

An elegant cable panel extends the length of the sock

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Silver Stream

A foldover cuff and delicate mirrored cables make these knee-high socks the perfect cosy autumn knit

SIZE

CALF CIRCUM-FERENCE	30½	35½	40½	45½	51	cm
	12	14	16	18	20	in
MID FOOT CIRCUM-FERENCE	18	20½	23	25½	28	cm
	7	8	9	10	11	in

YARN

Cygnat Wool Rich 4ply (4 ply weight; 75% wool, 25% nylon; 205m/50g ball)

A Dove Grey; 2 x 50g balls

B Olive; 1 x 50g ball **C** Oatmeal; 1 x 50g ball

D Rust; 1 x 50g ball **E** Yellow; 1 x 50g ball

NEEDLES & ACCESSORIES

1 set 2.25mm (UK 13/US 1) circular or double-pointed knitting needles

1 set 2.75mm (UK 12/US 2) circular or double-pointed knitting needles

2 stitch markers

Waste yarn for provisional cast-on

TENSION

32 stitches and 38 rounds to 10cm over st in the round on smaller needles

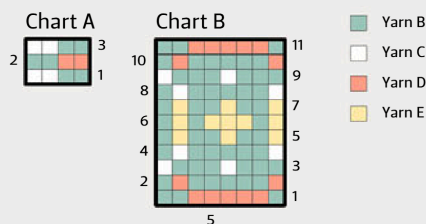
SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

C6F: Slip 3 sts onto cable needle and hold in front, K3, K3 from cable needle.

C6B: Slip 3 sts onto cable needle and hold in back, K3, K3 from cable needle.

When reading from chart and working in the round, read ALL rounds from right to left.

CHARTS



THESE VINTAGE-STYLE socks are named after the little-known children's book, *By a Silver Stream*. Designer Ann Kingstone says: "My father loved this novel as a child, and kept it into adulthood to share the delight with his own children. The book, one of a series by Elleston Trevor, is about the everyday lives and adventures of some very cute woodland creatures. To this day I smile to remember the two over-enthusiastic and argumentative mice!"

The socks begin with a provisional cast-on with waste yarn that is later removed, resulting in a double-layered foldover cuff.

SOCKS

This top-down pattern is designed to be customised for a range of 'mix and match' calf and foot circumferences.

After knitting past the calf, you will decrease to reach your desired foot circumference. Therefore, cast on for the desired calf circ, and work to those instructions.

After you have decreased to your desired

foot circ, work to the instructions for that size hereafter.

CUFF

Using larger needles, and yarn B, cast on 96 (112:128:144:160) sts using a provisional cast-on method and join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Place marker for start of round.

Knit 4 rounds.

Work all 3 rounds of border pattern (Chart A), working colourwork pattern using the stranded method.

Knit 3 rounds in yarn B.

Work all 11 rounds main motif pattern (Chart B).

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Work all 3 rounds of border pattern (Chart A).

Knit 4 rounds in yarn B.

Change to smaller needles and purl one round.

Knit 40 rounds in yarn B.

Carefully undo waste yarn of provisional cast-on and place on a spare needle.

Holding the provisional stitches to the inside join together the outer and inner cuff as follows: *knit together one stitch from the last round worked with the corresponding provisional live stitch; rep from * to end of round.

Knit 2 more rounds in yarn B.

LEG

Join in yarn A and cont as foll:
Purl one round.

Dec round: P14 (10:6:2:18), P2tog, *P8, P2tog, rep from * to end. 87 (101:115:129:145) sts.

Purl 2 rounds.

Knit 28 rounds.

Commence cable panel as follows:

Set-up round: K34 (41:48:55:63), pm, K19, pm, K to end of round.

Rounds 1,2,3,4,5: K to marker, slm, P2, K6, P3, K6, P2, slm, K to end of round.

Round 6: K to marker, slm, P2, C6F, P3, ►



Fair Isle cuff is designed to be folded over

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Sock Club

C6B, P2, slm, K to end.

Rounds 7,8,9,10,11: K to marker, slm, P2, K6, P3, K6, P2, slm, K to end of round.

These 11 rounds form repeating pattern. Work in pattern as established until 3 full repeats of the cable pattern have been worked, then work the first seven rounds of the next repeat. In the 8th round commence leg decs as follows:

Decrease round: K to 3 sts before marker, SSK, K1, slm, knit cable panel in pattern as set, slm, K1, K2tog, K to end of round. The frequency of decrease rounds depends upon the amount of decreasing you need to do to reach the required stitch count for your desired foot circumference. Subtract your desired foot circumference from the calf circumference and place decrease rounds as foll:

To dec 2.5 to 7.5cm, dec every 5th round.

To dec 8 to 17.5cm, dec every 3rd round

To dec 18 to 33 cm, dec every 2nd round.

Continue decreasing until you reach the required number of sts for your desired foot circumference to 51 (57:65:71:79) sts.

When you have decreased to the desired stitch count for your size, continue without further decreasing until 14 full repeats of the cable pattern have been worked, or until the sock leg measures 5cm less than the total desired length, ending with a Round 11 of cable pattern.

HEEL SET-UP

First sock:

Join in yarn B and K16 (19:23:26:30), remove marker, K9, turn.

Second sock:

K16 (19:23:26:30), slm, P2, K6, P2, join in yarn B and K9, remove marker, K16 (19:23:26:30), turn.

Both socks:

Break off yarn A, leaving a short tail for weaving in later.

HEEL

Set-up row 1: Sl1 purlwise, P to the last yarn B st, w&t.

Set-up row 2: K to the last yarn B st, w&t.

Short row 1: P to 1 st before the last wrapped st, w&t.

Short row 2: K to 1 st before the last wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat short rows 1 & 2 until you have wrapped 9 (10:11:12:13) sts at each side of the heel.

Short row 3: P to the first wrapped st, purl together the wrap with the st, wrap the

next st and turn.

Short row 4: K to the first wrapped st, knit together the wrap with the st, wrap the next st and turn.

Repeat short rows 3 and 4 until you have worked all the wrapped sts back into the row. In the next to last row omit the wrap at the end of the row; turn after purling together the last st and its wrap.

In the final row slip the 1st st purlwise, then knit to the last st and knit together the wrap with the st, omitting the wrap at the end of this row also.

Break off yarn B, leaving a short tail for weaving in later.

FOOT

Join in yarn A.

For the foot, each round begins at the start of the instep sts.

Work, repeating the remaining single cable pattern as given below, until the sock measures the total desired foot length minus 4cm, ending with a Round 11 in the first sock and a Round 10 in the second sock, removing the marker as you reach it, and working a K2tog decrease with the last two sts in the round. 50 (56:64:70:78) sts.

First sock:

Rounds 1,2,3,4,5: P2, K6, P2, slm, K to end of round.

Round 6: P2, C6B, P2, slm, K to end of

round.

Rounds 7,8,9,10,11: P2, K6, P2, slm, K to end of round.

Second sock:

Rounds 1,2,3,4: K16 (19:23:26:30), slm, P2, K6, P2, K to end of round.

Round 5: K16 (19:23:26:30), slm, P2, C6F, P2, K to end of round.

Rounds 6,7,8,9,10,11: K16 (19:23:26:30), slm, P2, K6, P2, K to end of round.

TOE

Set-up round: *K25 (28:32:35:39), pm, repeat from * for second half of round.

Round 1: K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1, slm, K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 26 (28:32:34:38) sts remain, then rep round 1 only until 14 (16:18:18:18) sts remain. Break off the yarn, leaving a 30cm tail. Thread this onto a darning needle and use it to graft upper toe sts to the sole sts using Kitchener stitch.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends, using the yarn ends at the heel to close any holes at the corners there. Block; gently press the socks to shape under a damp ironing cloth with the iron on the 'wool' setting, taking special care to create crisp folds at the cuffs. ☺



ABBREVIATIONS

alt	alternate	KFB	knit into front and back of stitch	P3tog	purl 3 stitches together	st(s)	stitch(es)
approx	approximately	K2tog	knit the next two stitches together	rem	remain(ing)	st st	stocking stitch
beg	beginning			rep(s)	repeat(s)	tbl	through back of the loop
ch st	crochet chain stitch	meas	measures	rev st st	reverse stocking stitch	tog	together
cn	cable needle	M1	make one (lifted inc)	RH	right hand	tr	treble crochet (US double crochet)
cont	continue	MB	make a bobble	RS	right side	w&t	wrap and turn
dc	double crochet (US single crochet)	MS	main shade	skpo	slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over	WS	wrong side
dec	decrease (work two stitches together)	P	purl	SI	slip	wyib	with yarn in back
DK	double knitting	patt	pattern(s)	sl st	slip stitch	wyif	with yarn in front
DPN	double-pointed needle	PB	place bead	slm	slip marker	yb	take yarn back (no inc)
est	established	PFB	purl into front and back of stitch	SSK	slip 2 sts one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together tbl	yf	bring yarn to front (no inc)
foll	following	pm	place marker	SSP	slip 2 sts one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together tbl	yfwd	yarn forward
inc	increase	prev	previous			yo	yarn over
K	knit	pssso	pass slipped stitch over			ym	yarn round needle
		P2tog	purl 2 stitches together				