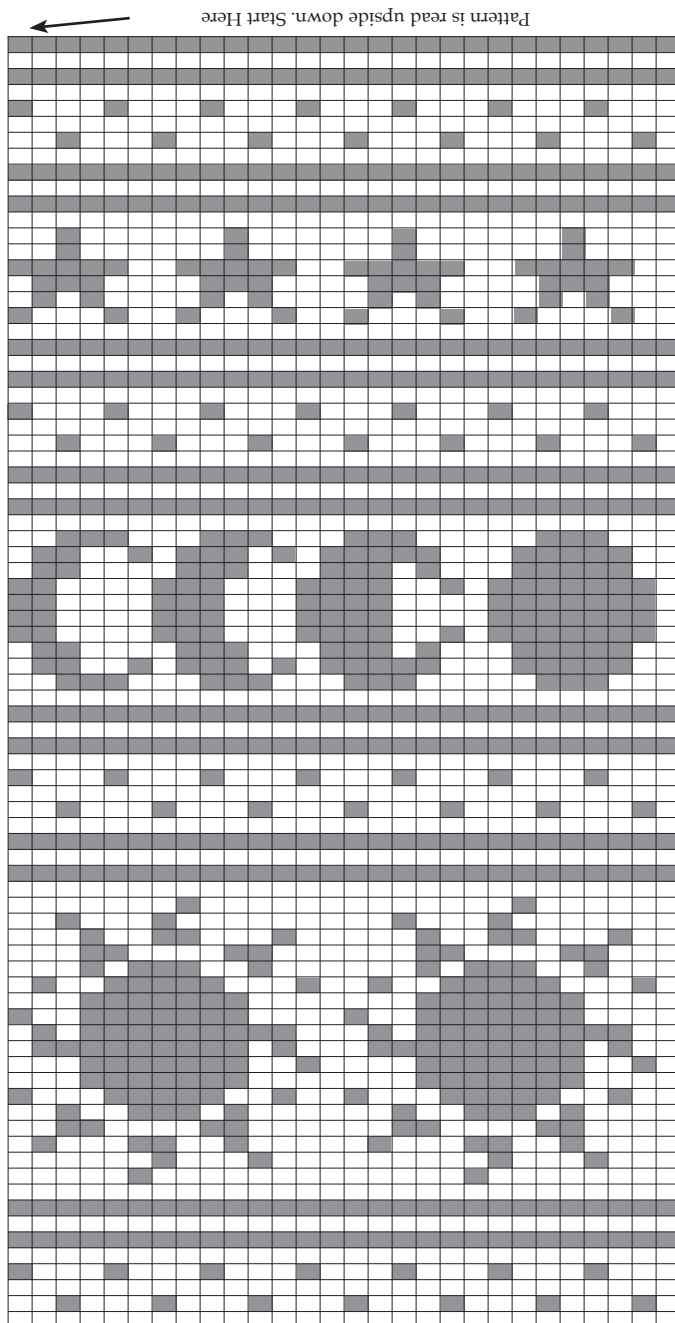


Sun & Moon

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To work this pattern you should be familiar with circular knitting. We suggest a set of 5 bamboo or wooden needles. These are light, comfortable to hold, and are less likely to slip out of the work. Working on five needles makes knitting and dividing for heel and toe much easier. If you use a small circular needle place a marker at the join. But, as always, it's Knitters Choice!



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Materials

Suggested yarn for this pattern is about 1200 yards per pound or 75 yards per ounce, sport weight. Size 2 DP needles.

Gauge

Size 3 US needles 1"=approx. 4 1/2 - 5 sts.

This pattern is for an average size woman's sock. Once you get about 3" past the ribbing check the width of the work. If the sock is too narrow add 4 stitches. When you get to the Sun & Moon bands, place the extra stitches evenly between the designs...i.e.; add one stitch between each of the 4 Suns. If you use less than 56 stitches the pattern will not be distinct...use smaller needles instead. These are women's size medium.

Cast On

Holding three of the needles together, firmly cast on 56 stitches Place 14 stitches on each needle.

Be careful not to twist the stitches.

Ribbing

Work in K2 P2 rib for 1 1/2". Knit 2 rounds in the background color then start following the pattern from row #1. When you finish the single row of contrast color after the Sun band, divide for the heel.

Heel Flap

28 stitches will be used for the heel.

You've stopped the last round at the point you started which will become the center back of the heel.

Knit across the next 14 sts. Turn.

Row 1. Slip the first stitch, purl across 27 sts and place them on one needle (you'll slip the first stitch of every row on the heel flap). Turn.

Row 2. Slip the first stitch,* K1, slip 1* repeat From * to *, end on K1. Turn.

Repeat these two rows for 2 1/4" .

Turn the Heel

This method will work for any number of stitches divisible by 2.

With the purl side facing you, purl to the center (14 sts).

Row 1. P2, P2 together, P1, turn.

Row 2. Slip the first stitch, K5, K2 together, K1, turn.

There will be a slight gap where you turned on both rows. Spread the stitches apart a bit to see them. You'll be decreasing the two stitches on either side of the gap on every round.

Row 3. Slip the first stitch, P6, P2 together, P1, turn.

Row 4. Slip the first stitch, K7, K2 together, k1, turn.

Continue working one more stitch every row before the decrease. On the next to last row (purl side)

