

WISH YOU THE BEST SOCKS

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Wish You The Best Socks are my next addition to the series of Pinktober patterns. They are meant to remind us that we should take care of our health, and by knitting them we can help people struggling with cancer.

The socks are knitted from the cuff down, in rounds. Just below the cuff they feature a colorwork motif of the lotus flower, a symbol of femininity.

Afterwards socks are plain with a contrast heel with a flap, until the toes which are preceded by a small colorwork motif.

SIZES

▲S •M ♦L – fits the foot circumference of ▲19 •21 ♦23,5 cm [▲7.5 •8.25 ♦9.25"] in the widest spot. Length of the leg and foot can be adjusted. Remember that the socks will stretch, make them ca. 1.5 cm [0.5"] shorter than your foot length.

MATERIALS

- ❖ Fingering weight yarn (ca. 400 m [437 y] in 100 g). Exact amount depends on the size and colors arrangement. Approximately 140-200 m [150-220 y] MC, 80-120 m [85-130 y] CC.
- ❖ 2.25 mm and 2.5 mm [US size 1 and 1.5] circular needles, 80 cm or 23 cm (or other size to obtain gauge).
- ❖ Stitch markers, tapestry needle.

GAUGE

In stockinette stitch on 2.25 mm [US 1] needles, worked in the round, after wet blocking:
34 sts x 48 rnds = 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4"). If your gauge is smaller or bigger, adjust the size of the needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR – beginning of the round

CC – contrast color

k – knit

k2tog – knit two stitches together

ktbl – knit through the back loop

MC – main color

N1 – first needle (back)

N2 – second needle (front)

p – purl

p2tog – purl two stitches together

rnd, rnds – round, rounds

RS – right side

sl – slip

ssk – slip two stitches knitwise one by one to the right needle, slip them back to the left needle and knit them together through the back loop (ktbl)

st, sts – stitch, stitches

WS – wrong side

wyib – with yarn behind

wyif – with yarn in front

TECHNIQUES

Swatch in the round

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzC6N4SGhos>

Magic loop

<https://nimble-needles.com/tutorials/the-magic-loop-method-knitting-in-the-round-the-easy-way/>

Working with two colors and catching floats

<https://nimble-needles.com/tutorials/fair-isle-knitting-tutorial-for-beginners/>

Kitchener stitch

<https://nimble-needles.com/stitches/how-to-do-the-kitchener-stitch/>

WISH YOU THE BEST SOCKS – INSTRUCTIONS

The sample socks were made in size M, MC light pink, CC – brown-purple. CC was always the dominant yarn. Colorwork charts in the pattern are provided in two versions: MC light & CC dark; and MC dark & CC light.

- The pattern is knitted in the rnd.
- The charts should be read from bottom up, right to left.
- Whenever there are more than 4 sts in the same color next to each other, I recommend catching floats on the wrong side (see Techniques).
- It is crucial that you **don't change the dominant yarn while knitting**.



RIBBING

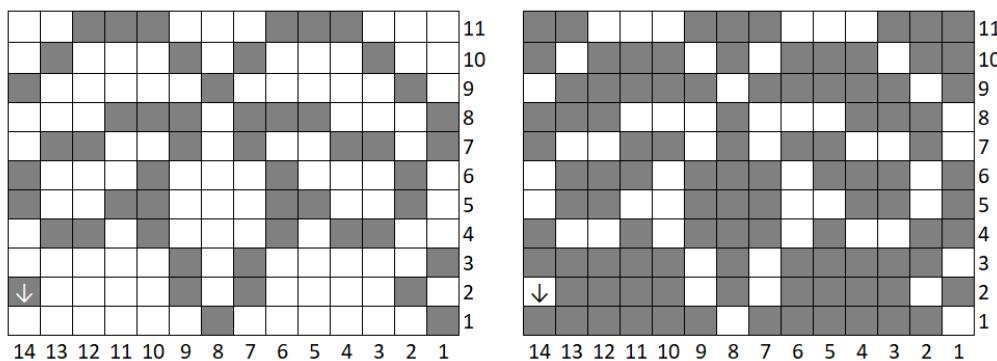
Cast on with your favorite method (e.g. long tail cast on, German twisted cast on) ▲56 •64 ♦72 sts using 2.25 mm [US 1] needles and CC yarn. Join sts in the rnd and place BOR marker at the beginning of the rnd. Divide sts evenly over two needles and work with magic loop. Make 11 rnds of the cuff *k2, p2*.

LEG

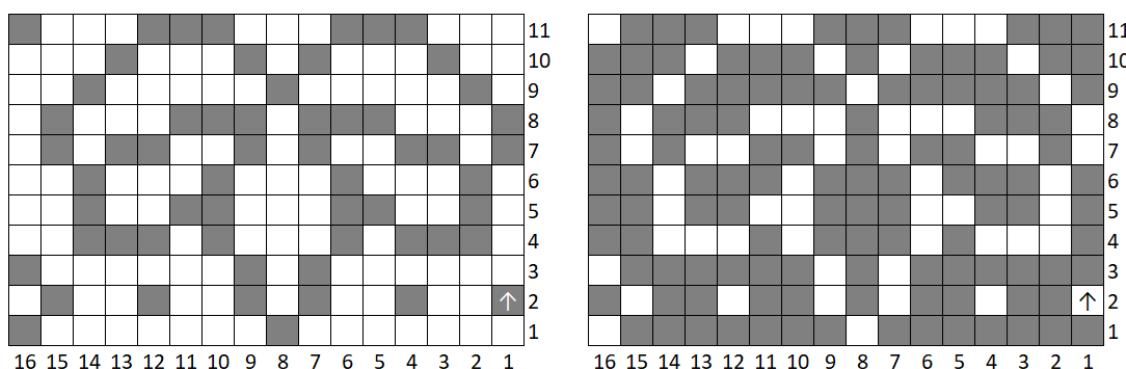
Join MC but do not break CC. Knit 5 rnds in MC.

Next work the colorwork chart of the lotus flower, repeating the pattern 4 times in the rnd. I suggest knitting colorwork on needles 0.25 mm larger than the stockinette stitch – but this depends on your yarn tension, perhaps you do not need to change to larger needles.

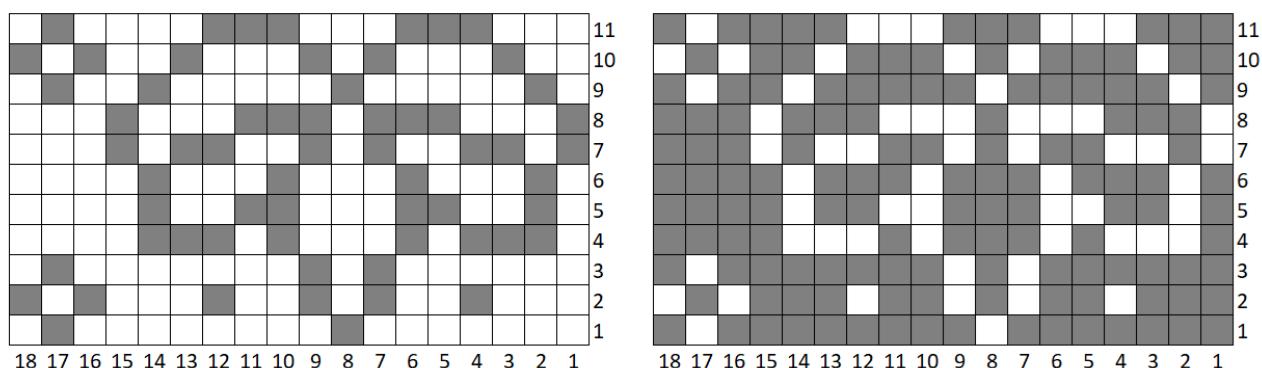
Size **▲S**



Size **●M**



Size **◆L**



k, MC



k, CC



only in the last pattern repeat:
work this st one rnd down



k, MC



only in the 1st pattern repeat:
work this st one rnd up



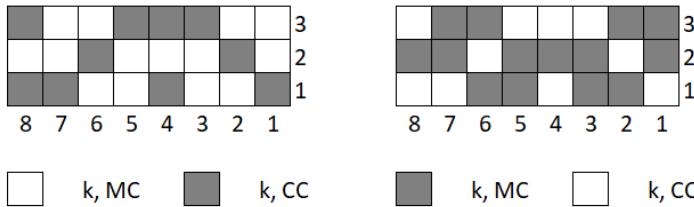
k, CC



only in the last pattern repeat:
work this st one rnd down

To minimize the jog between the rnds, in size ▲S work the st marked with one rnd down, only in the last repeat of pattern (so in rnd 1 knit in CC at this spot, and in rnd 2 – in MC). In size ●M work the st marked with one rnd up, only in the first repeat of the pattern (so in rnd 2 knit in MC at this spot, and in rnd 3 – in CC).

Next knit two rnds in MC and then work the small colorwork border chart below, repeating it **▲7** **●8** **◆9** times in the rnd.



After you have finished the colorwork pattern, continue knitting in stockinette stitch in MC until you have reached the desired leg height. Do not break CC yarn, cross it with MC every few rnds.

HEEL FLAP

You will be working only the **▲28** **●32** **◆36** sts on N1, flat in rows, in CC. Leave the remaining N2 sts aside. In all rows apart from row 1 the first stitch is slipped purlwise wyif, and the last st is worked through the back loop (ktbl). This creates a neat edge with a chain that makes it easy to pick up sts for the gusset.

Row 1 (RS) – k1 in CC (do not break MC!), *sl1 purlwise wyif, k1*, repeat *-* to the last st, ktbl.

Row 2 (WS) – sl1 purlwise wyif, p to the last st, ktbl.

Row 3 (RS) – sl1 purlwise wyif, * k1, sl1 purlwise wyif*, repeat *-* to the last st, ktbl.

Row 4 (WS) – sl1 purlwise wyif, p to the last st, ktbl.

Row 5 (RS) – sl1 purlwise wyif, *sl1 purlwise wyif, k1*, repeat *-* to the last st, ktbl.

Row 6 (WS) – sl1 purlwise wyif, p to the last st, ktbl.

Repeat rows 3-6 **▲5** **●6** **◆7** more times. Then work rows 3-4 once more. You will make in total **▲28** **●32** **◆36** rows of the heel flap.

HEEL TURN

Continue working sts on N1 as follows:

Row 1 (RS) – sl1 knitwise wyif, k **▲16** **●18** **◆20**, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 2 (WS) – sl1 purlwise wyif, p **▲7** **●7** **◆7**, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 3 (RS) – sl1 knitwise wyif, k till the last st before the gap, ssk (k together sts before and after the gap), k1, turn work.

Row 4 (WS) – sl1 purlwise wyif, p till the last st before the gap, p2tog (p together sts before and after the gap), p1, turn work.

Work rows 3 and 4 **▲3** **●4** **◆5** times more. You will have **▲18** **●20** **◆22** sts left on this needle.

GUSSET

Break CC yarn, go back to where you left MC yarn, from here you will continue knitting in the rnd with MC.

Rnd 1: place BOR, pick up 1 st between the heel flap and inset, pick up $\blacktriangle 14 \bullet 16 \blacklozenge 18$ sts along the heel flap edge, k $\blacktriangle 18 \bullet 20 \blacklozenge 22$, pick up $\blacktriangle 14 \bullet 16 \blacklozenge 18$ sts along the other heel flap edge and 1 extra st between the heel flap and inset (if you work on short circular needles, place an additional marker here to mark spot for gusset decreases), k $\blacktriangle 28 \bullet 32 \blacklozenge 36$ o. on N2 to BOR. In total you should have $\blacktriangle 76 \bullet 86 \blacklozenge 96$ sts: $\blacktriangle 48 \bullet 54 \blacklozenge 60$ on N1 and $\blacktriangle 28 \bullet 32 \blacklozenge 36$ on N2. Only in the next rnd work the extra sts picked up between the heel flap and inset as ktbl.

Rnd 2: knit all sts.

Rnd 3: sl BOR, k1, ssk, k till the last 3 sts on N1, k2tog, k1, k to BOR.

Repeat rnds 2 and 3 $\blacktriangle 9 \bullet 10 \blacklozenge 11$ more times. In total you should have $\blacktriangle 56 \bullet 64 \blacklozenge 72$ sts: $\blacktriangle 28 \bullet 32 \blacklozenge 36$ sts on each needle.

FOOT

Work in MC, in stockinette stitch in the rnd until your sock is ca. $\blacktriangle 5.5 \bullet 6 \blacklozenge 6.5$ cm [$\blacktriangle 2.2 \bullet 2.4 \blacklozenge 2.6$] shorter than desired length. Join CC yarn, change to larger needles if necessary, and work 3 rnds of the colorwork border (from the LEG section). Then change needles back to 2.25 mm [US 1] and knit two rnds in MC.



TOES

The toes are knit in CC. Break MC yarn.

Rnd 1: **N1:** k1, ssk, k till the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

N2: k1, ssk, k till the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Rnd 2 & 3: k all sts

Repeat rnds 1-3 $\blacktriangle 1 \bullet 2 \blacklozenge 2$ more times.

Repeat rnds 1-2 six more times.

Repeat rnd 1 $\blacktriangle 1 \bullet 1 \blacklozenge 2$ times. You should have $\blacktriangle 20 \bullet 24 \blacklozenge 28$ sts left: $\blacktriangle 10 \bullet 12 \blacklozenge 14$ on each needle. Break yarn leaving ca. 30 cm [12"] and sew toes using Kitchener stitch.

FINISHING

Weave in loose ends on the wrong side. Soak your socks in lukewarm water with a wool wash added, gently squeeze (do not wring), roll in a towel. Lay the socks flat and form their shape, you can also use sock blockers. If you used superwash yarn, you can wash them in the washing machine on the wool mode. Wear and be proud of your femininity ☺

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for choosing this pattern, which was created out of the need of the heart. Even though it is free, I encourage you to donate even a small contribution to any foundation supporting the fight against breast cancer or other cancer. You can wear the socks knitted according to this pattern yourself, give them to a friend or donate them to charity. If you publish your work on social media, please tag it with **#WishYouTheBestSocks**.

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