



Poolside Socks

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About the pattern

The idea for the Poolside Socks came to me whilst sitting poolside knitting on a sock and watching my daughter's swimming lesson. The cool blue tones of the water and the bright glistening lights from above are fascinating to watch as the water ripples and splashes, making the colours of the tiles on the bottom dance to the music of children having fun. The easy to memorise cable pattern on the poolside socks is intended to resemble the undulating movement of the pool and be a fun project to work on whether you are sat poolside, like me, at a swimming lesson or in sunnier climes with a cocktail in hand and a palm tree for shade!

About the designer

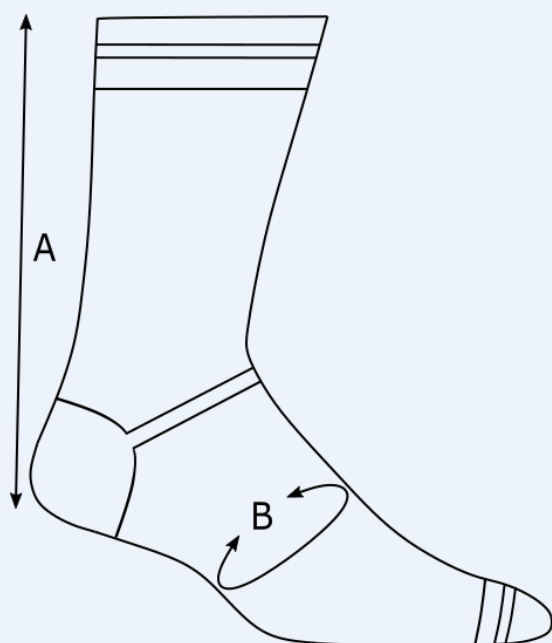
Hi, I'm Cat! I first learnt to knit from my Mum and Nan when I was little but only caught the 'knitting bug' in my 20's. After practicing as a Midwife in the NHS for nearly 10yrs, I am now lucky enough to be following my crafty dreams designing knitwear! If you fancy browsing my other designs and keeping up to date with my crafty antics, do follow me on the socials and take a mooch at my website!



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Sizing and Schematic



- A. Leg length from top of cuff to bottom of heel
B. Foot circumference

Sizing in Inches

	A	B
Small	8	7
Medium	8.5	8
Large	9.5	9

Sizing in Centimetres

	A	B
Small	20	17.5
Medium	21.5	20
Large	24	22.5

Approximately 1" (2.5cm) of negative ease is recommended. Therefore, pick a size around 1" (2.5cm) smaller than the actual foot circumference. Size labels provide a rough guide only, choose a size based on the actual foot circumference and intended amount of negative ease.

The Specifics

Construction

The poolside socks are knit from the top down and in the round. The cuff starts with a long tail cast-on (or your preferred stretchy method) and a simple 1x1 rib with a contrast stripe for added interest. The heel is of a German Short Row construction and a traditional wedge toe (with matching contrast stripe) is used to complete the sock. The instructions are intended to be 'needle type neutral' so work whether you are using Magic Loop, a small 'sock' circular needle or DPN's. Markers are used to mark the beginning/end of the round and the halfway point of the stitch count. If using Magic Loop this corresponds to the start of needle 1 and start of needle 2. For DPN's, the start of needle 1 and start of needle 3. If you prefer knitting socks on a small 'sock' circular needle, then simply place the markers as instructed.

Materials

Yarn

The sample sock is a size Medium, worn with the recommended 1" (2.5cm) negative ease. It is knit using a Giddy Yarns sock set in the colourway 'Waters Edge'.

Suggested Yarns

For the main colour, any light fingering or sock weight yarn with approximately 425m (465yds) per 100g. For the contrast colour yarn, one 20g mini skein of the same yarn composition.

Required meterage (yardage)

Main colour (MC): 300 (335, 395) m / 328 (367, 432) yds.

This equates to 1 skein of light fingering or sock weight yarn with approximately 425m (465yds) per 100g, for all sizes.

Contrast colour (CC): one 20g contrast mini skein for all sizes.

*Required meterage (yardage) is based on the specified gauge and recommended yarn, plus extra for swatching and assuming a large shoe size of a men's UK 10.5 (EUR 45, US 11).

Gauge

32 stitches and 40 rounds = 4x4" (10x10cm) in the main cable pattern.

Needles

2.5mm (US size 1.5) and 2.75mm (US size 2) OR needle size needed to obtain gauge. DPN's or long circular needle if using the Magic Loop method. A short circular e.g. 9" (23cm) needle may be used for the leg, heel turn and foot of the sock but DPN's or Magic Loop will be required for the toe.

Two needle sizes are used throughout. The all over cable pattern on the leg section creates a tighter

fabric than the rest of the sock. Therefore, a larger needle size is recommended for this section only and the smaller needle is used for the cuff, heel, foot and toe.

Notions

2 stitch markers.
Cable needle.

Required Techniques

Long tail cast-on method (or preferred stretchy cast on method for socks).
Knitting in the round.
Cable knitting.
German Short Rows.
Grafting of the toe stitches to close.

Notes

When the pattern refers to repeating instructions, the use of the word 'TOTAL' means that the instructions (i.e. 'work rows/rounds 1 and 2 a TOTAL of XX amount of times') INCLUDES the first time they are worked, as written.

Abbreviations

BOR	Beginning of round
CC	Contrast colour
cn	Cable needle
CO	Cast on
Dec	Decrease(d)
DPN(s)	Double pointed needle(s)
DS	Double stitch
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit two stitches together
kDS	Knit both legs of the double stitch together
L	Left
m	Metre
MC	Main colour
p	Purl
pDS	Purl both legs of the double stitch together
pm	Place marker
R	Right
RS	Right side
sl	Slip
sm	Slip marker
ssk	Slip, slip, knit
st(s)	Stitch(es)
WS	Wrong side
yds	Yards

Cable abbreviations can be found within the chart key on page 4.



Follow instructions based on your size only. Add your own leg and foot lengths for a customised fit (optional). Benefit from easy-to-follow instructions with integrated row/round counting, progress tracking as well as all charts and abbreviations easily accessible by clicking the text.



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Instructions

Cuff

Using CC and smaller sized needle, CO 56 (64, 72) sts using the long tail cast-on method (OR preferred stretchy method for socks). Place BOR marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist.

Round 1: *k1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Work round 1 a TOTAL of 6 (6, 7) times.

Change to MC.

Round 2: k to end.

Work round 2 a TOTAL of one time and then work round 1 a TOTAL of two times to complete the stripe.

Change back to CC.

Now work round 2 a TOTAL of one time and then round 1 a TOTAL of 6 (6, 7) times.

Break CC yarn.

Leg

Change to **larger needle** and using MC yarn:

Setup round: k to end.

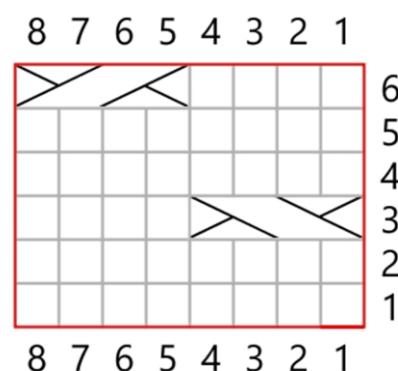
Work rounds 1-6 of the chart (or written instructions, if preferred) repeating until the leg measures approximately 6" (6.5", 7") / 15cm (16.5cm, 17.5cm) from the cast on edge OR desired leg length (before starting the heel), ending after round 2 or 5.

Change to CC yarn and work the next round of the cable pattern (either round 3 or 6, depending on which round you ended on), to end.

Heel

The heel is worked on the first half of the sts using German Short Rows. The rest of the stitches remain on the needle and are worked for two rounds halfway through the heel turn. These two full rounds should fall on knit rounds of the cable

Cable Pattern



Rounds 1, 2, 4 and 5: k to end.

Round 3: *2/2 LC, k4; repeat from * to end.

Round 6: *k4, 2/2 RC; repeat from * to end.

Key

	Knit
	2/2 LC: sl2 onto cn and hold in front, k2 from L needle, k2 from cn
	2/2 RC: sl2 onto cn and hold at back, k2 from L needle, k2 from cn
	Pattern repeat

pattern and count towards the overall pattern repeat.

Change to smaller needle and continue with CC, keeping the BOR marker in place:

Row 1 (RS): k28 (32, 36), turn.

Row 2 (WS): DS, p27 (31, 35), turn.

Row 3 (RS): DS, k to DS, turn.

Row 4 (WS): DS, p to DS, turn.

Work rows **3 and 4** a TOTAL of 8 (10, 11) times. With the RS facing there should be 9 (11, 12) DS's and 11 (11, 13) centre k sts on the left needle and 8 (10, 11) DS's on the right needle.

Full Round 1: DS, k10 (10, 12), k through both legs of the next 9 (11, 12) DS's, k across all instep sts (whilst maintaining the cable pattern) to end.

Full Round 2: k through both legs of the next 9 (11, 12) DS's, k to end.

Work the second half of the heel as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k20 (22, 25), turn.

Row 2 (WS): DS, p11 (11, 13), turn.

Row 3 (RS): DS, k to DS, kDS, k1, turn.

Row 4 (WS): DS, p to DS, pDS, p1, turn.

Work rows 3 and 4 a TOTAL of 8 (10, 11) times.

Heel completion round: DS, k26 (30, 34), kDS, pm, work next corresponding round of the cable pattern from Foot Chart B (A, B) (this should be a cable round), to end.

Break CC yarn.

Stitch count = 56 (64, 72)

Foot

The sole of the sock is knit in stockinette (k all sts) whilst the cable pattern is continued on the instep sts. Start working the Foot Chart from where the Leg Chart ended, including the two full rounds during the heel turn and the heel completion round. For example, if you ended the Leg Chart on round 6, the first Foot Chart round to work should be round 4.

The Small and Large size have a 'half repeat' of the cable pattern at the start of instep so make sure you are following the correct chart for your size.

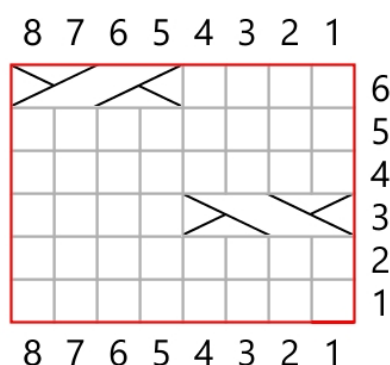
Using MC yarn and continuing with the **smaller needle** size, work the foot as follows:

Setup round: kDS, k to marker, sm, work next corresponding round of Foot Chart B (A, B), to end.

Round 1: k to marker, sm, work next round of Foot Chart B (A, B), to end.

Work round 1 until the sock measures 1.5" (1.75", 2.25") / 4cm (4.5cm, 5.5cm) shorter than the desired finished sock length, measured from the back of the heel. End after round 3 or 6 of the cable pattern.

Foot Chart A



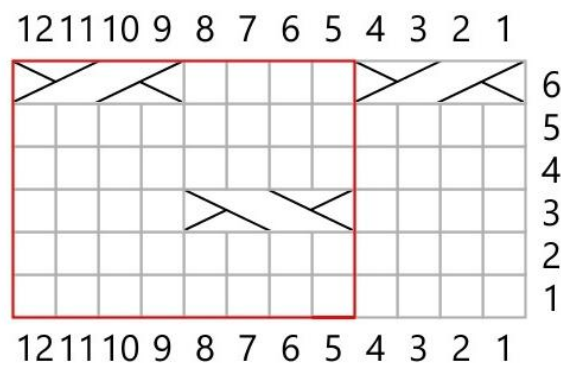
Rounds 1, 2, 4 and 5: k all sts.

Round 3: *2/2 LC, k4; repeat from * to end.

Round 6: *k4, 2/2 RC; repeat from * to end.

** please see chart key on page 4, if required.

Foot Chart B



Rounds 1, 2, 4 and 5: k all sts.

Round 3: k4, *2/2 LC, k4; repeat from * to end.

Round 6: 2/2 RC, *k4, 2/2 RC; repeat from * to end.

Toe

Change to CC yarn.

Round 1: k to end.

Round 2: *k1, ssk, k to 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1, sm; repeat from * to end (4 sts dec).

Work rounds 1 and 2 a TOTAL of 3 times.

Change to MC yarn and work rounds 1 and 2 once and then round 1 one more time (3 rounds in total to create the MC stripe).

Switch back to CC yarn and work round 2 once.

Now continue to work rounds 1 and 2 three (four, six) more times, until 24 (28, 28) sts remain.

If necessary, place 12 (14, 14) sts onto one DPN (sole sts), place the other 12 (14, 14) sts on another DPN (front sts) and graft together to complete the sock.

Repeat instructions again for the second sock.

Finishing

Weave in ends, wet block to measurements, allow to dry (flat) and enjoy!

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