



Karo Socken

Karo means *square* in German, or *diamond* as in the suit of cards. *Socken*, of course, means *socks*. This pattern was inspired by a photo by montillon on Flickr: <http://goo.gl/x7yBj>

MATERIALS

1 skein (~200 yds) solid-colored fingering weight sock yarn

1 skein (~200 yds) self-striping fingering weight sock yarn

I used Knit Picks Essential (now Stroll) & Knit Picks Felici: 220 yds / 201 m, 1.7 oz / 50 g; 75% superwash merino wool, 25% nylon; shown in Black & Martinique)

US 1.5 (2.5 mm) needles (double-pointed or circular), or size needed to get gauge

Size E (3.5 mm) crochet hook

Waste yarn

Tapestry needle

SIZE & GAUGE

Fits women's size 8 / 38-39, with guidelines for resizing

30 sts = 4 in / 10 cm in Stockinette st on US 1.5s

GLOSSARY

inc	increase
k	knit
kw	k1, wrapping yarn around needle 3 times
m1r	make 1 right (increase)
p	purl
rnd(s)	round(s)
sl	slip (purlwise)
st(s)	stitch(es)
Y1	solid-colored yarn
Y2	self-striping yarn

INSTRUCTIONS

TOE

Using a provisional cast-on (such as the crochet cast-on), cast on 32 sts with Y1. Work a standard short row toe. You can find detailed instructions on short row toes in this pattern: <http://goo.gl/fhpJl>

If you want to make the sock wider or narrower, just make sure the total number of sts around is divisible by 5. The pattern as written uses 65 sts ((32 x 2) +1 increase), but you could cast on 30 sts, 35 sts, 37 (+1 inc), etc.

When you're on the last row of the toe, carefully remove the provisional cast-on and place the resulting live sts on your needles so that you're ready to work in the round. Knit to the last st in this round; end m1r, k1 (65 sts total).

You're now ready to start the patterned part of the sock.

FOOT

Rnd 1: [Kw, k4] around.

Rnds 2-6: Using Y2, *unwrap the 3 wraps from the previous row so that they form one very loose st. Sl1, k4. Repeat from * to end.

Rnds 7-8: Using Y1, knit around.

Repeat these 8 rounds until sock measures 1.5 in / 4 cm from heel, ending after round 6.

On round 7, work a standard short row heel (using only Y1). You can find detailed instructions on short row heels in the pattern mentioned above; they're exactly the same as a short row toe.

After the heel is complete, continue in pattern, starting with round 8.

Repeat rounds 1-8 until sock is 0.75 in / 2 cm less than desired height, ending with round 8.

Knit one row even.

CUFF

[K1, p1, k2, p1] around.

Repeat this round 6 more times.

Bind off; I used Elizabeth Zimmerman's sewn bind-off (<http://goo.gl/804Ug>). Weave in ends.

Repeat for second sock!

CREDITS

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