## LATTES \& LLAMAS PRESENTS

# Clue 4 of Oregon Trail 

THE FIRST GEEK-A-LONG SOCKS OF 2022



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!

## Sock Two: Died of Dysentery

## GUSSET SET-UP

## Change to larger needles.

With RS facing and larger needles, Sl 1 wyib, K across the remaining $19(21,23,25)$ sts from the HEEL TURN section. Pick up and knit 1 st in each of the 18(20, 22, 24) sl sts along the first edge of the heel flap. PM to signify the new beginning of the rnd.

Join Color A. Transfer the 32(36, 40, 44) sts from your waste yarn or stitch holder back to your needles and work across them in the established pattern from the leg section.. PM to signify the end of the top of the foot and the beginning of the bottom of the foot.

Cut Color A. With Color B only, pick up and knit 1 st in each of the $18(20,22,24)$ sl sts along the second edge of the heel flap. K to $16(17,18,19)$ sts before the new beginning of the rnd. PM to mark the end of the repeat you will work on the bottom of the foot in the GUSSET section. K to the new beginning of the rnd M .

There should now be $88(98,108,118)$ total sts on the needles. Distribute sts evenly across the needles. Continue to GUSSET section.

## GUSSET

Now you will work the OREGON TRAIL Chart across the top of the foot, the gusset chart across the bottom of the foot, and begin decreasing at the top of each gusset every other rnd until $24(26,28,30)$ sts are decreased and $64(72,80,88)$ sts remain on the needles.
Please note that for Sizes 1,2 , and 4 , when working the gusset chart repeat section (outlined in red on the chart) you will not work to the end of the outlined section on the final repeat. Instead, the second (second, --, third) time you work the repeat outlined in red to the M, you will only work the first $8(12,--, 4)$ sts of the repeat.

Gusset Rnds: Beginning with column 7(5, 3, 1), work the OREGON TRAIL chart through column 38(40, 42,
44), SM; beginning with row $7(5,3,1)$, work the first 18 columns of the GUSSET chart, then work the red bordered repeat to the next M. SM and work the remaining 18 columns of the GUSSET chart.

Continue as established, working the OREGON TRAIL chart to the first marker, and the GUSSET chart to the end of the round until you have completed row 35 of both charts and $24(26,28,30)$ sts have been decreased. $64(72,80,88)$ sts remain. Continue to FOOT section.

## FOOT

Foot Rnds: Work the PRARIE SKY chart to the first marker, then work the HUNTER chart to end.
When the foot measures $2(2,2.25,2.5)$ inches less than final foot length measurement (from heel to longest toe), continue to the TOE section. If you're able to try on the sock, it should reach the base of your pinkie toe.

## TOE

Cut Color A. Change to smaller needles.
Rnd 1 (set-up): With Color B and smaller needles, K to M signifying the end of the top of the foot, $\mathrm{SM} ; \mathrm{K}$ to $2^{\text {nd }}$ M (the M signifying the end of the repeat outlined in red on the GUSSET chart) remove $\mathrm{M}, \mathrm{K}$ to end rnd.
Rnd 2: K to M, SM; K to end of rnd.
Rnd 3 (decrease): [K1, SKS, K until 3 sts before M, K2Tog, K1, SM] twice. - 4 sts decreased
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 remain on the needles.
Cut the yarn leaving a 12 -inch tail. Graft the remaining sts together using the Kitchener stitch. Weave in ends and block.

## Charts

Numbers are provided on either side of the charts to help you keep your place, however charts should be worked in the round and read from right to left on every round.


Hunter


## Prairie Sky



Ford the River


Gusset

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