

LATTES & LLAMAS PRESENTS

## *Shifter Socks*

LEARNING TO KNIT COLOR WORK SOCKS



*The Geek-A-Long (GAL) supports Child's Play Charity, which provides games and consoles to children in hospitals and domestic violence shelters. The sample socks made by Lattes & Llamas will be auctioned off at the annual Child's Play Charity gala in December. We encourage GAL participants to donate to CP Charity via our [sanctioned widget](#) in lieu of paying for this pattern. No donation is too small!*



## Yarn

Sock/Fingering weight yarn in 2 sharply contrasting colors. Sample was worked with Lattes & Llamas Vacation Yarn (100 grams/438 yards) in Oroboros (color A) and Garnet (color B).

**Color A:** 30(35, 40, 45) grams/ 120(140, 160, 180) yards  
**Color B:** 30(35, 40, 45) grams/ 120(140, 160, 180) yards

Note that yardage is estimated and may vary depending on yarn used, gauge variations, or modifications. When choosing your yarn, make sure that Colors A and B contrast sharply so that your colorwork will be visible on the finished sock. We recommend taking a photograph of the yarns together, and then changing it into black and white to see if the colors contrast strongly enough.

## Needles

US1 / 2.25 mm and US2 / 2.75 mm circular needles to work in Magic Loop or size needed to obtain gauge.

We prefer the Magic Loop method when knitting socks. If you are more comfortable using DPNs or two circulars, this pattern is easily worked in those methods as well.



## Notions

Stitch Markers; Tapestry Needle; Tape Measure; Stitch Holder or Waste Yarn

## Gauge

36 sts = 4" in stranded colorwork, knit in the round with larger sized needles and blocked. See gauge swatch directions on page 4.

## Sizing

Size 1(2, 3, 4) has a 7(8, 9, 10) inch foot circumference.

As with many colorwork socks, these were designed with little to no ease. Choose the size closest to your actual foot measurement. Stitch counts are written for size 1 with (2, 3, 4) size stitch counts in brackets. Sample shown is a size 2 on a woman's foot, who wears a US size 8 shoe.

## Abbreviation Key

CO	cast on
K	knit
K2Tog	knit 2 sts together
M	marker
P	purl
P2Tog	purl 2 sts together
PM	place marker
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)
SKS	Slip, Knit, Slip: sl 1, K1, pass slipped st over the K1 – 1 st decreased
SM	slip marker
wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front
WS	wrong side





# History of the Geek-A-Long

First imagined in the Winter of 2013, the Geek-A-Long (GAL) was born from unrestrained idealism and way too much coffee. The idea was ridiculous: Release a new pattern every week all year, based on pop-culture nerdiness. At the end of the year, we would join 48 double-sided squares together to make a massive blanket. Our Fandom Opus would be sent to the Child's Play Charity Dinner Auction in Seattle, and the proceeds of the sale would go towards providing video games and other entertainment to children in hospitals and domestic violence shelters.

When Megan-Anne cast on that first square, she had no idea what the GAL would turn into. Seven years, seven blankets, and nearly 300 squares later, the Geek-A-Long has grown far beyond us. The community has grown each year and based on our square download statistics there are GAL knitters in every corner of the world. Your generosity is astounding. The GAL community has raised over \$10,000 for Child's play with individual donations and proceeds raised from the sale of the auctioned blankets.

We wanted to do something to make 2020 memorable. Admittedly, that decision was made in 2019, and 2020 doesn't need help standing out. Still, we wanted to shake things up. When Megan-Anne finished knitting that first blanket in 2014, we never imagined we'd still be making them in 2020. We are blown away by how much love and support the project has gotten and couldn't have predicted it. We want you to see [Eight Bit](#), [On Board](#), and now these socks for what they are: a love letter from us to the entire GAL community.



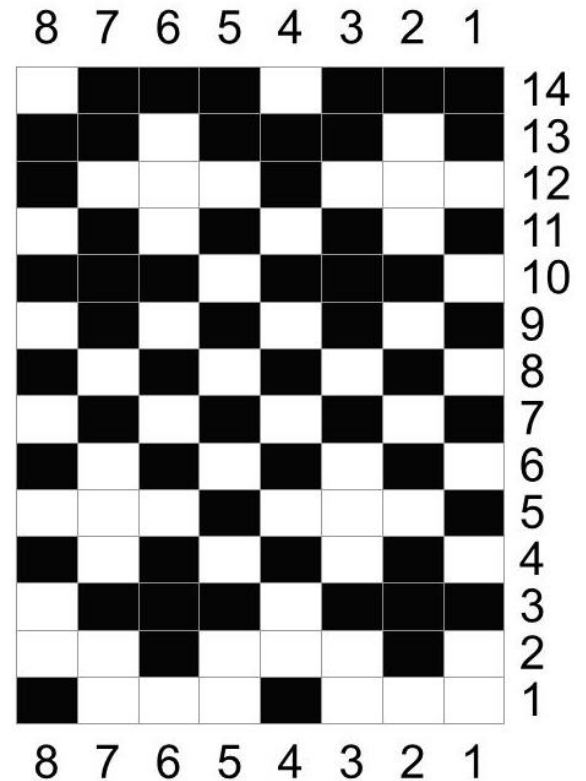
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# Gauge Swatch

This is a functional gauge swatch, which means that not only will you be able to accurately assess your gauge while being certain that the colorways contrast strongly enough, but you will walk away with a cute and reusable coffee cup sleeve. They are small enough to keep tucked in your bag or the center console of your car to use instead of the cardboard ones many coffee shops offer.



## COFFEE COZY INSTRUCTIONS

### Ribbing

With larger needles and Color A, CO 72 sts using your favorite stretchy CO. Distribute stitches evenly across needles and join to work in the round, taking care not to twist the sts. PM to mark beginning of the rnd.

**Rnds 1-7:** [K1, P1] to end of rnd.

**Rnd 8:** K all sts around.

After completing round 8, join Color B.

### Colorwork

Always read the chart from right to left. When working the stranded portions of the chart, catch floats longer than five stitches. Work the white

squares for Color A and work the black squares for Color B.

**Next 14 rnds:** Work the swatch chart (above) around.

**Rnd 23:** Break color A and K 1 rnd.

**Next 6 rnds:** [K1, P1] around. Bind off loosely, using your favorite stretchy BO.

### Finishing

Weave in ends and block. After it is dry, check your gauge. If you have not already done so, now is a wonderful time to take a photograph of your swatch and change it to black and white to be certain that the contrast is strong enough so that the colorwork will not be muddled.





# Instructions

The Shifter socks are worked in the round from the cuff down using either long circular needles to work in Magic Loop or DPNs. The leg pattern begins off-centered on the back of the leg. Instructions are included to move the beginning of the round later in the pattern. This sock pattern is recommended for knitters with experience working in the round, colorwork, and turning a heel. Stitch repeats are shown in [brackets]. Repeat [bracketed instructions] to the stitch indicated. For example, if instructed to work [K1, P1] to last two sts, that means you will repeat K1 P1 until you reach the last two sts.

## CUFF

With smaller needles and Color A, CO 64(72, 80, 88) sts using your favorite stretchy CO. Distribute sts evenly across needles and join to work in the round, careful not to twist the sts. PM to indicate the beginning of the rnd.

**Rnd 1:** [K1, P1] to end of rnd.

Repeat Rnd 1 until cuff measures 1 inch, taking note of how many rounds you worked so you can work an equal number on the second sock. K 4 rounds, then continue to LEG section.

## LEG

*The charts should always be read from right to left. When working the stranded portions of the charts, catch floats longer than five stitches. Work the white squares for Color A and work the black squares for Color B.*

**Join Color B and change to Larger Needles.**

**Rnds 1-20:** With larger sized needles work chart A around.

## HEEL FLAP

**Break Color B and switch to Smaller Needles.**

K 16(18, 20, 22). Move the next 32(36, 40, 44) to a waste yarn or a stitch holder to be picked up later. Turn, and P 32(36, 40, 44).

**Row 1 (Right Side):** [Sl 1 wyib, K1] to end of row, turn.

**Row 2 (Wrong Side):** Sl 1 wyif, P to end of row, turn.

Repeat Rows 1-2 17(19, 21, 23) more times for a total of 36(40, 44, 48) total rows and 18(20, 22, 24) slipped sts on each side of the flap. Continue to HEEL TURN.

## HEEL TURN

The “gap” in the instructions below refers to the space created between the ‘P1, turn’ or ‘K1, turn’ of the previous row.

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl 1 wyib, K18(20, 22, 24), SKS, K1, turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl 1 wyif, P7, P2Tog, P1, turn.

**Row 3:** Sl 1, K to 1 st before the gap, SKS, K1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, P to 1 st before the gap, P2Tog, P1, turn.

Repeat Rows 3-4 until 20(22, 24, 26) sts remain, ending after a Row 4. Continue to GUSSET.





## GUSSET

With RS facing, Sl 1 wyib, K across the remaining 19(21, 23, 25) sts from the HEEL TURN section. Pick up and knit 1 in each of the next 6(5, 8, 7) slipped sts on the edge of the heel flap. PM to signify the new beginning of rnd. Pick up and knit 1 in each of the next 12(13, 14, 15) slipped sts on the edge of the heel flap. PM to indicate the top of the gusset. Pick up and knit 1 into each of the remaining 0(2, 0, 2) slipped sts.

Return the next 32(36, 40, 44) sts from your waste yarn or stitch holder to needles. Work across these sts by slipping all color B sts wyib, and knitting the color A sts. Pick up and K 1 in each of the next 0(2, 0, 2) slipped sts on the edge of the heel.

PM to indicate top of heel flap then pick up and knit 1 st in each of the next 10(11, 12, 13) sl sts along the second edge of the heel flap. PM to indicate the bottom of the gusset. Pick up and knit 1 in each of the remaining 6(5, 8, 7) slipped sts on the edge of the heel flap. PM to indicate bottom of heel flap. K to the new beginning of the rnd M. Distribute sts evenly across the needles if needed. 88(98, 108, 118) sts.

## Join Color B and change to larger needles.

**Gusset Rnds:** Work Gusset Chart 1 to first M. Work Chart B to 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Work Gusset Chart 2 to 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Work Chart B to end.

**Note that on the gusset charts 1&2 Size 1 will start/end at the red border, 2 at the green, 3 at the blue, and 4 works the full chart.**

Work all gusset rounds in this fashion until 1 st remains on each gusset. On the next round work chart B around, removing the gusset markers and knitting the last gusset st together with one of the adjacent Chart B sts. 64(72, 80, 88) sts. Continue to FOOT section.

## FOOT

Continuing where you left off in the GUSSET section, work chart C around until you have finished all 29 rnds. **Break color A and change to smaller needles.**

**Sizes 2 and 4 ONLY:** move the start of round marker 2 sts to the left by removing the marker, knitting 2 sts, then replacing the marker.

**ALL SIZES:** K all rounds with color B until the foot measures 6(7, 8, 9)'' or 1.5'' less than desired length.

## TOE

**Rnd 1 (set up):** K 32(36, 40, 44) sts. PM. K to end.

**Rnd 2 (decrease):** [K1, SKS, K until 3 sts before M, K2Tog, K1, SM] twice. – 4 sts decreased

**Rnd 3:** K all sts around, slipping markers when you come to them.

**There are now 60(68, 76, 84) sts on the needles. Repeat Rnds 2-3 an additional 6(7, 8, 9) times and 36(40, 44, 48) sts remain on the needles.**

**Now you will begin decreasing every round.** Repeat Rnd 2 an additional five times. 16(20, 24, 28) sts

Cut the yarn leaving a 12-inch tail. Graft the remaining sts together using the Kitchener stitch. Weave in ends and block.

## SOCK 2

Work instructions for sock 1, swapping colors A and B so anytime the instructions call for color A, work color B, and if they call for color B, work color A. Replace Chart A with Chart B and Chart C with Chart D.



# Leg Charts

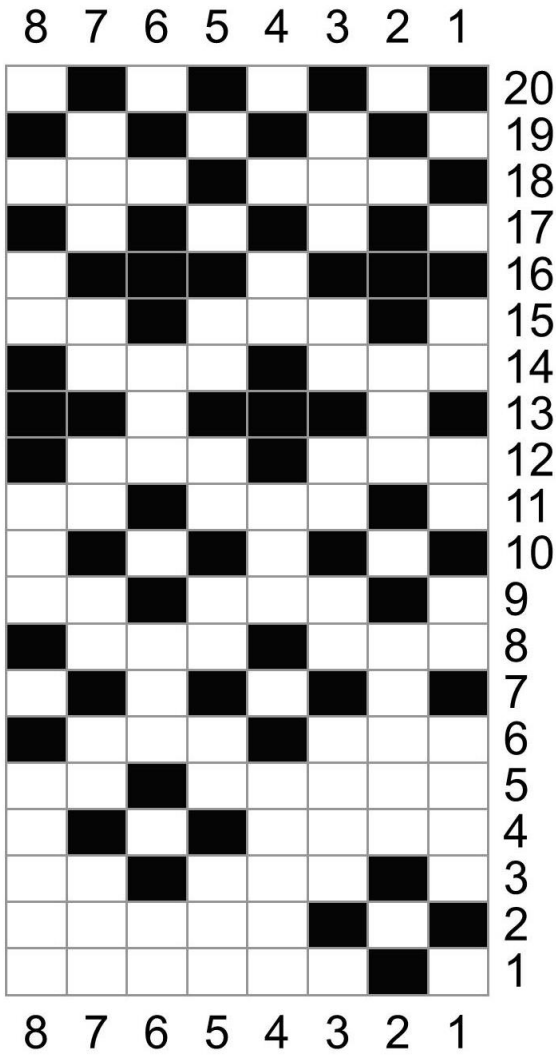


Chart A (Sock 1)

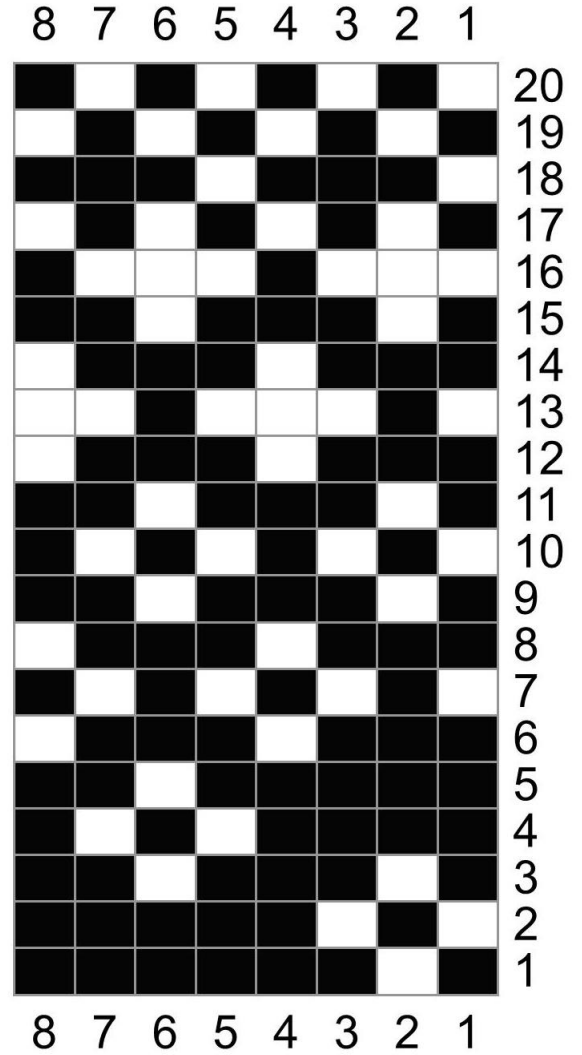


Chart B (Sock 2)





# Foot Charts

