LATTES & LLAMAS PRESENTS
Cult of the Lamb Slippers
A 2023 GEEK-A-LONG PATTERN

Yarn

1 Lattes & Llamas Cult of the Lamb Slipper Kit or a comparable worsted weight yarn in three sharply contrasting colorways.

Color A (dark gray): 110(125, 140, 155) yds / 100(114, 128, 142)m - 50(56, 62, 68) g
Color B (red): 85(100, 115, 130) yds / 78(92, 105, 119)m - 38(45, 52, 59) g
Color C (cream/white): 110(125, 140, 155) yds / 100(114, 128, 142)m - 50(56, 62, 68) 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 all 3 colors contrast sharply. We recommend taking a photograph of the yarns together and then changing it to black and white to ensure they contrast strongly enough.

Needles

US 4 / 3.5 mm and US 5 / 3.75 mm 40" circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

We prefer the Magic Loop method when knitting socks and these are no exception. You can substitute DPNs if desired. Due to construction, 9"-12" circular needles are not recommended.

Notions

2 Stitch Markers; Tapestry Needle; Waste Yarn or Stitch Holder; Crochet hook (optional); 6/0 beads: 8 black and 18 red (optional); 2 8mm sew on jingle bells (optional- but really take the slippers to the next level so strongly recommended)

Gauge

28 sts and 50 rows = 4" / 10cm, garter rows (knit both right and wrong sides) worked flat 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, 9.5, 10.5)" / 18 (22, 24, 27) cm 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.

Abbreviation Key

BBL	Bobble: KyoK. Turn and K3. K1, KyoK, K1. Turn and K5. K1, K3tog, K1. Turn and K3. K3tog.
BO	bind off
BOR	beginning of row/round
CO	cast on
K	knit
Kfb	Increase: Knit into front loop and back loop of the same st. 1 st increased
K2tog/K3tog	Decrease: knit 2(3) sts together
KyoK	Increase: Knit, yarn over, knit into the same st. 2 sts increased.
M	marker
P	purl
PU&K	Pick up and knit; insert the tip of your needle through the indicated edge or stitch and knit through the edge or stitch as if knitting a live st.
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
W&T	Wrap and Turn: sl 1 st purlwise, bring yarn to the front. Slip st back to left needle, bring yarn to the back (you have wrapped the yarn around the st). Slip wrapped st and proceed without knitting it. Note: Pattern is written with W&T short rows, however you can substitute german short rows if desired.
WS	wrong side
Wyib	with yarn in back
Wyif	with yarn in front.

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, you will also make a super cute sweater for your yarn cake. These are great for keeping center-pull cakes neat and safe while you work with them or while they travel around in your project bags. If you are starting your Cult of the Lamb Sippers with 100g/219y or more of each color you have enough yarn to make 3 sweaters if you want one for each of your yarn cakes while you knit. If you choose to make 3 sweaters, shake up the colors so you are using them more or less evenly by working the first sweater as written with Color A on the bottom, C on top, and B for the drawstring; Sweater 2: B instead of A on bottom, A instead of C on top, C for the drawstring; Sweater 3: C on the bottom, B on the top, A for the drawstring.

These yarn-cake sweaters also make a great gift for a fellow knitter -or- can be used to store or gift your slippers in.

Note that yarn-cake sweaters should have negative ease. You want them to be fairly tight on the freshly wound yarn cake so that they keep tension on the cake until you have worked most of it. That is what will keep the center-pull cake from getting tangled in your project bag. As you work with the cake, you can tighten the drawstrings as needed to keep it snug.

Yarn Cake Sweater

BOTTOM

With larger needles and Color A, CO 3 sts. Turn and K3.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, KyoK, K1.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, K to end.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, KyoK, K to the last 2 sts. KyoK, K1.

Row 4 (WS): Sl1, K to end.

Repeat rows 3-4 until there are 29 sts, then K 6 rows ending after a WS row.

Row 5 (RS): Sl1, K3tog. K to last 4, K3tog, K1.

Row 6 (WS): Sl1, K to end.

Repeat rows 5-6 until 5 sts remain.

Row 7 (RS): K1, K3tog, K1. Do not turn. PU&K 16 sts along the edge, then PU&K 3 sts from the CO. PU&K 16 sts along the 2nd edge of the bottom, then knit across the final 3 sts. Turn. *34 sts.*

BODY

Set Up (WS): K4, KFB [K5, KFB] to last 3 sts. K3. 44 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, K to end.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, K to end.

Repeat rows 1-2 seven times more.

Join Color C.

Row 3 (RS): With C-Sl1wyib, K1 across.

Row 4 (WS): With C-Sl1. Work across knitting the Color C sts and Sl1wyif the Color A sts.

Rows 5-6: With A-Sl1, K to end.

Row 7 (RS): With C-Sl1, K2. [Sl1, K1] to last 2 sts. K2.

Row 8 (WS): With C-Sl1. Work across knitting the Color C sts and Sl1wyif the Color A sts.

Rows 9-10: With A-Sl1, K to end.

Rows 11-12: With C-Sl1, K to end.

Row 3 (RS): With A-Sl1wyib, K1 across.

Row 4 (WS): With A-Sl1. Work across knitting the Color A sts and Sl1wyif the Color C sts.

Rows 5-6: With C-Sl1, K to end.

Row 7 (RS): With A-Sl1, K2. [Sl1, K1] to last 2 sts. K2.

Row 8 (WS): With A-Sl1. Work across knitting the Color A sts and Sl1wyif the Color C sts.

Break Color A.

Next 8 rows: Sl1, K to end.

COLLAR

Rows 1-4: K1P1 across.

Row 5 (RS): K1, K2tog. [P1, K1, K2tog] to last st, K1.

Row 6 (WS): K1, [P2, K1] to last st, K1.

Row 7 (RS): [K2tog, P1] to last st, K1.

Row 8 (WS): [K1, P1] to last 2, K2.

Row 9 (RS): [K1, P1] to last st, K1.

Bind off using your favorite stretchy BO (I prefer Jeny's Super Stretchy Bind Off for ribbed edges) to the last st. Do not BO the final st.

CROSS OVER "NECKLINE"

Set Up: With RS facing, and 1 st from the collar still on your needles, PU&K 7 sts from the edge of the ribbed collar. PU&K 18sts along the edge of the body of the sweater, then 2 from the bottom between the 2 edges of the body.

Bring yarn forward.

PU&P 9 sts from the outside of the body, right along the line where the body meets the bottom.

Flap 1:

Row 1 *and all WS rows*: Sl1, K to end

Row 2: Sl1, K8, K3tog. K13, K3tog. K to end.

Row 4: Sl1, K7, K3tog, K11, K3tog. K to end.

Row 6: Sl1, K6, K3tog, K9, K3tog. K to end.

Row 8: Sl1, K5, K3tog, K7, K3tog. K to end.

Row 10: Sl1, K4, K3tog, K5, K3tog. K to end.

Row 12: Sl1, K3, K3tog, K3, K3tog. K to end.

Row 14: Sl1, K3, K3tog, K to end.

Row 16: Sl1, K2, K3tog, K to end.

Row 18: Sl1, K1, K3tog, K to end.

Row 20: K3tog. Break yarn and pull the tail through the final st, pulling tight to secure.

Flap 2:

Set Up: Turn project inside out, and join color A at the top of the collar on the 2nd side. With WS facing, PU&K 8 from the edge of the collar. PU&K 18 from the edge of the body then 2 from the bottom of the sweater (here you are knitting through the same 2 sts that you knit through during the pick ups on Flap 1).

Bring yarn forward.

PU&P 9 sts from the outside of the body, right along the line where the body meets the bottom.

Repeat rows 1-20 on the second flap.

Weave in all ends and block lightly. ***Pro tip:*** A large travel much with no handle is a great way to block your yarn-cake sweater.

DRAWSTRINGS

Set Up: Cut 6 24" lengths of color B. Set 3 of these aside for the next step.

1. Use a crochet hook or tapestry needle to pull 3 of your lengths of Color B through the point on the outer flap where you bound off the final st in the color flap.
2. Arrange the strands of B so that they are folded in half with the fold at the collar flap.
3. Separate into 3 sets of 2 strands of B and braid these. Tie off the end of the braid with a knot.
4. Use your crochet hook or tapestry needle to pull the 3 lengths of B that were set aside and repeat instructions 1-3.
5. Use your crochet hook or tapestry needle to pull the braid attached to the inner (Color A) flap through to the front of the work at the bottom of the collar.
6. A few stitches closer to the back of the piece, pull the same drawstring you just brought to the front through the work along the bottom edge of the collar.

7. Continue bringing the braid to the back a few sts over from where you brought it to the front, then a few sts over bring it through to the back until you are close to the center back of the collar.
8. With the braid attached to the outside flap, bring it to the back at the bottom of the collar, and repeat step 7 with the 2nd braid so that the 2 braids meet on the RS of the work at the center back of the collar.

Your cake sweater is ready to keep other wools even cozier!

Note: When you use the sweater, pull the top open very wide and shimmy your sweater up over the bottom of your yarn cake. Once the cake is situated in the bottom of the sweater, pull the drawstrings snug and tie to secure.