 4, 5) **(5, 5, 5, 5)** (6, 6, 6, 6, 6) times, then on every round as described below (rounds are now numbered again from 1).

Switch to smaller needles, **2.5 mm / US #1 ½**.

Set-up rnd: knit all sts

Rnd 1:

Instep sts: k1, ssk, knit until 3 sts remain before the marker, k2tog, k1

Sole sts: k1, ssk, knit until 3 sts remain before the BOR marker, k2tog, k1

Rnd 2: k all sts.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 a total of 3 (4, 4, 5) **(5, 5, 5, 5)** (6, 6, 6, 6, 6) times.

28 (28, 32, 32) **(36, 40, 44, 48)** (48, 52, 56, 60, 64) sts on the needles.

Then repeat round 1, decreasing 4 sts **on each round**, until there are 20 (20, 20, 20) **(20, 20, 20, 20)** (24, 24, 24, 24, 24) sts

*** Next rnd:** *k2tog* repeat around.

10 (10, 10, 10) **(10, 10, 10, 10)** (12, 12, 12, 12, 12) sts on the needles.

Cut the yarns and thread through the remaining stitches and pull taut, closing the hole.

** You can use Kitchener Stitch for closing the toe if you prefer.*

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Repeat for the second sock. Wash gently and block.

Thanks

Thank you for choosing to knit this colorful socks. Your support is greatly appreciated. I hope you have enjoyed the knitting process as much as I enjoyed creating the pattern.

Please feel free to share your finished socks on Instagram and tag me: **@kroopaknits**. and use hashtag **#PopinjaySocks**, I would love to see your creations. Happy knitting!

For questions and pattern support, please email
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Charts for the stranded pattern

The charts are shown on the following pages.

Read the charts from the bottom upwards, each round from right to left.

For your convenience, I have prepared charts in two variants:

- three-colored version
- two-colored version

Make sure you are using the correct chart.

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THREE-COLORED VERSION CHARTS

Chart A

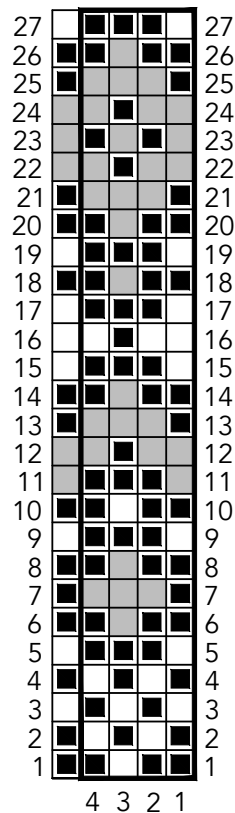


Chart B

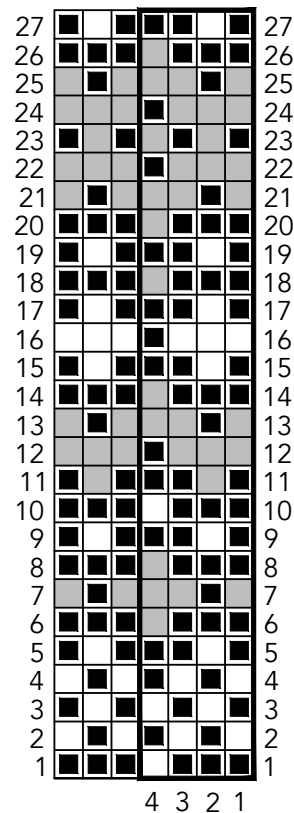


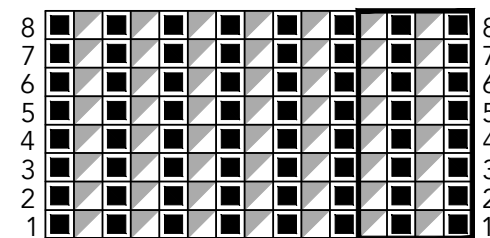
Chart notes

- Read the chart from the bottom up, each round from right to left.
- Hold the yarn in CC1 and CC2 below the yarn in MC (CC1 and CC2 to the left and MC to the right)

Key

- knit with MC
- knit with CC1
- knit with CC2
- ▨ knit with CC (CC1 or CC2)

Chart C



Note: When picking up stitches on the right side of the heel flap, make sure you start with the color indicated on page 7 according to your size.
Not for all sizes it is MC.

TWO-COLORED VERSION CHARTS

Chart A

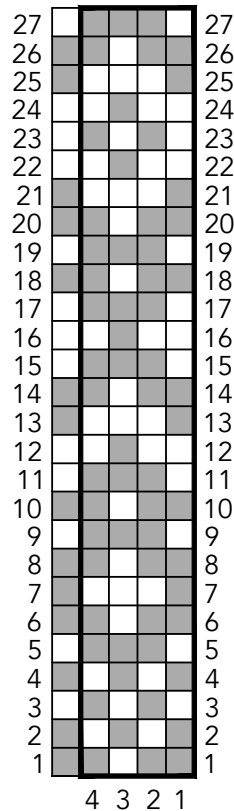


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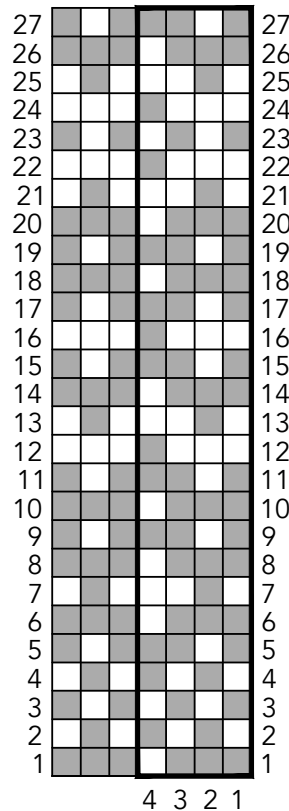


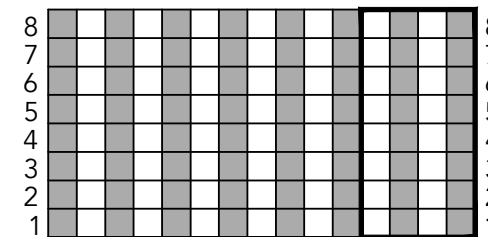
Chart notes

- Read the chart from the bottom up, each round from right to left.
- Hold the yarn in CC1 and CC2 below the yarn in MC (CC1 and CC2 to the left and MC to the right)

Key

- knit with MC
- knit with CC

Chart C



Note: When picking up stitches on the right side of the heel flap, make sure you start with the color indicated on page 7 according to your size. Not for all sizes it is MC.