



# You Silly Goose socks

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Sometimes we just need to wear some silly and playful socks on our feet to brighten up a tough day. These Silly Goose socks should help you or your loved ones do just that with their funny looking geese (or ducks!, whatever you prefer!) all over the socks. Knit in many different bright colours, they are sure to help cheer you up and only slightly, affectionately insult you with their title! Because for certain, anyone who can knit colourwork socks is definitely not a silly goose!

Knit from the top down with a ribbed cuff, including sporty stripe, these socks have a `no wrap` short row heel and an easy to knit (no long floats!) stranded colourwork goose pattern in three colours, running throughout the leg and foot. The toe is finished by grafting stitches together. This pattern uses the magic loop circular needle method (but can be knit with 23cm (9 inch) circulars or DPNs).

## Sizing

1 (2, 3)

To fit (foot circumference): 20.5 – 22 (22.5 –24, 25-27) cm / 8 ½ (9, 10 ½) inches.

Finished circumference: 18.5 (21, 24) cm / 7 ½ (8, 9 ½) inches.

Recommended ease: Approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) of negative ease. For your foot circumference, measure around the widest part of your foot. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down a needle size.

Leg/foot length can be easily adjusted. See instructions for details.

Sample shown is knit in size 2 for shoe size US 8.5 (EU 39, UK 6), foot circumference 22.5cm (8 ¾ inches).

## MATERIALS

### Yarn - Fingering weight sock yarn

NICE yarns. Fine Merino, 85% Merino SW, 15% Nylon. 200m (219 yds) per 50g.

Shown in:

MC: Cool Cove. Approx. 35g (40g, 45g), 140m (160m, 180m) / 153 yds (175 yds, 197 yds).

CC1: Spicy Saffron (orange). Approx. 20g, 80m / 87 yds.

CC2: Soft Snow. Approx. 20g, 80m / 87 yds.

CC3: Giddy Glacier. Approx : 15g, 60m / 65 yds.

CC4: Lazy Lemon. Scrap yarn amounts.

Any fingering weight sock yarn can be used for this pattern as long as you obtain the same gauge.

## Needles

**For ribbing and stockinette:** 2.25mm (US 1), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars or a 23cm (9 inch) circular needle as preferred.

**For colourwork:** 2.5mm (US 1.5), 80cm (32 inch) circular for magic loop, or DPNs, or two circulars or a 23cm (9inch) circular needle as preferred.

**Important note: Do check your gauge for fitting. Further sizes can be achieved by going up or down needle sizes.**

## Gauge

34 sts x 44 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for ribbing and stockinette.

34 sts x 36 rnds = 10cm (4 inches) for colourwork.

## Notions

Stitch marker, scissors, tape measure, tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

## SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

### Colourwork Tips

When knitting stranded colourwork, be consistent with how you hold the yarns. The yarn used to knit the contrast pattern should always cross below the yarn used for the background colour at the back of your work. When you knit the colourwork, be sure not to pull your floats too tightly. Do not twist/catch your floats too often or this will create an inelastic fabric. I recommend leaving 9 sts between twisting/catching floats for colourwork socks. This is a distance of approx. 2.5cm (1") with the gauge for this sock pattern. I also recommend you try your sock on often, for fitting, throughout the knitting process. The colourwork chart is read from bottom to top and from right to left.

If you are a total beginner to colourwork socks, I recommend my recent colourwork sock tutorial series, produced with Domestika. <https://www.domestika.org/en/courses/5209-introduction-to-colorwork-sock-knitting/charlottestone>

### **Short Row Heel**

Short Row Heel video tutorial for this pattern: <https://youtu.be/aT32FY3Syxw>

Any short row heel or after thought sock heel can be substituted for the heel if you wish, as long as you have decreased down to the same number of stitches as shown for your size.

If you find a hole on one or both sides of your short row heel, please find this helpful tutorial from Arne and Carlos on how to close this hole while knitting your socks.

<https://youtu.be/UMWRP26WIOE>

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

BOR = Beginning of the round

CC = Contrast colour(s)

Dec'd = Decreased

Inc'd = Increased

K = Knit

Ktbl = Knit through the back loop of the stitch.

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

MC = Main colour

M1L = Make 1 left. Pick up the bar between the stitch you have just worked and the one you are about to knit, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch. (When used in the heel section, pick up the bar in the gap between the SSK and the next stitch on the left needle, bringing the needle from the front to the back. Then knit into the back of the stitch making a new stitch)

M1p = Make 1 purl (used in the heel section). Pick up the bar in the gap between the P2tog and the next st on the left needle, bringing the left needle from the front to the back. Then purl through the back of the loop.

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

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Rep(s) = Repeat(s)

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right Side

Sl1 = Slip one stitch purlwise from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle with the yarn at the back of your work.

SSK = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip next stitch knitwise, knit slipped stitches together.

St(s) = Stitch(es)

WS = Wrong Side

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **CUFF**

Cast on 56 (64, 72) sts with CC3 with 2.25mm needle (US 1). Divide sts evenly over the two needles and place a marker at the beginning of the round. For DPNs, place your sts equally over the 3 (or 4) needles that you are using. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing Rnd: \*K1, P1; rep from \* to the end of rnd.

Work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 6 rnds.

With CC4, work Ribbing Rnd for a total of 2 rnd.

With CC3, work Ribbing Rnd for a further 7 rnds.

You now have a total of 15 rnds of ribbing from cast on edge (approximately 3cm or just over 1 inch).  
Cut yarns CC3 and CC4.

## LEG

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

With needle size 2.5mm (US 1.5), or needle size to achieve gauge in colourwork, work following increase rnd:

Size 1: \*K8, M1L; rep from \* to the end of rnd. 7 sts inc'd. 63 sts total.

Size 2: \*K8, M1L; rep from \* to the end of rnd. 8 sts inc'd. 72 sts total.

Size 3: \*K8, M1L; rep from \* to the end of rnd. 9 sts inc'd. 81 sts total.

Now work Rnds 1-28 of the colourwork chart on pg. 8, joining CC1 and CC2 where shown. The chart repeats 7 (8, 9) times around the sock. Rep Rnds 1–14 once more. You will now have 3 full sets of geese completed. Cut CC2. Continue to the short row heel instructions.

## SHORT ROW HEEL

Using CC1, size 2.25mm (US 1) needle and Needle 1 only, you will now work the heel instructions for your size. You will need to ensure you have 32 (36, 40 sts) on needle 1 for the heel and 31 (36, 41) sts on needle 2 for your instep. You may need to readjust the sts on your needles.

**Size 1 only (32 sts on Needle 1):**

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K6, K2tog] 3 times, K4, K2tog, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 sts dec'd.

There are now 28 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P25 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K24 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P23 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K22 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P21, (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P7, turn work.

**You should have 8 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.**

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K6, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L st, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P7, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K8, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P9, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K24, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P25, P2tog, M1p, turn work.



Row 41 (RS): **Now using MC yarn**, K1, [K7, M1L] 3 times, K6, M1L. 4 sts inc'd.  
There are now 32sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

**Size 2 only (36 sts on Needle 1):**

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 [K6, K2tog] four times, K2, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 sts dec'd.  
There are now 32 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P29 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K28 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P27 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K26 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P25 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, five more times.

Row 19: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 20: Sl1, P11, turn work.

**You should have 12 purl sts in the centre and 10 unworked sts on each side.**

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 21 (RS): Sl1, K10, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap), M1L st, turn work.

Row 22 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 23: Sl1, K12, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 24: Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 14 more rows.

Row 39 (RS): Sl1, K28, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 40 (WS): Sl1, P29, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 41 (RS): **Now using MC yarn**, [K8, M1L] four times. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 36 sts on Needle 1.

Continue to Foot section.

**Size 3 only (40 sts on Needle 1):**

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [K8, K2tog] 3 times, K6, K2tog, turn work to the WS (leaving 1 st unworked). 4 sts dec'd. There are now 36 sts for the heel in total.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P33 (leaving 1 st unworked at the end), turn work to the RS.

Row 3: Sl1, K32 (leaving 2 sts unworked at the end), turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, P31 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, K30 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, P29 (1 st before the gap), turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, P to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Work rows 7 and 8, six more times.

Row 21: Sl1, K to 1 st before the gap, turn work.

Row 22: Sl1, P13, turn work.

**You should have 14 purl sts in the centre and 11 unworked sts on each side.**

The heel now needs to be worked back and forth, closing the gaps that have been created from turning the work.

Row 23 (RS): Sl1, K12, SSK (working together 1 st on either side of the gap). M1L st, turn work.

Row 24 (WS): Sl1, P13, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 25: Sl1, K14, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 26: Sl1, P15, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Continue in established pattern for 16 more rows.

Row 43 (RS): Sl1, K32, SSK, M1L, turn work.

Row 44 (WS): Sl1, P33, P2tog, M1p, turn work.

Row 45 (RS): **Now using MC**, K1, [K9, M1L] 3 times, K8, M1L. 4 sts inc'd.

There are now 40 sts on Needle 1.

## **FOOT (ALL SIZES)**

Join back in the round and change back to the larger size needles for the colourwork. You will be working with both Needles 1 and 2 again.

With MC, knit 31 (36, 41) sts on Needle 2 back to the BOR (this will be counted as Rnd 15 on the colourwork chart). Beginning with Needle 1, resume knitting the colourwork chart on pg. 8, starting on Rnd 16, rejoining CC2 and continuing to Rnd 28. Repeat Rnds 1 to 28 once more.

Check to see if the sock is already 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired length of the foot you are knitting it for. If your sock has not reached the required length, then you will be able to do so with MC, after the following section.

Cut CC2.

With MC knit one round while transferring sts back to the 2.25mm (US 1) needles.

Work the following decrease rnd:

**Size 1:** \*K7, K2tog; rep from \* to the end of rnd. 7 sts dec'd. 56 sts in total.

**Size 2:** \*K7, K2tog; rep from \* to the end of rnd. 8 sts dec'd. 64 sts in total.

**Size 3:** \*K7, K2tog; rep from \* to the end of rnd. 9 sts dec'd. 72 sts in total.

If your sock is still not long enough, knit more rnds with MC until your sock is 3 (4, 5) cm / 1¼ (1½, 2) inches from your desired finished length.

Cut MC.

## TOE

Your stitches should now be placed equally on Needles 1 and 2, remove the BOR st marker. Needle 1 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the bottom of your foot. Needle 2 is holding 28 (32, 36) sts at the top of your foot.

With CC1 and Needle 1, knit 14 (16, 18) sts. Now place the BOR st marker after these sts. This should be in the middle of the sts on Needle 1 at the bottom of your foot.

Rnd 1 (decrease rnd):

Needle 1: Knit until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 2: K1, SSK, K until 3 sts remain, K2tog, K1;

Needle 1: K1, SSK, K to BOR.

4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1–2 until 20 sts remain on each needle (40 sts in total).

Continue working only Rnd 1 (decrease every rnd) until 10 sts remain on each needle (20 sts in total).

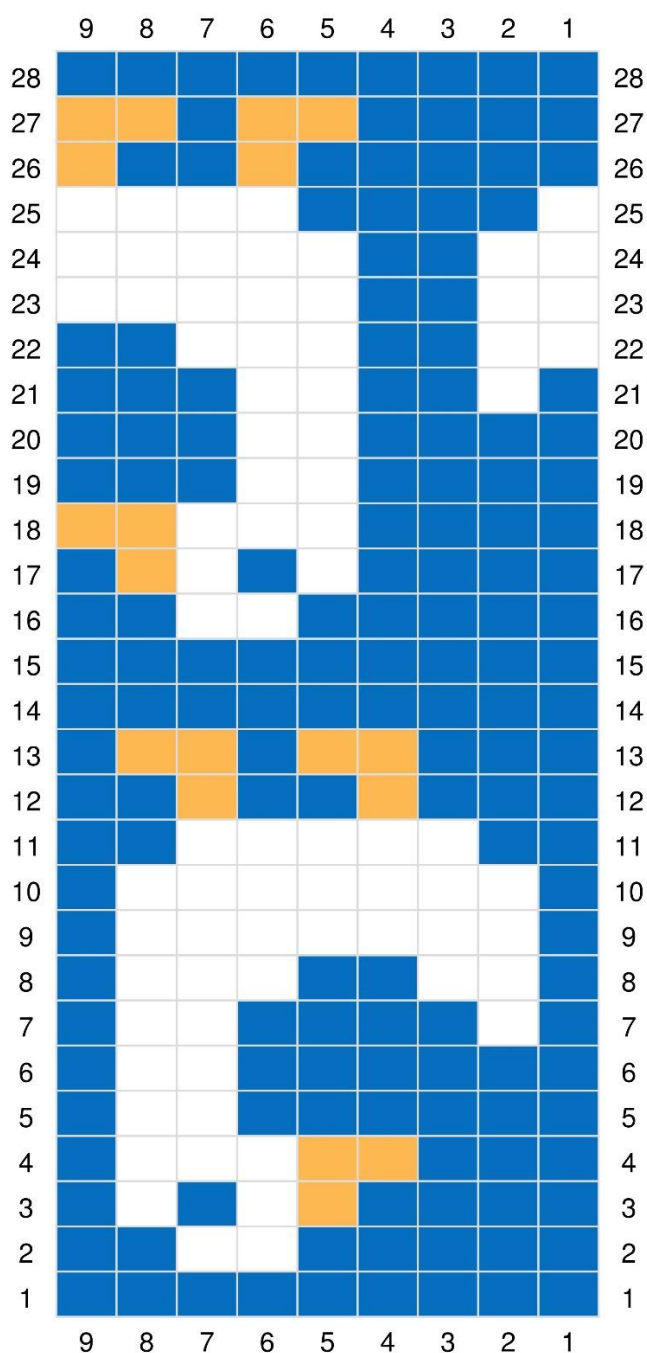
Remove BOR st marker. Knit 5 sts to reach the side of the sock. With 10 sts on each needle, graft the remaining sts together.

## FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Knit your second sock. Hand wash gently in cool water, dry flat and enjoy.



## COLOURWORK CHART



- MC: Cool Cove (blue)
- CC1: Spicy Saffron (orange)
- CC2: Soft Snow

If you would like to, please do share your work and finished socks using the hashtag [#YouSillyGooseSocks](#) or [#stoneknits](#) on social media or on Ravelry. I love seeing your creations. This pattern has been professionally tech edited by Hen in a Glen Knit Tech Editing ([hen@heninaglen.com](mailto:hen@heninaglen.com)) and every size has been test knitted. If you require pattern help, please contact me at [charlottestoneknits@gmail.com](mailto:charlottestoneknits@gmail.com). I try to respond within 24 hours unless it is a holiday/weekend.