

Chain Lace Socks



Yarn: Any wool or wool-blend sock yarn that yields a gauge of 7.5 stitches per inch. The sample socks were knit with a hand-dyed, handspun superwash wool two-ply sock yarn.

Needles: 2.5 mm circulars or double pointed needles, or size required to obtain correct gauge.

Sized to fit a woman's medium foot. Add or subtract length as needed to fit your foot.

Notes: This sock pattern was written for circular needles, using either two circulars, or the Magic Loop technique. It could also be knit on a set of four double-pointed needles, using one needle for the 30 stitches on the front of the sock, and dividing the remaining 30 stitches of the back of the sock over two DPN.

Pattern:

Cast on 60 stitches, using a long-tail cast on. Divide over two circular needles evenly, 30 stitches on each needle. Join into a round, being careful not to twist.

Rounds 1-3: * K1, P1; repeat from * across.

Round 4: On first needle, follow row 1 of the lace chain chart for the 30 stitches on the front of the sock.

On second needle, *P1, ssk, yo twice, k2tog, P1; repeat from * four more times – 30 stitches (or follow the ladder lace chart and knit 5 repeats of the chart across the back of the sock).

Continue following the lace chain chart for the 30 stitches on needle 1, and the two row, six stitch ladder lace pattern for the back of the sock. When three 10-row repeats of the lace chain chart have been completed, discontinue the ladder lace patterning on needle 2 and continue in stockinette stitch.

Work lace chain pattern for a total of seven repeats, ending with row 10 of the lace chain chart on needle 1.

Note: When knitting the heel flap, I prefer to slip the stitches on the WS (purl side) of the flap. If you prefer to slip the stitches on the RS of the flap, it won't make a difference in the look of the heel flap, it's just a matter of preference. I also do not slip the first stitch of the first knit row of the heel flap; I find that there is a smaller hole when picking up stitches for the gusset this way.

Begin heel flap on needle 2:

Row 1: knit across, turn

Row 2: *sl 1, p 1; repeat from * across

Row 3: sl 1, knit across

Repeat rows 2 and 3 a total of 15 times, then repeat row 2 once more – 32 rows (heel flap should measure approximately 2").

Turn heel:

Row 1: sl 1, k 17, ssk, k1; turn

Row 2: sl 1, p 5, p2tog, p 1; turn

Row 3: sl 1, k 6, ssk, k1; turn

Row 4: sl 1, p 7, ssk, p1; turn

Continue in this manner until all stitches have been worked; 18 stitches remain.

Knit across 18 stitches; pick up 17 stitches along the first side of the heel flap (16 chain stitches plus one extra stitch to close the gap). Knit across needle 1, following Row 1 of the lace chain chart. Pick up 17 stitches along the second side of the heel flap. There will be 30 stitches on needle 1, and 52 stitches on needle 2.

Shape gussets:

On the row following the picked up heel flap stitches, knit to the last three stitches on needle 2; k2tog, k 1.

Continue in pattern on needle 1.

At the beginning of needle 2; k1, ssk; knit remaining stitches.

On the following round on needle 2, knit across.

Continue decreasing the gussets every other round until there are 30 stitches on needle 2.

Once the gusset decreases are completed, continue following lace chain chart on needle 1, and knit needle 2 in stockinette stitch. Complete a total of 7 lace chain repeats for the foot (or until the foot reaches the desired length), ending with row 10.

Knit 2 rows even in stockinette stitch on both needles 1 and 2.

Toe decreases:

Round 1:

Needle 1: *k 13, k2tog; repeat from * once more – two stitches decreased.

Needle 2: *k13, k2tog; repeat from * once more – two stitches decreased.

Round 2: knit across all stitches.

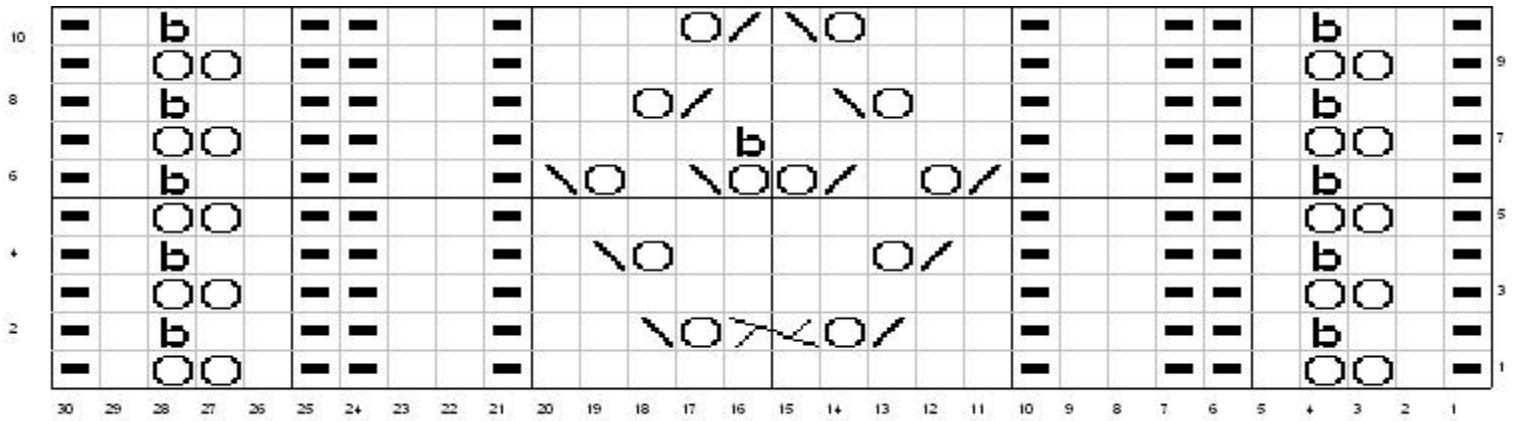
Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 12 stitches remain on each needle, then repeat round 1 every round until 4 stitches remain on each needle.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail at least 6" long. Thread yarn on a tapestry needle and thread through remaining 8 stitches, pulling tightly to close the hole in the toe.

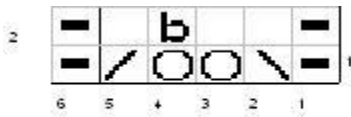
Weave in ends, wash, wear and enjoy!



Lace Chain Chart



Ladder Lace Chart



Stitch Legend

	knit
	purl
	knit 2 together
	ssk
	yarn over (when symbol appears twice, yarn over twice)
	knit into the front of the double yo, then into the back loop of the double yo
	left twist: k2tog, do not slip from needle; insert right-hand needle between sts you just knit together, knit first stitch again.

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This pattern has not been test knitted, so if you have any questions regarding this pattern, or discover any errors, please [email me](#) and I will correct the pattern as soon as possible.

