



Have a Heart Valentine Socks

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Directions:

With Red/CC2; cast on 48 (56/64/72) stitches using the long-tail or other stretchy cast on. Join to work in the round (beware of twisting).

Ribbing: *K2, P2, repeat from * to end

Work ribbing for 8 (10/10/12) rounds or to desired length.

Join white/MC and begin working in stripe pattern (*join black/CC1 when needed*):

Stripe pattern:

With white/MC, knit 3 rounds

With black/CC1 knit 1 round

Work chart for 7 rounds (motif is repeated 6 (7/8/9) times around leg) *cut red/CC2 yarn. The chart rounds continue the stripe pattern as set, so the next round worked will be black/CC1.*

Repeat stripe pattern until 24 (36) rounds have been completed. Additional stripe rounds ending with black/CC1 can be worked if a longer sock is desired.

Heel set up:

(*continuing in black/CC1*) turn work and purl across 24 (28/32/36) stitches.

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Pattern Notes:

Sizes: Childs Medium (CM) / Large (CL)
Women's Medium (AM) / Large (AL)

Instructions for CL/AM/AL are given in parenthesis

Gauge: 30 st / 42 rows per 4" (10cm)

Measurements:
Circumference: 6.25" / 7.25" / 8.5/9.5"
Length (Adjustable)

Yarn:

Knitpicks Stroll Fingering (Black and White) (20-30g / 150 yds each)

Regia 4 ply Extra twist Merino fingering (Red) (10-20g / 41 yards)

Needles: US 1 (2.25mm)

Notions: Scissors, Darning needle, tape measure

Abbreviations:

S1 – Slip one stitch purl-wise with yarn in back
SSK – Slip, slip, knit
K2tog – knit two together
P2tog – purl two together



Row 1(RS): *S1, K1, repeat from * to end

Row 2(WS): S1, purl to end

Repeat these two rows until 24 (28/32/36) stitches have been worked or length needed for fit.

Heel turn:

Set up:

(RS) S1, knit 13 (15/18/19), SSK, k1, turn

(WS) S1, purl 5(5/7/7), p2tog, p1, turn

Row 1(RS): S1, knit to 1 stitch before gap, SSK, k1, turn

Row 2(WS): S1, purl to 1 stitch before gap, p2tog, p1, turn

- *Note: on the 2 smaller sizes, the last repeat will have only one stitch on either side of the gap, omit the k1/p1 before the turn on this row.*

Repeat these two rows until all stitches have been worked 14(16/20/22) stitches remain) *cut black/CC1.*

Gusset:

Set up:

With white/MC, knit across instep stitches, pick up 14 (15/18/19) stitches along first side of heel flap, knit across heel stitches, pick up 14 (15/18/19) stitches along other side of heel flap. (An extra stitch may be picked on each side up to close gap at instep if necessary).

Decrease round: (continue working in stripe pattern as set, *join black/CC1 when needed*):

Knit across instep, k1, SSK, knit to last 3 stitches of heel / gusset, k2tog, k1.

Knit 1 round.

Continue working 1 decrease round and 1 knit round until total stitches are equal to original stitch count (48/56/64/72).

After decreases are complete, work in stripe pattern until foot length is 1.5" (2") less than desired length. Ending with a white/MC round.

Toe:

Set up: Join red/CC2, knit 1 round.

Decrease round, *k1, SSK, knit to 3 stitches before last instep stitch, k2tog, k1, repeat from * for sole stitches.

Knit 1 round.

Continue working these two rounds until there are 24 (28/32/36) stitches total, then decrease every round until 12 (16/16/20) stitches remain. Weave in ends, kitchener toe.

Knit sock #2 and have fun wearing your new valentine's socks!

Chart

