

THE OPPOSOCKS

A knitting pattern by
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YARN

Sandnes Garn Sisu Solids (80% Wool, 20% Nylon; 191 yds (175 m)/50 gr)

Petrol (1 skein) 145 [160, 175] yds (133 [146, 160] m)

Dark Sea Green (1 skein) 145 [160, 175] yds (133 [146, 160] m)

TOOLS & NOTIONS

US size 1.5 (2.5 mm) double pointed needles

Stitch markers

Embroidery needle

GAUGE

32 sts x 38 rows = 4 x 4" (10 cm x 10 cm) square in stockinette st, lightly blocked.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS & SIZING

S, [M, L]

Actual size: 6 [6.5, 7]" (15 [16.5, 18] cm) in circumference

To Fit: 7-9 [9-11, 11-13]" (18-23 [23-28, 28-33] cm) foot

ABBREVIATIONS

[*]	Repeat instructions this number of times, based on your size.
*	Repeat stitches between these stars the detailed number of times based on your size.
Beg	Begin/beginning.
CO	Cast on.
C1	Colour 1 - cuff, heel, and toe.
C2	Colour 2 - main body of sock.
dec	Decrease
k	Knit.
p	Purl.
p2tog	Purl 2 together.
Rep(s)	Repeat(s).
rnd(s)	Round(s).
RS	Right side.
ssk	Slip 1 st knitwise, slip the next st knitwise, knit.
st(s)	Stitch(es).
s1	With working yarn in back, insert the right needle as if to purl, and move the stitch from left to right.
WS	Wrong side.

If you're anything like me you may have a tendency to over-acquire sock yarn, which invariably, leads to one-off skeins of different colours. With not enough to make a matching pair, I decided to use two different skeins and make opposite socks - and The Opposocks were born! This pattern is perfect of stash busting those random single sock yarn skeins, so grab two different colours and cast on.

As the MC and CC change per sock, I've labelled the yarns C1 and C2. These will shift depending on which sock you're working. C1 will always be your cuff, heel, and toe, while C2 will make up the main body of your sock. When switching colours, cut the end of the yarn you just used, and begin working with the next colour.

INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff

With C1, CO 60 [68, 76] sts. Place marker and join for working in the round.

Rnd 1: *k1, p1* to end

Rep row 1 for a total of 10 times.

Leg

Switch to C2, and begin working the chart. The chart shows one half of the sock, work the whole chart twice (once for the front of the leg and once for the back). Work the red highlighted section the designated number of times for your size per half of the sock.

Work rows 1-4 of the chart 15 times for the leg.

Heel

With C1, separate for heel by working first 30 [34, 38] sts as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *S1, k* to end, turn.

Row 2 (WS): S1, p to end, turn.

Rep these two rows another 9 [10, 11] times for a total of 20 [22, 24] rows, ending after a WS row.

Turn Heel

Row 1: S1, k16 [18, 20], ssk, k1, turn

Row 2: S1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 3: S1, k to 1 st before gap, ssk, k1, turn

Row 4: S1, p to 1 st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all sts have been worked, and 18 [20, 22] sts remain.

Gusset

Arrange DPNs so that the beg of the row is located in the centre of the heel as follows:

With C2, k9 [10, 11], place marker to indicate new beg of rnd, k9 [10, 11]. Pick up 10 [11, 12] sts along the heel flap (one stitch for each slipped st along the edge, and 1 more between gusset and top of foot)

Gusset (cont'd)

Work row 1 from chart once for top of foot.

Pick up 10 [11, 12] sts along the opposite side of heel flap.

Foot

K across heel and instep sts until 3 sts before top of foot, k2tog, k1; work row 2 from chart; k1, ssk, k rem sts to end of round.

Every second row (even row on foot chart) dec 1 st on each side of instep, ending with a total of 56 [64, 72] sts.

The ribbing on the top of the foot creates a lot of stretch, but for a wider foot, work less decreases to fit.

Repeat rnds 1-4 of chart for desired foot length, ending about 2" (5 cm) from the end of your toe.

Toe

Move 1 st from each side of top of foot to bottom of foot needles to evenly distribute sts across your needle. 28 [32, 36] sts are now on the top and bottom of foot.

Rnd 1: With C1, k across bottom of foot to 3 sts before right side of foot; k2tog, k2, ssk; k across top of foot to 3 sts before side of foot; ssk, k2, k2tog, k to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: K all sts

Repeat these 2 rnds, decreasing every second rnd for 10 rnds.

Beginning with rnd 11, rep decreases every rnd, until toe measures approximately 2" (5 cm).

Finishing

After your last decrease round, k across bottom of foot to the right side of your toe.

Graft together sts using Kitchener stitch.

Weave in all ends and block. The row gauge height will differ between the ribbing and texture, so don't be afraid to be aggressive and even that out.

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- Rep 5 [6, 7] times

Rnds 3-4: P1, k2, p2, *s1, k3* 5 [6, 7] times, p2, k2, p1.