

Branch Line Socks by Winwick Mum













Size

To fit ball of foot circumference 8 [8½:9:9½] inches; 20 [22:23:24] centimetres.

Tension

30 stitches to 4 inches (10 cm) in stocking stitch (worked in the round) on 2.5mm needles. Always use the size of needles to get the correct tension.

What you will need

 $1\,x\,100g$ ball Stylecraft Head over Heels A Walk in the Country,

Alternative yarns: James C Brett Funny Feetz, Cygnet Tr Woolrich 4 ply, King Cole Footsie 4 ply, Rico Supe Cashmeri Luxury Sock

Tools

2.5mm needles – short circular needle, DPNs (double pointed needles) or 80 cm circular for magic loop 1 set DPNs size 3.0mm (optional) 1 set DPNs size 2.5mm (not required for magic loop) stitch holder (optional) stitch markers wool needle

Abbreviations

M₁R

K Knit

K2tog Knit two stitches together

M1L Insert the right hand needle from front to

back into the bar lying between the next two

stitches and slide it onto the left hand

needle. Knit into the back of this new stitch.
Insert the right hand needle from back to

front into the bar lying between the next two

stitches and slide it onto the left hand

needle. Knit into the front of this new stitch.

P Purl

P2tog Purl two stitches together

SSK Slip the first stitch on the left hand needle

knitwise onto the right hand needle, slip the second stitch on the left hand needle purlwise onto the right hand needle, slip both stitches back onto the left hand needle

and knit together through back loop

Sl1 Slip 1 stitch purlwise

St(s) Stitches

() Repeat instructions within brackets

Pattern Notes:

It is often easier to cast on using DPNs before changing to the short circular needle. If you want to use magic loop you will be able to cast on with the larger circular needle if you prefer to do so, but remember not to pull your cast on stitches too tight. If you use DPNs, you might find it easiest to cast on and work 2 rows before dividing the stitches across the needles.

Pattern

Left leg

Using Stylecraft Head over Heels, cast on 60 [64:68:72] sts using 3.0mm double pointed needles. The pattern has been written for a cast on with straight needles; if you wish to join into the round straight away, work row 1 twice without turning and omit row 2.

60 and 68 sts

Row 1: (K2, (P1, K3) 6 [7] times, P1, K2, P1) twice, turn. (60sts and 68 sts)

Row 2: Work all knit and purl stitches as they present themselves, turn.

64 and 72 sts

Row 1: (P1, K3) 16 [18] times, turn. (64 sts and 72 sts)

Row 2: Work all knit and purl stitches as they present themselves, turn.

Change to a 2.5mm short circular needle, magic loop or divide the stitches across DPNs and join into a circle, place marker. You will sew up the small gap where you knitted the first two rows later.

Work 14 more rounds of rib as set.







Using either Chart A or written instructions and starting from round 1, work rounds 1-30 then repeat round 30 until the leg measures 6 [7] inches; 15 [17] cm or desired length from cast on edge.

Written Instructions (work twice)

Round 1: K10 (12:14:16), M1L, (P1, K3) twice, P1, K2, SSK, K3, P1, K3.

Rounds 2-4: K11 (13:15:17), (P1, K3) twice, P1, K6, P1, K3.

Round 5: K11, (13:15:17), M1L, (P1, K3) twice, P1, k1, SSK, K3, P1, K3.

Rounds 6-8: K12 (14:16:18), (P1, K3) twice, P1, k5, P1, K3.

Round 9: K12, (14:16:18), M1L, (P1, K3) twice, P1, SSK, K3, P1, K3.

Rounds 10-12: K13 (15:17:19), (P1, K3) twice, P1, K4, P1, K3.

Round 13: K13 (15:17:19), M1L, (P1, K3) twice, P2tog, K3, P1, K3.

Rounds 14-16: K14 (16:18:20), (P1, K3) 4 times.

Round 17: K14 (16:18:20), M1L, P1, K3, P1, K2, SSK, K3, P1, K3.

Rounds 18-20: K15 (17:19:21), P1, K3, P1, K6, P1, K3.

Round 21: K15 (17:19:21), M1L, P1, K3, P1, k1, SSK, K3, P1, K3.

Rounds 22-24: K16 (18:20:22), P1, K3, P1, K5, P1, K3.

Round 25: K16 (18:20:22), M1L, P1, K3, P1, SSK, K3, P1, K3.

Rounds 26-28: K17 (19:21:23), P1, K3, P1, K4, P1, K3.

Round 29: K17 (19:21:23), M1L, P1, K2, SSK, K4, P1, K3.

Round 30: K18 (20:22:24), (P1, K3) 3 times.

Chart instructions

Round 1: K10 (12:14:16), work 20 sts of Chart A. **Round 2 and following rounds:** As for Round 1, following each round of Chart A as written.

Right leg

Using Stylecraft Head over Heels, cast on 60 [64:68:72] sts using 3.0mm double pointed needles. The pattern has been written for a cast on with straight needles; if you wish to join into the round straight away, work row 1 twice without turning and omit row 2.

60 and 68 sts

Row 1: P1, K2, (P1, K3) 6 [7] times, P1, K2) twice, turn. (60 sts and 68 sts)

Row 2: Work all knit and purl stitches as they present themselves, turn.

64 and 72 sts

Row 1: (K3, P1) 16 [18] times, turn. (64 sts and 72 sts)

Row 2: Work all knit and purl stitches as they present themselves, turn.

Change to a 2.5mm short circular needle, magic loop or divide the stitches across DPNs and join into a circle, place marker. You will sew up the small gap where you knitted the first two rows later.

Work 14 more rounds of rib as set.

Using either Chart B or written instructions and starting from round 1, work rounds 1-30 then repeat round 30 until the leg measures 6 [7] inches; 15 [17] cm or desired length from cast on edge.

Written Instructions (work twice)

Round 1: K3, P1, K3, K2tog, k2, (P1, K3) twice, P1, M1R, K10 (12:14:16).

Rounds 2-4: K3, P1, k6, (P1, K3) twice, P1, K11 (13:15:17).

Round 5: K3, P1, K3, K2tog, K1, (P1, K3) twice, P1, M1R, K11 (13:15:17).

Rounds 6-8: K3, P1, k5, (P1, K3) twice, P1, K12, (14:16:18).

Round 9: K3, P1, K3, K2tog, (P1, K3) twice, P1, M1R, K12, (14:16:18).







Rounds 10-12: K3, P1, K4, (P1, K3) twice, P1, K13 (15:17:19).

Round 13: K3, P1, K3, P2tog, (K3, P1) twice, M1R, K13 (15:17:19).

Rounds 14-16: (K3, P1) 4 times, K14 (16:18:20).

Round 17: K3, P1, K3, K2tog, K2, P1, K3, P1, M1R, K14 (16:18:20).

Rounds 18-20: K3, P1, k6, P1, K3, P1, K15 (17:19:21).

Round 21: K3, P1, K3, K2tog, k1, P1, K3, P1, M1R, K15 (17:19:21).

Rounds 22-24: K3, P1, k5, P1, K3, P1, K16 (18:20:22).

Round 25: K3, P1, K3, K2tog, P1, K3, P1, M1R, K16 (18:20:22).

Rounds 26-28: K3, P1, K4, P1, K3, P1, K17 (19:21:23).

Round 29: K3, P1, K4, K2tog, k2, P1, M1R, K17 (19:21:23).

Round 30: (K3, P1) 3 times, K18 (20:22:24).

Chart instructions

Round 1: Work 20 sts of Chart B, K10 (12:14:16). **Round 2 and following rounds:** As for Round 1, following each round of Chart B as written.

Heel Flap

Change to 2.5mm DPNs if you are using a short circular needle. There is no need to use DPNs if you are using magic loop. You may prefer to place the spare stitches from the top of the foot onto a stitch holder if you are using a short circular or DPNs whilst you work the heel.

Work heel flap as follows.

Row 1: K2, (Sl1, P1) until you have 28 [30:32:34] stitches on your needle, Sl1, K1, turn.

(30:32:34:36 stitches)

Row 2: SI1, (P1, K1) to last 3 stitches, P3, turn.

Row 3: Sl1, K1, (Sl1, P1) to last two stitches, Sl1, K1, turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until heel flap measures approximately 2 [2:2 $\frac{1}{2}$:3] ins; 5 [5:6.5:7.5] cm, finishing on row 3. If you want to make the heel

flap longer, continuing knitting rows 2 and 3 until you reach the desired length, but remember that you will need to pick up more stitches to create the gusset.

Turn heel

Row 1: Sl1, **P16** [17:18:19], P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 2: Sl1, **K5**, SSK, K1, turn. **Row 3:** Sl1, **P6**, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 4: Sl1, K7, SSK, K1, turn.

Continue in this way, adding one stitch between Slip stitch and SSK or P2tog on each row (ie, Row 5: Sl1, **P8**, P2tog, P1, turn; Row 6: Sl1, **K9**, SSK, K1, turn) until all of the heel stitches are used. You may find that the K1 and P1 stitch is not required at the end of the last two rows.

Gusset

Knit across heel stitches if required to bring you to the left hand side of the heel flap (with the outside of the flap facing you), ready to pick up 1 stitch for every 2 rows knitted. Remember that if you made the heel flap bigger, you will need to pick up more stitches. Once you have picked up the stitches, **place marker** to indicate the new beginning of the round.

Work across the top of the foot stitches in rib pattern as set, **place marker**, then pick up 1 stitch for every 2 rows of heel flap knitted up the other side of the heel. Knit across the top of the heel and then shape gusset as below.

Note: If you are using DPNs and/or have placed your stitches on a stitch holder, you can arrange the needles as follows: Needle 1 for stitches across heel, Needle 2 for picked-up stitches down side of foot, Needle 3 for stitches across top of foot (knit stitches off stitch holder if required), Needle 4 for picked-up stitches on other side of foot. You may find that stitch markers are not required at first.







Shape Gusset

Round 1: Knit to 3 sts before the marker, K2tog, K1, slip marker, knit in pattern to next marker, slip marker, K1, SSK, knit to marker.

Round 2: Slip marker, knit in pattern to next marker, **slip marker**, knit to 3 sts before marker.

Round 3: K2tog, K1, slip marker, knit in pattern to next marker, slip marker, K1, SSK, knit to marker.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 to shape the gusset. Continue in this way, decreasing by two stitches at the gusset on every other round until there are 60 [64:68:72] stitches on the needle.

You will find it easiest to rearrange your stitches across your needles once the gusset is completed before continuing with the foot.

Once you have reached the required number of stitches, continue to work each round in pattern as set until you reach approximately 2 inches (5 cm) before the desired length ready to start the

toes. Don't be afraid to try your sock on before decreasing for the toes!

Toe

Create the toes as follows:

Round 1: K1, SSK, work in rib pattern for 24 [26:28:30] sts, K2tog, K1, place marker, K1, SSK, K24 [26:28:30] sts, K2tog, K1. 56 (60:64:68) sts

Round 2: Work one round, slipping markers as you come to them.

Round 3: K1, SSK, work in rib pattern to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1, slip marker, K1, SSK, K to 3 sts **before marker**, K2tog, K1. 52 (56:60:64) sts

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have 28 [28:32:32] sts left and divide these between two needles so that front and back of socks match.

Graft toes using Kitchener stitch, weave in all ends and sew up the small gap at the cuff where you cast on

Charts Chart A

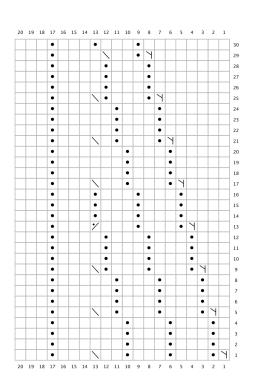


Chart B

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MIL

SSK

