

# *Nessie Expedition-Project Sheet*

A Knit-and-Seek Adventure by Lattes & Llamas

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*Deep in the Scottish Highlands, a beast dwells in Loch Ness. Few have seen the beast, and even fewer lived to tell the tale. But here, at the Lattes and Llamas Society for Knitterly Cryptid Studies, we have definitive evidence of Nessie's existence. For the first time in history Nessie has been found...*

*...on your socks!*



# Nessie Expedition

**Pattern Notes:** Gauge is VERY important when making color-work socks. No matter how perfect your floats are, they will naturally have less stretch than non color-work socks. Take the time to check your gauge to ensure your sock has a perfect fit.

This is a mystery knit-a-long that is delivered in 4 clues. If you purchased this pattern on Ravelry you will receive an update from Ravelry each time the pattern is updated with a new clue. If you purchased the Nessie Expedition kit from Lattes & Llamas and did not provide a Ravelry username you will receive an email with an updated PDF each time a new clue is released.

The 2 socks are different. You will receive different chart instructions for sock one and two. That's extra fun, we just want you to be emotionally prepared.

We designed and dyed yarn to specifically compliment this pattern. If you purchase the Nessie Kit you will receive 3 balls of yarn: two 50g identical gradient balls and one 100g contrast color ball. When you finish sock one, you should stash any leftover yarn from the first gradient ball and start sock two with the second ball. This way, the gradient on your socks will match.

## Abbreviation Key

BO	Bind off		
CC	Contrast Color	R	Round/Row
CO	Cast on	SL	Slip one st without working it.
K	Knit	SKS	Slip, Knit, Slip: slip one as if to knit, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch. Decreases 1.
K2tog	Knit 2 together. Decreases 1.		
M	Marker		
MC	Main color	SKN	Stockinette: Knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side.
P	Purl		
P2tog	Purl 2 together. Decreases 1.	St(s)	Stitch(es)
PM	Place Marker	W	Wrap

**Recommended Yarn:** 1 Nessie Expedition Kit by Lattes and Llamas: 2 50g Coffee Break Gradient cakes in color "Nessie" (MC) and 1 100g ball of Vacation Yarn in color "Baskerville" (CC).

**Needles:** US1/2.25 40" circular needles for working in magic loop, or needles needed to achieve gauge.

**Gauge:** 40sts = 4" in stranded colorwork (see pattern notes for gauge swatch).

**Sizes:** S(M, L). 7(8, 9)" circumference. Note: to make the socks smaller or larger than written, add/reduce repeats of the 10-stitch chart as needed.



# Instructions

## *Gauge Swatch*

**A note on swatching:** You should always swatch with the yarn that you are actually going to use. However, be thoughtful in how you go about that. For Nessie, we use 2 identical gradient balls, one for each foot. You don't want to interrupt your gradient perfection with a gauge swatch, and while I know some people like to frog their swatches and use the wool, I think you should keep your swatch. If for no other reason than that they are cute, but mostly because you made it, and so it has inherent value. So, for a project like this, you will want to think first about how you like to knit from a cake. I like to pull from the center, but you might like to knit from the outside end. That's your call. For your swatch, pull from the end you do NOT want to knit your sock from. Since I'll pull from the center to knit my socks, I will pull from the outside to knit my swatch. They balls are intentionally designed to have extra yarn on them. That way, you won't run out knitting the larger sizes. So don't fret about using up yarn for the swatch, you will have enough.

To determine your gauge, cast on 22 sts with US1 needles and CC. K 2 rows. Join MC.

1. (K2 with MC, then 2 with CC.) Repeat to last 2, K2 with MC.
2. (P2 with MC, then 2 with CC.) Repeat to last 2, P2 with MC.
3. (K2 with CC, then 2 with MC.) Repeat to last 2, K2 with CC.
4. (P2 with CC, then 2 with MC.) Repeat to last 2, P2 with CC.

Repeat rows 1-4 3 times more, creating a checker box pattern. BO Using a tape measurer, measure the width of the center 5 boxes. If your center 5 boxes measure MORE than 1" you should decrease your needle size. If they measure LESS than 1" you should go up a needle size. If you need to change your needle size, frog your swatch and re-knit it to ensure you are getting the gauge goal of 5 boxes=1"

**3/30/2018** We're shipping off! The first clue will be released on Ravelry.

**4/6/2018** Our first port of call: Clue 2 will be released on Ravelry.

**4/13/2018** Shore leave to resupply and cast on the second sock: Clue 3 will be released on Ravelry.

**4/20/2018** Anchors down in Loch Ness: The final clue, Clue 4, will be released on Ravelry.