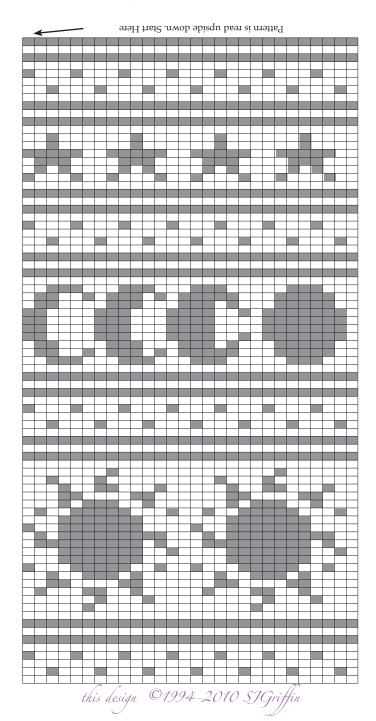
Moon Sun (Q

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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!



*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.



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)

the P1 will be the last stitch. Turn.

Last Row. K to the last 3 sts, K2 together, slip the last stitch.

Count these stitches and write the number down.

Now you are ready to pick up the stitches along each side of the heel flap.

Turn the heel to the purl side and look at the edges. There are distinct knit stitches along both sides.

These are the stitches you'll be picking up through (both loops). Count them. There will be one less stitch on the left edge (purl side facing you).

You'll pick up the stitches along one edge, work across the instep, pick up the stitches along the second edge of the heel flap and work to the center back of the heel.

Skip the first edge stitch and pick 11 stitches.

Pick up the last stitch from the gap between the needles as follows:

Insert the needle into a knit stitch one row below, twist the yarn as if casting on and pull through.

Knit across the instep.

Pick up the first stitch on the remaining side of the heel flap as the last above.

Pick up the 11 sts and Knit to the center back of the heel.\*\*

### Instep

Round 1. Work one round in the contrast color. Start following the chart from the row be low the of contrast color following the Sun band on the chart.

Round 2. Working in the color pattern, knit to the last three stitches on the first needle. ssk, K1. Work across the two needles of the instep (28 sts).

On the fourth needle K1, K2 together, K to the end of the round.

Round 3. Work the color pattern without decreases.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3, & repeat the design bands as follows: Moon band, Tiny Star band, Large Star band & Tiny Star Band, until there are 4 less sts than you cast on (in this case 52).

Continue in backround color until the foot measures 2" less than the length of the foot that will be wearing the sock.

Shape the Toe

First decrease round:

1st. needle: K to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. 2nd needle: P2 tog, work to end. 3rd needle: work to last 3 sts ,K1, P2 tog. 4th needle: K1, K2 tog, k to end.

Rnd 2. Knit.

Rnd 3. 1st needle: K to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. 2nd needle: ssk, work to end. 3rd needle: work to lst 3 sts K1, K2 tog. 4th needle: K1, K2 tog, K to end.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until there are 16 sts left, 8 on the bottom of the foot and 8 on top. Work to the end of the first needle.

Weave the Toe

Place the 8 sts on the top of the foot on one needle. Place the remaining sts on one needle.

Slip all the sts once as if to knit, taking out the twist.

Hold the needles horizontally in front of you with the yarn tail on your right.

Break the yarn leaving a 14" tail and graft the stitches together.

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# WASH YOUR SOCKS!!!

There are many methods of washing handknit 100% wool socks. This is our favorite:

Make sure you start with room temperature water. Along with agitation, a shocking change in temperature can cause wool to felt (be gentle both in temperature and handling, as if you are washing a baby).

Add a a capful of baby shampoo or wool wash. Squeeze gently a couple of times to squish sudsy water in and out of the socks, but do not rub or wring. Soak for 20 to 30 minutes.

Dump the lot into the washer and spin dry or roll in a thick towel and squeeze excess moisture out.

Do room temperature plain-water soak, squeeze gently a couple of times, (some wool wash brands do not need rinsing, in that case skip this step) soak for 5 minutes.

Spin or towel squeeze dry.

Reshape if necessary and lay flat to dry or place on sock blockers.

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