

WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS

Signature
4 PLY



Blitzen

Hand knitted paperchain cable pattern socks
by Winwick Mum



Signature

SPARKLE 4 PLY

75% WOOL / 23 % NYLON / 2% POLYESTER



Silent Night
(906)



Fairy Lights
(905)

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4 PLY

75% WOOL / 25 % NYLON



Robin
(941)



Candy Cane
(989)



Holly Berry
(886)

4PLY

3.25mm
US3

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US3

Tension
10cm/4"sq

400 437
Metres Yards

100g
Ball

36 rows



28sts



Reshape whilst damp
Do not tumble dry



Fairy Lights twinkle between evergreen leaves

As Holly Berry decks the halls and eaves.

Candy Cane dangles from branches that glow

While Robin flutters in falling snow.

Silent Night sparkles and Christmas stockings are full

Welcome back winter with our festive Signature wool.



A note from Winwick Mum

What does Christmas mean to you? For many it's a time to slow down, to reflect and remember that it's a celebration of love, hope and joy – and giving.

So often the butt of jokes, we hand-knitters know that socks are the ultimate gift, our love, time, thought and care knitted into the stitches which will warm the recipient's feet. That same love, time, thought and care – as with all of West Yorkshire Spinners' yarns – has gone into producing these very special festive yarns: vibrant and twinkling Fairy Lights, the fun stripes of Candy Cane, traditional Robin and Holly Berry, and the brand new yarn, Silent Night, calm but sparkling like a clear, frosty night.

I was thrilled to be asked to create new patterns, and I hope that these socks, inspired by paper chains, Christmas tree lights (no tangles in these ones!), streamers, decorations, candy canes and even tyre tracks on snow will bring you many hours of knitting joy because, of course, hand knitted socks are for wearing all year round and not just for Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

Christine

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General information

Working from a chart

When working from a chart you will read all rounds from right to left.

Abbreviations

cm	Centimetres
DPNs	Double pointed needles
in(s)	Inch(es)
K	Knit
K2tog	Knit two stitches together
Ktbl	Knit through back loop of stitch
MC	Main colour
P	Purl
pm	Place marker
Sl 1	Slip 1 stitch purlwise holding yarn to the back of your work
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
st(s)	Stitch(es)
()	Repeat instructions inside brackets

Special abbreviations

C9BF – Slip the next 3 stitches onto 1st cable needle and hold at the back of your work, slip the next 3 stitches onto 2nd cable needle and hold at the front of your work, knit the next 3 stitches, knit the 3 stitches from the 2nd cable needle at front of work, then knit the 3 stitches from the 1st cable needle at back of work

Pattern notes

These socks are knitted on 2.5mm needles, not 3.25mm as stated on the ball band. This will produce a different tension but will ensure a firmer, more hard-wearing fabric for your socks. The ideal tension for these socks is 30 stitches to 4in; 10cm so use 2.5mm or whatever size needles are required to reach that tension and do check that your knitted fabric is firm but not stiff.

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.

If you prefer matching socks, make a note of the colour section you start your cast on from and cast on your second sock at the same point in the yarn.





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Level



Measurements (approximately)

To fit ball of foot circumference

8 [8.5:9:9.5]in; 20 [22:23:24]cm

Leg length (approximately) 6in; 15cm

Yarn

West Yorkshire Spinners – Signature 4ply

Robin (941) 1 x 100g

Materials

2.5mm needles – short circular needle,
DPNs or 80cm circular for magic loop

1 set 2.5mm DPNs (not required for magic loop)

2 x cable needles and stitch markers

Stitch holder (optional)

Tension

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

Always use the size of needles to achieve
the correct tension



PATTERN

Using Robin, cast on 60 [64:68:72] sts using your preferred method and join into the round. It is not necessary to choose a bigger size to accommodate the cables with this pattern.

Rib round: (Ktbl, P1) repeat to end of round.

Last round sets twisted rib. Continue in twisted rib for 16 rounds in total.

Work set up rounds for size required:

60 sts (30 sts twice)

Round 1: (K1, P3, K3, work 15 sts as given for round 1 of cable panel, K3, P3, K2) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working round 2 of cable panel.

64 sts (32 sts twice)

Round 1: (K1, P3, K4, work 15 sts as given for round 1 of cable panel, K4, P3, K2) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working round 2 of cable panel.

68 sts (34 sts twice)

Round 1: (K3, P3, K3, work 15 sts as given for round 1 of cable panel, K3, P3, K3, P1) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working round 2 of cable panel.

72 sts (36 sts twice)

Round 1: (P1, K3, P3, K3, work 15 sts as given for round 1 of cable panel, K3, P3, K3, P2) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working round 2 of cable panel.

For All Sizes

Continue to work in pattern as set, inserting the appropriate round of cable pattern panel when you come to it until 16 rounds of cable panel have been worked.

Rep these 16 rounds twice more then 1–8 rounds once more. (56 rounds in pattern.)

HEEL FLAP

Change to 2.5mm DPNs if you are using a short circular needle, and place spare top of the foot stitches on a holder if preferred.

Row 1: K2, (Sl 1, P1) until you have 28 [30:32:34] sts on your needle, Sl 1, K1, turn. 30 [32:34:36] sts.

Row 2: Sl 1, (P1, K1) to last 3 stitches, P3, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K1, (Sl 1, P1) to last two stitches, Sl 1, K1, turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until heel measures 2 [2.2:5:3]in; 5 [5:6.5:7.5]cm long, or desired length, finishing on row 3.

Turn Heel

Row 1: Sl 1, P16 [17:18:19], 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 (ie, **Row 5:** Sl 1, **P8**, P2tog, P1; **Row 6:** Sl 1, **K9**, SSK, K1, etc) 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. The working yarn should be at the left hand side of your heel flap. If you want the stripes to match down the foot of your sock, break yarn here and rejoin so that yarn matches last worked round of leg.

Pick up 1 stitch for every 2 rows knitted down side of heel flap, then place marker. Work round 1 of pattern for your size across 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

Working in rib pattern and stocking stitch only proceed as follows:

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

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

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

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 to shape the gusset until there are 60 [64:68:72] sts on the needle. Once you have reached the required number of stitches, continue to work each round in pattern as set until you reach approximately 2in; 5cm before the desired length ready to start toes. Don't be afraid to try your sock on before decreasing for the toes!

TOES

Note: If you are using a short circular needle you may need to change to DPNs or use the magic loop method as the number of stitches becomes too small for the circular.

Round 1: K1, SSK, K24 [26:28:30] sts, K2tog, K1, **place marker**, K1, SSK, K24 [26:28:30] sts, K2tog, K1. 56 [60:64:68] sts.

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. 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 and weave in all ends.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

Cable Panel

Rounds 1–4: (P3, K3) twice, P3. (15 sts)

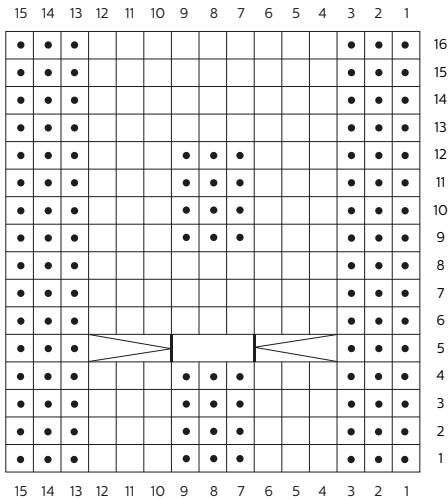
Round 5: P3, C9BF, P3.

Rounds 6–8: P3, K9, P3.

Rounds 9–12: (P3, K3) twice, P3.

Rounds 13–16: P3, K9, P3.

CHART (15 sts)



Key  Knit  Purl  C9BF





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