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Candy Cane Socks
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WHY NOT SPICE UP YOUR FESTIVE SEASON WITH THESE ADDITIONAL SOLID SHADES TO CREATE A VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS SOCKS

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Step into the festive season with this limited edition Candy Cane sock pattern. Designed by Winwick Mum these socks are sure to make the perfect handmade gift for someone this Christmas.

These socks are constructed as top down socks with a heel flap and gusset. The heel is knitted in ribbed heel stitch which creates a durable, cushioned heel and is a more defined rib variation of the traditional heel stitch. This pattern is for a medium sized sock, with larger sizes suitable for men and women given in parentheses. The length of the sock is easily adjusted for any foot.

Size

To fit ball of foot circumference 8" (8.5"; 9"; 9.5");
20cm (22; 23; 24 cm)

Gauge

28 stitches to 4 inches (10cm) in stocking stitch (worked in the round) on 2.5mm needles

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
Sl1	Slip 1 stitch purlwise
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
K2tog	Knit two stitches together
*	repeat instructions between asterisks

Materials

1 x 100g ball of Signature 4 Ply Candy Cane 989
2.5mm needles – 30cm short circular needle, DPNs (double pointed needles) or 80cm 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

Note: These socks are knitted on 2.5mm needles, not 3.25mm as stated on the ball band. This will produce a different gauge but will ensure a firmer, more hard-wearing fabric for your socks. The ideal gauge for these socks is 28 stitches per 10cm (4") so use whatever size needles are required to reach that gauge and do check that your knitted fabric is firm but not stiff.



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Note: It is often easier to cast on using DPNs before changing to the 30cm 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.

Using West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4 Ply in Candy Cane, cast on 60 (64; 68; 72) stitches using 3.0mm double pointed needles.

1st row: K2, P2, repeat to end, turn

2nd row: K2, P2, repeat to end, 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.

Continue in K2, P2 rib for 14 more rounds or until desired length of rib.

Continue to knit each round until leg measures 6" (7") ; 15cm (17cm) or desired length from cast on edge.

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.

1st row: K2 *Sl 1, P1* until you have 28 (30, 32, 34) stitches on your needle, Sl 1, K1, turn (30, 32, 34, 36 stitches)

2nd row: Sl 1, *P1, K1* to last 3 stitches, P3, turn

3rd row: Sl 1, K1, *Sl 1, P1* to last two stitches, Sl1, K1, turn

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until heel measures approximately 2" (5cm), 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: Sl 1, P16 (P17, P18, P19), P2tog, P1, turn

Row 2: Sl 1, K5, SSK, K1, turn

Row 3: Sl 1, P6, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 4: Sl 1, K7, SSK, K1, turn

Continue in this way, adding one stitch between slip stitch and SSK or P2tog on each row until all of the heel stitches are used (ie, P8, K9, P10, K11 etc).

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. Knit across the top of the foot stitches, 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: K to 3 sts before the marker, K2tog, K1, slip marker, knit to next marker, slip marker, K1, SSK, K to marker.

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

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

Once you have reached the required number of stitches, continue to knit each round until you reach approximately 2" (5cm) before the desired length ready to start the toes. Don't be afraid to try your sock on before decreasing for the toes!

TOES

Note: At some point whilst decreasing for the toes, if you are using a short circular needle you will need to change back to DPNs or use the magic loop method as the number of stitches becomes too small for the circular. It's up to you when you choose to do that, and how you distribute the stitches across the needles; just keep following the pattern as set below.

Create the toes as follows:

Round 1: K1, SSK, K24 (26, 28, 30) sts, K2tog, K1, place marker, K1, SSK, K24 (26, 28, 30) sts, K2tog, K1

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

Round 3: K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1, slip marker, K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have 28 stitches 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.



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