

LATTES & LLAMAS PRESENTS

Burn It Down Socks

SOCK 1: BURN TERFS NOT WITCHES



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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Instructions

The Burn It Down Socks are worked in the round from the cuff down. The leg pattern is worked off-center on the back of the leg, and after placing stitches for an afterthought heel you will continue to work off center down the foot. The heel is worked by picking up live sts from a waste yarn holder after completing the colorwork foot. 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. **Note that the two socks are different, and this pattern is not recommended for working two-at-a-time socks. Sock 2 releases on 6/18/23.**

Sock One: Burn TERFs Not Witches

CUFF

With smaller needles and Color A, CO 70(80, 90, 100) 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 beginning of rnd (BoR).

Ribbing: [K1, P1] around. Repeat until cuff measures 1"-1.5", or desired length. *I worked 12 rounds for my sample.*

Rnds 1-2: K all sts around.

Rnd 3: K10(20, 30, 40), PM. K to end.

Join Color E and change to larger needles.

LEG

Row numbers are shown on both sides of the chart to help keep track of your place; however the charts should always be read from right to left. When working the charts, catch floats longer than five stitches.

Join colors at the start of the first round they appear on in the charts and break colors after the last round they appear in.

Rnds 1-42: Work Chart A to the marker, then work the BURN TERFs Chart to end.

Note: If you would like to make the leg of the sock longer you can do so here by repeating round 42 of the BURN TERFs and A charts until the leg is the desired length.

FOOT

Before proceeding with this section have a tapestry needle and 3 pieces of waste yarn (wy) handy: 2 pieces that are approx. 12" long in one color (these will be called wyA) **and** a 3rd piece in a **different color** that is long enough to knit about 1 round of sts (this will be called wyB).

SET STITCHES FOR HEEL

Rnd 43: Place sts for heel as follows: Work row 43 of Chart B to the marker. Work row 43 of the NOT WITCHES chart until 13(10, 7, 4) sts remain on the round.

Drop colors A and B (do not break them, just drop them to be picked up later). Thread one piece of wyA through your tapestry needle. Place a lifeline by pulling the waste yarn through the loop of the **next** 36(40, 44, 48) sts. Do not transfer these stitches to the waste yarn as a holder, simply thread the waste yarn through them (this will serve as a holder later, but for now you want to be able to knit across the sts that you just pulled the waste yarn through). *For a detailed explanation of this technique see the instructions for the functional swatch.*

With wyB, K the next 36(40, 44, 48) sts, slipping the markers when you come to them. Drop the waste yarn and slip the waste yarn sts and markers back to the left hand needle so that they are ready to be knit across again.

Pick up colors A and B and complete the final 13(10, 7, 4) sts of round 43 of the NOT WITCHES Chart.

Rnd 44: Work Chart B to the marker. Work the first 13(10, 7, 4) sts of the NOT WITCHES chart. Thread the second piece of wyA through your tapestry needle. Place a lifeline by pulling the waste yarn through the loop of the **previous** 36(40, 44, 48) sts in the same manner that you did before knitting with wyB. You should now have waste yarn stitches centered on the back of the sock, with a life line placed in the row immediately above and below the waste yarn sts.



I recommend tying the 2 ends of the waste yarn together so it does not come undone while you continue working your sock.

After placing the 2nd lifeline complete the remainder of row 44 of the NOT WITCHES chart.

WORK FOOT

Rnds 45-86: Work Chart B to the marker, then work the NOT WITCHES Chart to the end. After completing round 86 break color E and proceed with just color B.

Note: You can proceed through the Toe instructions and then work the Heel, or you can place your foot sts on a holder and work the Heel instructions before making the Toe. I prefer the method of placing the foot on a holder (or using an extra set of smaller needles for the heel) and working the afterthought heel before the toe because it allows the sock to be tried on to ensure proper length. Typically, I'll just leave my foot sts on the larger needles after round 86, work the heel with the smaller needles and then after finishing the heel start the toe instructions (which will begin by instructing you to change to the smaller needles). That way I don't have to transfer to a holder or have an extra set of smaller needles available. *Every time I do this, I picture Scrooge McDuck telling me in the voice of David Tennant "Work smarter, not harder."*

TOE

Change to smaller needles. Toe is worked with color B. Move the beginning of round as follows:

Remove the BoR marker. K to the marker that indicated the end of Chart B, and remove it. K 13(10, 7, 4) sts. PM to indicate new BoR. K 35(40, 45, 50). PM. K to BoR marker.

Next: K all rounds until the foot measures 2(2, 2.25, 2.5) inches less than final foot length measurement (from heel to longest toe). If you're able to try on the sock, it should reach the base of your pinkie toe.

Note that for size 1, you will likely not need to work any additional rows here and can proceed directly to the toe shaping. For sizes 2-4 I estimate you will knit -(3, 5, 7) rounds to reach the desired length.

TOE SHAPING

Rnd 1 (decrease): K1, SSK. K until 3 sts before M, K2Tog, K1, SM, K1, SSK. K to 3 sts before end, K2tog, K1. – 4 sts decreased

Rnd 2: K all sts around.

Repeat rounds 1-2 7(8, 9, 10) times more. 38(44, 50, 56) sts.

Next: Decrease every round by repeating round one 3(4, 4, 5) times. 26(28, 34, 36) sts.

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

HEEL

Heel is worked on smaller needles with colors C, D, and E.

Set Up: Pick out the stitches worked with waste yarn B (wyB) leaving way intact. After picking out the sts worked in wyB you will have 2 sets of 36(40, 44, 48) live sts on wyA holders. Transfer these live sts to your smaller needles. Join color C and K across the 36(40, 44, 48) sts connected to the leg of the sock. PM. K across the sts connected to the foot of the sock. Place marker to indicate BoR. Join to work in the round.

HEEL SHAPING

The color used for each round is shown in column 1 of the HEEL Chart. Note that column 1 is ONLY to show the color the round is worked with, and you should *not* knit the stitch on the chart with the color name (C, D, and E).

The chart is worked between columns 3 and 40. All rounds are worked as a single color, and the "V" in the chart indicates that you should slip this stitch with the yarn in back.

Beginning on row 7(5, 3, 1) of the HEEL Chart, work the chart to the M **working the blue bordered repeat 3(4, 5, 6) times when you come to it.** Work the chart once more to end of round, remembering to repeat the blue bordered repeat 3(4, 5, 6) times each time you come to it. After completing round 30 you will have 20(24, 28, 32) sts.

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

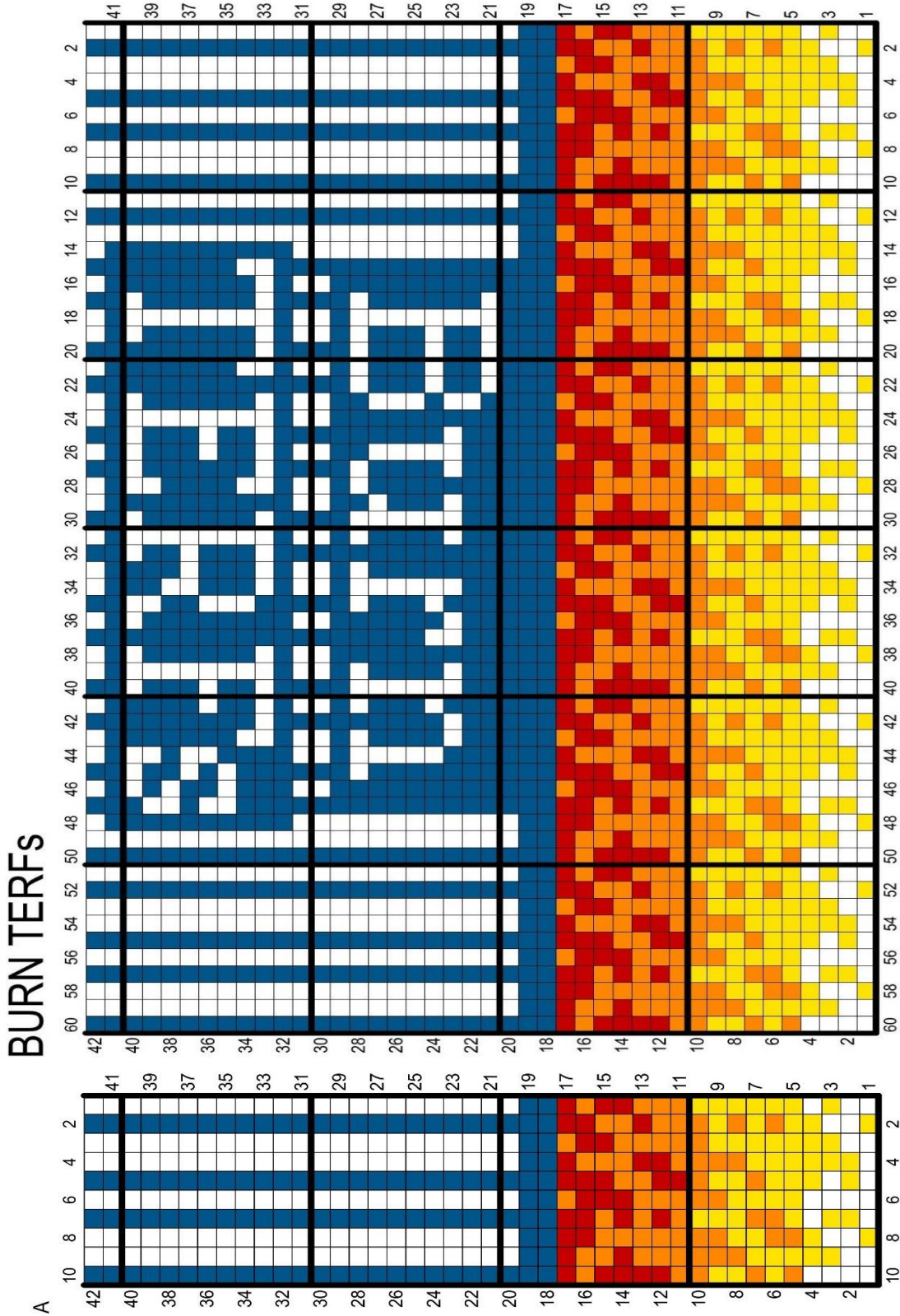


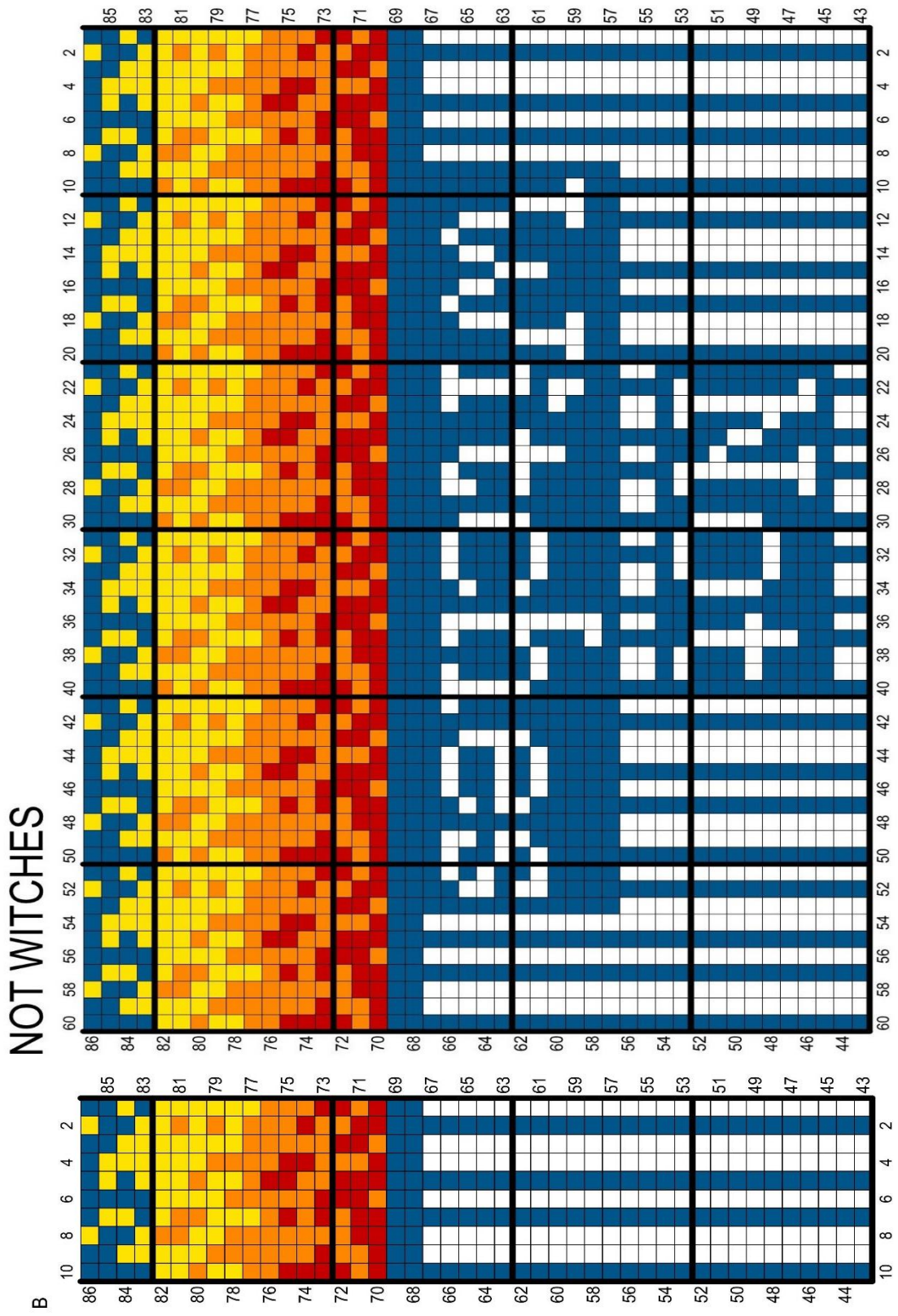
Charts

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.

Yarn




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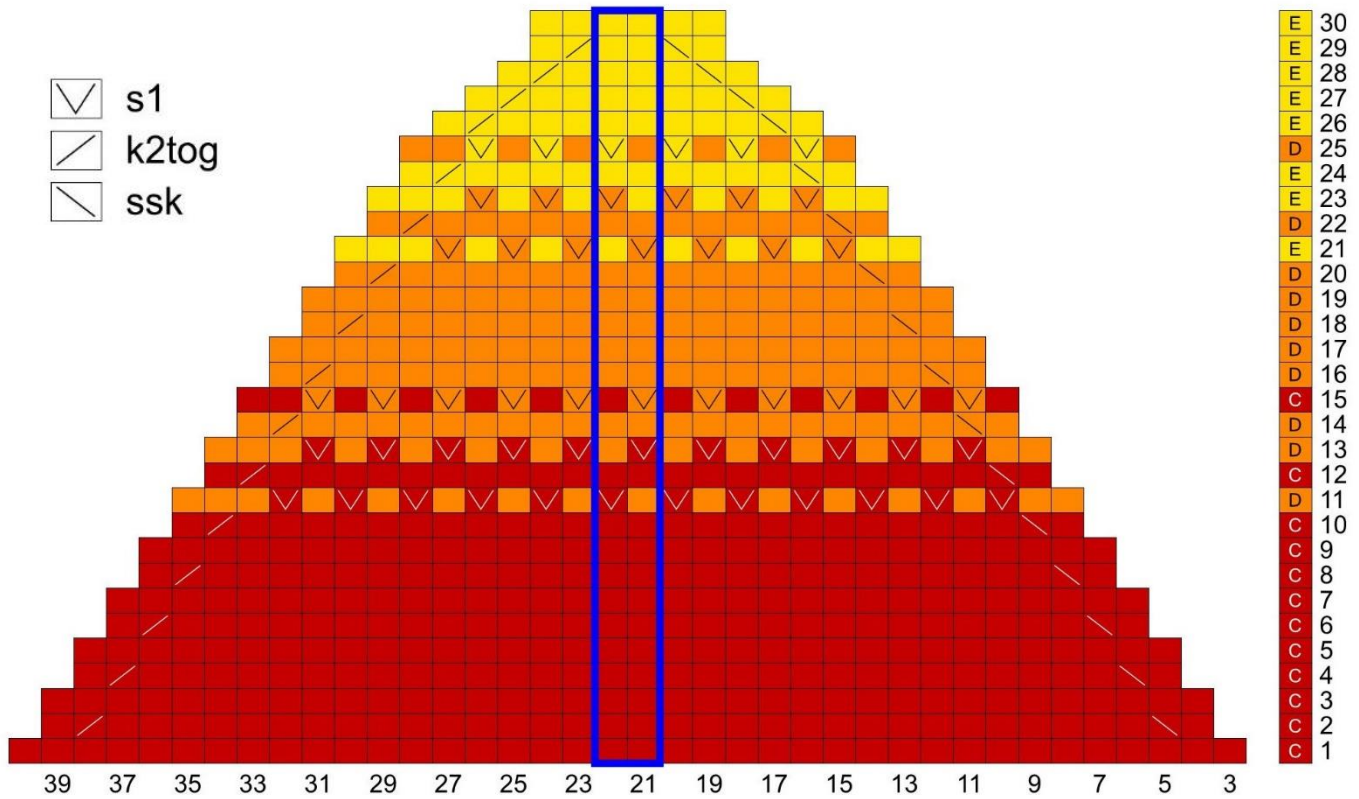






Heel

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