

LATTES & LLAMAS PRESENTS

Burn It Down Socks

THE SECOND GEEK-A-LONG SOCKS OF 2023



The Geek-A-Long (GAL) supports Child's Play Charity, which provides games and consoles to children in hospitals and domestic violence shelters. 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

1 Lattes & Llamas [Burn It Down Sock Kit](#) or a comparable sock weight yarn in three colorways.

Kit contains 50g each “Baskerville” (Color A) and “Stars Hollow” (Color B); 20g each Marigold (Color C), Hep Alien (Color D), and Garnet (Color E) on Lattes & Llamas [Vacation Yarn](#) (75% Superwash Merino, 25% Nylon; 463yds / 423m – 100g).

Color A: 112(125, 140, 154) yds / 102(115, 128, 140)m - 24(27, 30, 33) g

Color B: 140(150, 162, 185) yds / 128(136, 148, 170)m - 30(32, 35, 40) g

Color C: 48(52, 56, 60) yds / 43(47, 51, 55)m - 10(11, 12, 13) g

Color D: 56(60, 64, 68) yds / 51(55, 60, 64)m - 12(13, 14, 15) g

Color E: 48(52, 56, 60) yds / 43(47, 51, 55)m - 10(11, 12, 13) g

Note that yardage is estimated, includes the yardage required for knitting the swatch, and may vary depending on yarn used, gauge variations, or modifications.

When choosing your yarn, make sure Color A contrasts strongly with Color B. We recommend taking a photograph of the yarns together and then filtering it to black and white to see if they contrast strongly enough.

Needles

US 1.0 / 2.25 mm and US 2 / 2.75 mm 40” 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 converted.

Notions

2 Stitch Markers; Tapestry Needle; Tape Measure; 2 colors of waste yarn for holding sts: 2 pieces of waste yarn A (approx.. 10” each – longer is fine but not shorter), and 1 piece of waste yarn B (approx. 16” or enough to knit 45 sts).

Gauge

36 sts and 44 rows = 4” / 10 cm 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 7.5 (8.5, 10, 11)” / 19 (22, 25.5, 28) cm foot circumference, unstretched.

Leg length from to Cuff to Start of Heel: 5.5” / 14 cm

Foot Length: Adjustable

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.

Abbreviation Key

BO	bind off
BOR	beginning of the rnd
CO	cast on
K	knit
Kfb	Increase: Knit into front loop and back loop of the same st. 1 st increased
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)
SSK	Slip Slip Knit: Sl 1 st knitwise, sl second st knitwise, move these 2 sts back to LHN purlwise, K2Tog through the back loop. 1 st decreased
SM	slip marker
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 little hex bag featuring my favorite complete sentence: “No.” This swatch also allows you to practice the afterthought heel technique that we’ll use to make our Burn It Down socks. You can of course use your bag however you see fit, but I like to use mine to keep a little reminder of things that I’m not going to put up with. Write down either behaviors you want to stop doing (ex: apologizing for taking up space), or things you won’t tolerate (ex: being interrupted or mansplained to), roll up the notes and place them in the bag. Hang it somewhere you’ll see it each day as a reminder that you don’t need the things in the bag. Or carry it with you as an empowerment charm. Use it the way that feels right to you.

Hex Bag

HEM

To create the top of the bag (the drawstring part) we’ll start out working flat. Halfway through the hem instructions we’ll set stitches for an afterthought heel, then finish the hem. Once the hem is complete you’ll pick out the stitches you placed for a heel, and work in the round for the remainder of the bag.

With smaller needles and Color B, CO 38 sts using the long-tail CO method or your favorite stretchy CO.

1: K to end. Turn

2: P to end. Turn.

Repeat 1-2 three times more, then row 1 once more.

3: Fold the piece in half so that the cast on edge is in front of the live sts on your needle. Pick up the first stitch from the CO edge and place it on the left hand needle next to the first stitch of the row. P2tog. Continue across in this manner, picking up one st from the cast on, placing it on the left needle, then purling the picked up st together with the next live stitch until you reach the end of the row and have created a thin tube. Turn.

4 – Set sts for heel: *Have both color of waste yarn handy before starting this row.*

Sl3. Using a tapestry needle, pull one piece of waste yarn A through the next 32 sts – don’t slip the sts from the needle, just pull the waste yarn through. Note: if you find it’s too fiddly to pull the waste yarn through the sts without removing them from your needles just transfer them to the waste yarn as if

putting them on a holder, then slip them back onto the left hand needle once they are on the waste yarn.



With waste yarn B, K32. Slip the last 3 sts. **Do NOT turn.** Instead, slide sts to the other side of your needles so that the start of the row is the side that color B is attached to.



5: K35 with color B, knitting across the first 3 sts, then the waste yarn sts. With a tapestry needle, pull the 2nd length of waste yarn A through the 32 sts just worked. Once you have pulled the waste yarn through the 32 sts that were just knit, K the last 3 sts of the row.



Turn and purl one row.

Next 7 rows: K on the right side and purl on the wrong ending after a right side row.



6 –Bind off as follows, working across the wrong side (the purl side)

A: pick up the purl bump from the first stitch of the row directly above the waste yarn. Place this st on your left hand needle, and p2tog through the picked up st and the first live st of the row.

B: Pick up the purl bump of the next stitch in the row just above the waste yarn and P2tog through the picked up st and the next live st.

C: 2 sts on the right needle. Pass the 1st st over the 2nd st on the right needle.

D: Repeat b-c to the end of the row. Break yarn and pull it through the final st. weave in end.



PICK UP SET IN STS

1. Carefully pick out waste yarn B, leaving the 2 strands of waste yarn A intact. Once you have picked out the knitted waste yarn B sts you will have 2 rows of live sts, each held on a waste yarn A holder. With the right side facing, transfer the bottom row of live sts to your needles.

2. With the right side still facing, transfer the 2nd row of live sts to your needles from the waste yarn holder. Note: if you are working with DPNs, use a 2nd DPN to transfer the live sts to. If you are working with long circulars for magic loop, transfer the sts to the same needles as the first row of sts, looping your cable at the corners between the 2 rows.



3. You should now have 64 sts on your needles (32 from each strand of waste yarn A). Join to work in the round and join color E. K 2 rounds.

COLORWORK

NO.

	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	
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	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	

When knitting the NO. Chart, work the red squares in Color E and the white squares in Color A. Always read the chart from right to left and catch floats longer than five stitches.

Rnds 1-8: Work the NO. Chart 4 times around.

Break color A. K 2 rounds with color E, placing a marker after stitch 32 when completing the 2nd Color E round.

FINISHING

1: Join color D. With D: K1, SSK, K to 3 before M. K2tog, K1, SIM, K1, SSK. K to 3 before end of round. K2tog, K1. With E, K 1 round.

2: D: K1, SSK, K to 3 before M. K2tog, K1, SIM, K1, SSK. K to 3 before end of round. K2tog, K1.

3: E: K all sts around. Break E at the end of the round.

4: D: K1, SSK, K to 3 before M. K2tog, K1, SIM, K1, SSK. K to 3 before end of round. K2tog, K1. K1 round. Repeat step 5 once more. *48 sts.*

5: Join Color C. With C: K1, SSK, K to 3 before M. K2tog, K1, SIM, K1, SSK. K to 3 before end of round. K2tog, K1. With D, K 1 round.

6: C: K1, SSK, K to 3 before M. K2tog, K1, SIM, K1, SSK. K to 3 before end of round. K2tog, K1.

7: D: K all sts around. Break E at the end of this round. *40 sts.*

8: C: K1, SSK, K to 3 before M. K2tog, K1, SIM, K1, SSK. K to 3 before end of round. K2tog, K1. Repeat step 10 until 24 sts remain. Break yarn leaving a long tail for sewing.

9: Graft the remaining 24 sts together using kitchener st. Block lightly and take gauge on the color work section.



10: Cut two 14" pieces of color C. Using a tapestry needle, pull the first piece through one of the tubes at the top of the bag. Turn the bag and pull that same piece of yarn through the other tube so that both ends are coming out of the same corner of the bag. Knot the ends together.

Starting at the corner that does NOT have the knotted ends, pull the 2nd piece of color C through the tubes in the same manner and knot the ends together. You should now have knotted ends on both corners of the bag. The bag closes by pulling on the knots.

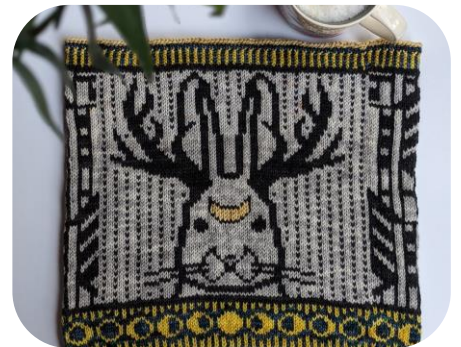
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