

# Harebell socks

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*Harebell is a flower very common in Finland and it grows even in the Northern Lapland.*



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This pair of socks is knitted toe up and the pattern comes with a forethought heel. The pattern is written for the magic loop method, but can be adjusted for dpn's.

The Ladder-Back Jacquard technique is used in the colorwork section and the fabric is thus stretchier than stranded colorwork would produce. If you knit stranded colorwork you might need more stitches or bigger needles.

## Materials

### Sizes (shoe size):

US 6 (7.5, 8.5, 10.5)

EU 36 (37-38, 39-40, 41-42)

**Recommended ease:** zero or slightly positive. To achieve this fit you might have knit with a looser gauge. You get a looser gauge if you use bigger needles.

**Yarn:** Approximately 464 - 328 yards [295 - 315 meters] of fingering weight yarn.

C1: 140 (143, 147, 156) yards  
[127 (131, 134, 143) meters]

C2: 184 (184, 187, 189) yards  
[168 (168, 171, 172) meters]

### Sample socks:

Size US 7.5 / EU 37-38

The sample is knitted with Filcolana Arwetta Classic 230 yards / 210 meters / 50g

C1: colour 197, Aqua, (129 yards / 118 m / 31g)

C2: colour 252, Chock Orange, (166 yards, 152m / 36g)

**Needles:** US 1 30" [2.25mm 80cm] or longer circular needles. Adjust needle size to obtain the correct gauge.

**Other:** Tapestry needle, a piece of scrap yarn in a different colour than C2

**Gauge:** 32 sts and 42 rows per 4 inches (10cm) in stockinette after blocking.

# 1. Toe

With C2 CO 12 (12, 14, 14) sts on each needle. You should now have a total of 24 (24, 28, 28) sts. Sample uses Judy's Magic Cast On.

K one round.

## Increases

ROUND 1:

Needle 1: k1, k1fb, k to 2 sts from end, k1fb, k1.

Needle 2: Work the same way as Needle 1.

ROUND 2:

Needle 1: k all sts.

Needle 2: Work the same way as Needle 1.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until you have 64 (64, 68, 72) sts.

# 2. Foot & cuff

*TIP: The colorwork contains long floats. For stretchy fabric I recommend [the Ladder-Back Jacquard technique](#). The vertical darker lines on the colorwork chart are the places for the ladder-back stitches.*

SECTION 1: With C1 k 4 (5, 6, 8) rows

SECTION 2: Work Chart 1 on both needles.

SECTION 3: Same as section 1.

SECTION 4: With C2 k 2 rows

Repeat sections 1-3 once more with chart 2.

Your work should measure approximately 6.5 (7, 7.3, 8.3)'' [16.5 (17.5, 18.5, 21) cm].

With C2 k one round.

## Heel placement

Needle 1: k all sts.

Needle 2: Take a piece of scrap fingering weight yarn in a different colour and leaving the working yarn aside, use it to k the sts on Needle 2. Then, transfer all those sts back to the left needle (without twisting) and k over the scrap yarn using the working yarn.

*TIP: For a cleaner look place the heel of the right foot sock on needle 1 instead of needle 2.*

Work sections 1-4 twice. First time with chart 1 and second time with chart 2. Break C1, leaving a tail long enough to weave in later.

## Ribbing

With C2 Work 10 rows (or desired length) of ribbing \*(ktbl1, p1) repeat from \* to beginning of round. BO using some stretchy bind off method. Sample uses russian bind off.

## 3. Heel

Remove the waste yarn, placing the live stitches onto two needles. You should now have a total of 64 (64, 68, 72) sts, 32 (32, 34, 36) sts each needle. Work the heel with C2.

### ROUND 1:

Needle 1: k all, pickup and knit 1 st between the Needle 1 and Needle 2

Needle 2: Work the same way as Needle 1.

*TIP: See [this very helpful video tutorial](#) of how to pick up stitches for an afterthought heel without any gaps or holes.*

You should now have a total of 66 (66, 70, 74) sts.

### ROUND 2:

Needle 1: k1, ssk, k to 2 sts from end, k2tog.

Needle 2: Work the same way as Needle 1.

### ROUND 3:

Needle 1: k all sts.

Needle 2: Work the same way as Needle 1.

Repeat rounds 2 & 3 until you have 26 (26, 30, 30) sts remaining.

Break the yarn leaving approximately 12” inc (30cm) tail. Close the toe using kitcheners stitch. [If kitcheners stitch is not familiar technique please see this tutorial.](#)

## 4. Finishing

Weave in ends and block your socks.

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# Abbreviations

**BO** = bind off

**C1** = color 1

**C2** = color 2

**CO** = cast on

**k** = Knit

**k1fb** = knit into front of the stitch, leave stitch on the needle and knit into the back of the same stitch (=increase 1 st).

**k2tog** = Knit 2 stitches together

**ktbl** = Knit through the back loop (ktbl).

**p** = purl

**ssk** = slip 1 st kwise, slip another st kwise, then slide the left-hand needle into the front part of both stitches and knit them together.

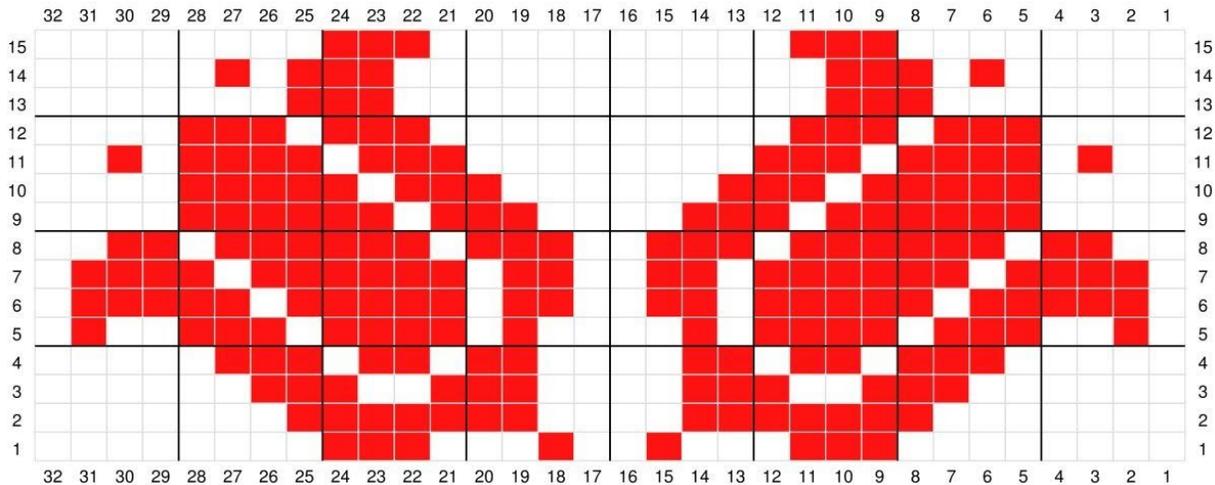
**st** = stitch

# Sizes US 6, 7.5 and 8.5 (EU 36, 37-38 and 39-40)

## Chart 1

For size US 8.5 (EU 39-40) k 1 st with C1 before and after the chart.

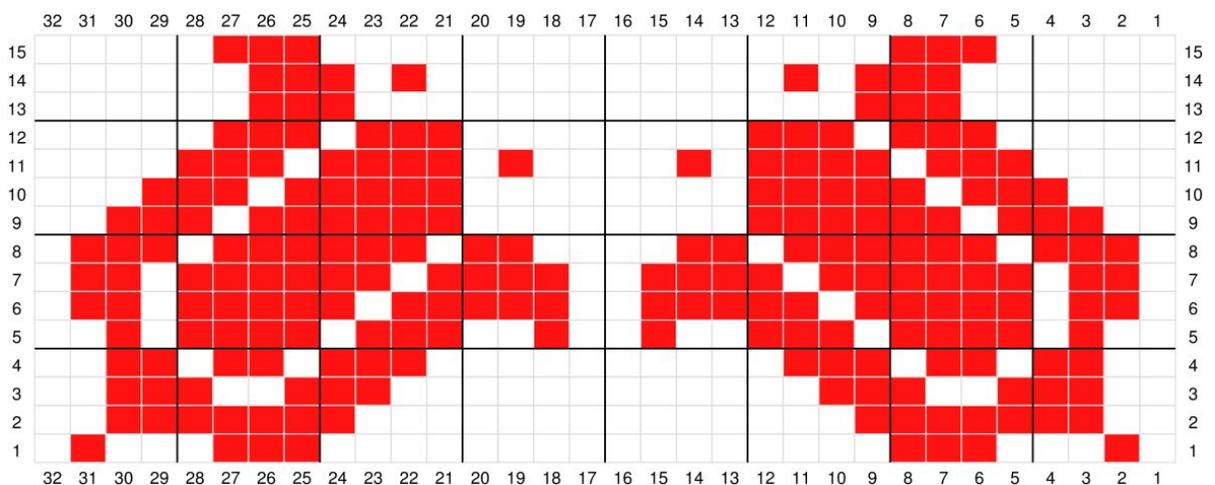
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## Chart 2

For size US 8.5 (EU 39-40) k 1 st with C1 before and after the chart.

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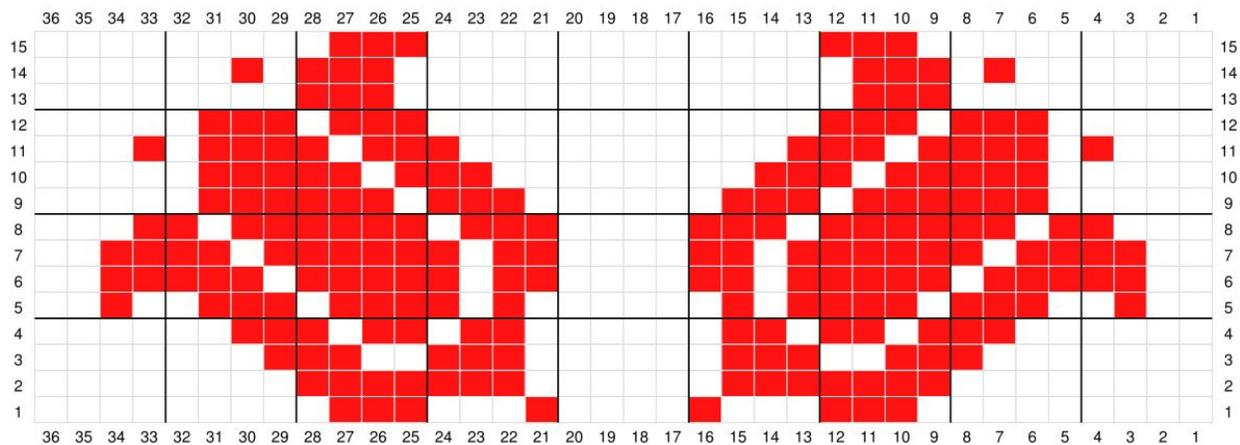


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# Size US 10.5 (EU 41-42)

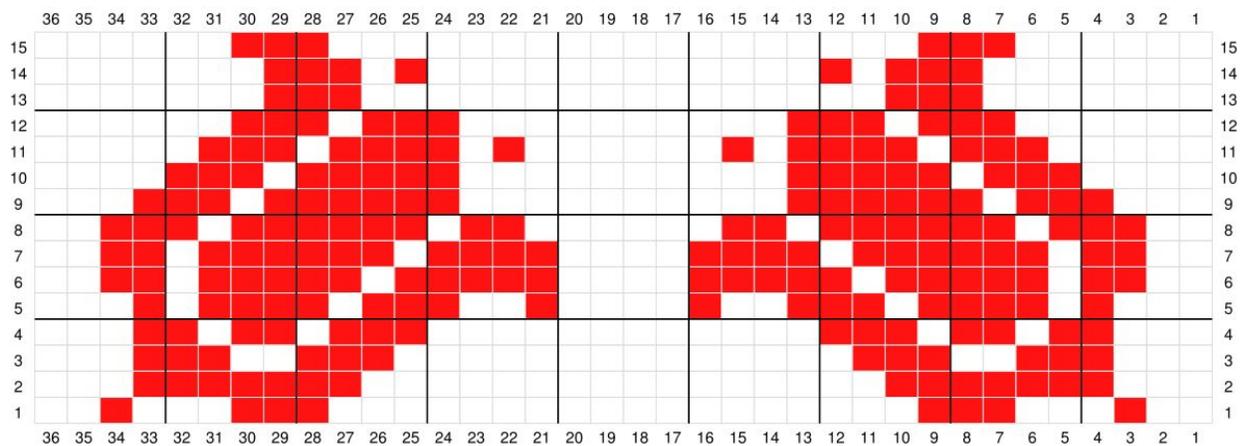
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