



# STRIPY MCSTRIPE

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*Nothing fancy here, just stripes.*



*Where we once knitted*

## Size

S-M-L.

## Yarn

Canon Hand Dyes Lewis MCN Twist Sock (80% merino, 10% cashmere, 10% nylon, 361 m/100 g), or other fingering weight yarn.

2 skeins for striping.

The required yardage depends on the length of the foot.

## Needles

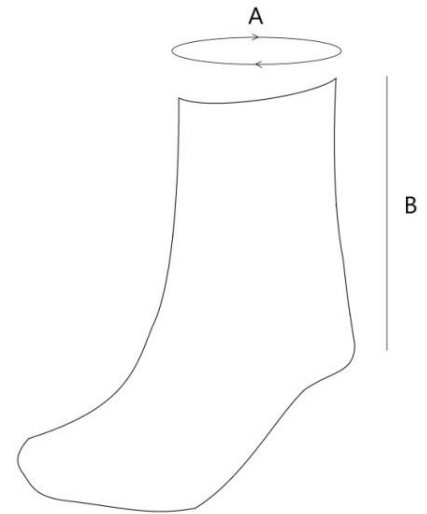
US 2 (2.5 mm) – 40" / 100 cm circular needle (or dpns).  
Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the right gauge.

## Gauge

15 sts x 21 rnds = 2x2" / 5x5 cm in stockinette stitch worked in the round (after blocking).

## Other

6 stitch markers, tapestry needle.



## Finished measurements

A: 8-8.75-9.5" / 20-22-24 cm

B: 8.5-8.75-9.25" / 21-22-23 cm

## Abbreviations

**CC** = contrast color.

**CO** = cast on.

**dpns** = double pointed needles.

**k2tog** = knit 2 sts together.

**k** = knit.

**ktbl** = k through the back loop.

**MC** = main color.

**p** = purl.

**p2tog** = purl 2 sts together.

**PM** = place marker.

**RS** = right side.

**sl1** = slip the next st purlwise with yarn in the back if you're working a right side row, and yarn in front if you're working a wrong side row.

**ssk** = slip, slip, knit. (Slip 1 st knitwise) x 2, move the 2 sts back onto the left needle and knit together through the back loop.

**st** = stitch.

**WS** = wrong side.

# Instructions

Stripy McStripe is a basic recipe for cuff-down striped socks. The socks feature a French heel and a star toe. The instructions are written for magic loop technique on a long circular needle but you can easily work them on dpns.

## Start here

Using MC, CO 60-66-72 sts using long tail cast-on, PM and join in the round. (30-33-36 sts on each needle)

**Next rnd (RS):** \*ktbl, k1, p1\*, repeat \*-\* to end.

Repeat the last round 13 more times.

## Leg

**Rnds 1-3:** using MC, k all sts.

**Rnds 4-6:** using CC, k all sts.

Repeat rounds 1-6 for six more times.



## Heel flap

Next, you will work the heel flap flat on needle 1, using MC.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** using MC, k all sts.

**Row 2 (RS):** sl1, k to end of needle 1. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS):** \*sl1, p1\*, repeat \*-\* to last 0-1-0 sts, p0-1-0. Turn.

Repeat rows 2-3 for 15-17-19 more times, ending after WS row.

## Heel turn

**Row 1 (RS):** sl1, k16-17-18, ssk, k1. Turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** sl1, p5-4-3, p2tog, p1. Turn.

**Row 3:** sl1, k to 1 st before the gap between sts, ssk, k1. Turn.

**Row 4:** sl1, p to 1 st before the gap between sts, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Repeat rows 3-4 until you have worked all heel stitches. (18-19-20 sts on needle 1)

## Gusset

Next, you will pick up stitches along the edges of the heel flap and decrease the extra stitches on every 2<sup>nd</sup> round, while continuing the striping.

**Setup row (RS):** using MC, sl1, k17-18-19, pick up and knit 18-20-22 sts along the edge of the heel flap, k to end of needle 2, pick up and knit 18-20-22 sts along the edge of the heel flap, k to end of needle 1 and continue in the round. (84-92-100 sts)

**Rnd 1 (RS):** using MC, k to end of needle 2, ssk, k to last 2 sts on needle 1, k2tog.

**Rnd 2:** using CC, k all sts.

**Rnd 3:** using CC, k to end of needle 2, ssk, k to last 2 sts on needle 1, k2tog.

**Rnd 4:** as rnd2.

**Rnd 5:** as rnd 1.

**Rnd 6:** using MC, k all sts.

**Rnd 7:** as rnd 1.





Continue as established, working decreases on every 2<sup>nd</sup> round while working 3 round stripes until you have a total 60-66-72 sts. (30-33-36 sts on each needle)

## Foot

Continue as established, working 3 round stripes until the foot measures 1.5-1.75-1.75" / 4-4.5-5.5 cm less than the desired foot length, ending after CC stripe. Break CC.

## Toe

**Rnd 1 (RS):** using MC, \*k10-11-12, PM\*, repeat \*-\* to end.

**Rnd 2:** \*ssk, k to marker, sm\*, repeat \*-\* to end. (-6 sts)

**Rnds 3-4:** as rnd 1.

Repeat rounds 2-4 once more. (48-54-60 sts)

Repeat rounds 2-3 for three more times. (30-36-42 sts)

Finally, repeat round 2 until 6 sts remain.

Break MC, leaving a 8" / 15 cm tail. Thread the yarn through the remaining stitches twice and tighten.

## Finishing

Weave in all ends. Place the socks in lukewarm water and let soak thoroughly. Gently squeeze out the excess water.

Lay flat and let dry.

## Techniques

### Long tail cast-on:

Make a slip knot and place it on the needle. Hold the needle in your right hand. \*Hold the yarn and yarn tail in your left hand by inserting your left thumb and index finger between the two strands of yarn. Grasp the yarn ends with the rest of your left hand fingers. With your left index finger up and thumb down, bring the needle through the thumb loop from below, scoop the strand from the index finger and pull through the thumb loop. Pull your thumb from the loop and pull the yarn to tighten the new stitch.\* Repeat \*-\*.