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STRANDED COLORWORK SOCKS



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### DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

### SIZES

Teen/Adult Extra Small (Adult Small, Medium, Large)

*Shown in Adult Small Size with approx. ½" of negative ease.*

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Foot Circumference:** 6¾ (7¾, 8¾, 9¾)"

**Foot Length:** Adjustable *Note: See Pattern Notes regarding length.*

**Leg Height:** 5¾"

### MATERIALS

**Universal Yarn** *Uni Merino Mini* (75% superwash merino wool, 25% nylon; 25g/109 yds)

- 131 Nautical (MC) - 2 skeins
- 114 Honeycomb (CC1) - 1 skein
- 142 Romance (CC2) - 1 skein
- 132 Lighthouse (CC3) - 1 skein
- 112 Carrot (CC4) - 1 skein

**Needle:** US Size 1 (2.25 mm) set of DPNs (or your preferred needle for knitting small circumferences) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

US Size 2 (2.75 mm) set of DPNs (or your preferred needle for knitting small circumferences) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, stitch markers (one unique marker to denote bor), waste yarn

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## GAUGE

33 sts x 36 rnds = 4" in Stockinette stitch (St st) using smaller ndl, after blocking

33 sts x 36 rnds = 4" in stranded knitting using larger ndl, after blocking

**Save time, check your gauge.**

## PATTERN NOTES

Socks to celebrate! Imagine flags on a fair midway, waving in the breeze. A neighborhood block party full of friends and potluck dishes. A homemade birthday cake and hand drawn card, family gathered around. These colorful top-down socks feature a geometric design reminiscent of party flags. Knit the cuff, afterthought heel, and toe in different colors for extra fun. The Party Flag socks are a great way to play with color, and we hope you'll enjoy knitting a pair to celebrate your own moments, big and small.

Yarn estimates are based on a sock foot length of 8½ (9½, 10½, 11½)". You may need more or less yarn depending on foot length. For the best fit, knit socks ½" shorter than actual foot length.

These socks are knit seamlessly in the round from the cuff down and feature an afterthought heel.

When working the stranded colorwork method, two colors are carried across each row. For most knitters, there is a difference in how colors show up in the pattern that is dependent on how the colors are carried along the wrong side of the work. The float of the dominant color

should be carried *below* the non-dominant color. Typically, and as is the case in this pattern, the "non-dominant" color serves as the background color. The sample is knit with CC held dominant, which helps the Party Flags motif pop out more against the background.

We recommend breaking yarn at each color change to avoid long vertical floats along the inside of your work. You may wish to weave in your ends as you go to save time.

For your convenience, we have created four separate charts outlining the Party Flags motif. These charts are intended to help you customize your socks in any way you wish! Chart A reflects the colors used in the sample pictured. Chart B shows the motif in two colors: a dark background with a light foreground. Chart C also shows the motif in two colors, but with a light background and dark foreground. Finally, Chart D is fully customizable! Color changes are outlined, but not filled in so that you can color the chart to match the shades you've chosen for your project. You may follow any of these charts for the Party Flags motif.

## PATTERN BEGINS

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*(make two)*

#### Cuff

With CC1 and smaller ndls, cast on 56 (64, 72, 80) sts using the long-tail cast-on method. PM and join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist sts.

**Rnd 1:** \* K2, p2; rep from \* to end.

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Rep Rnd 1, 11 more times. Break CC1.  
Change to larger ndls.

## Leg

*Note: Change colors as indicated in Party Flags chart. See Pattern Notes regarding chart customization and choosing a chart.*

Work Rnds 1-20 of Party Flags chart. Patt will be repeated 7 (8, 9, 10) times across each rnd.

Work Rnds 1-20 of patt, one more time. Do not break yarn.

*Note: This is a great time to try on your sock. It should fit over your heel easily. If you wish to add length to the Leg, continue as established, stopping after Rnd 5, 10, 15, or 20 of the Party Flags motif.*

## Afterthought Heel Set-up

*Note: This pattern uses three rows for the Afterthought Heel Set-up to give you more room to maneuver when picking up stitches and working the initial rounds of the heel.*

**Row 1 (RS):** With waste yarn, k28 (32, 36, 40), turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** P28 (32, 36, 40), turn.

**Row 3:** K28 (32, 36, 40). Break waste yarn.

Slip Heel sts back to left ndl so you are at the bor and are able to begin using working yarn again.

## Foot

Cont in patt as est'd until Foot meas  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ( $4\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , 5)" less than desired length, ending after Rnd 5, 10, 15, or 20 to main-

tain the Party Flags motif. Break yarns. Change to smaller ndls.

*Note: Heel will add 2 ( $2\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2\frac{3}{4}$ )" and Toe will add  $1\frac{1}{2}$  (2, 2,  $2\frac{1}{4}$ )".*

## Toe

Join CC4.

**Set-up Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Set-up Rnd 2:** K28 (32, 36, 40), pm, knit to end.

**Rnd 1:** \* K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts bef marker, k2tog, k1, sl m, rep from \* 1 more time - 4 sts dec'd, 52 (60, 68, 76) sts rem.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

Rep Rnds 1-2, 5 (7, 7, 7) more times - 20 (28, 28, 28) sts dec'd, 32 (32, 40, 48) sts rem.

Rep Rnd 1 *only*, 2 (2, 2, 4) more times - 8 (8, 8, 16) sts dec'd, 24 (24, 32, 32) sts rem.

Place 12 (12, 16, 16) Instep sts on one ndl and bottom 12 (12, 16, 16) sts on a separate ndl. Break yarn, leaving an approx. 18" tail. Holding ndls parallel to one another, graft the two sets of sts together using the Kitchener method.

## Afterthought Heel

Place 28 (32, 36, 40) sts on each side of waste yarn from the Heel section onto smaller ndls. Carefully remove waste yarn and arrange sts so they are all oriented correctly - 56 (64, 72, 80) sts total.

Join CC3.

**Set-up Rnd 1:** Knit, picking up one extra stitch in each corner - 2 sts inc'd, 58 (66, 74, 82) sts.

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**Set-up Rnd 2:** K29 (33, 37, 41), pm, knit to end.

**Rnd 1:** Knit.

**Rnd 2:** \* K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts bef marker, k2tog, k1, sl m; rep from \* 1 more time - 4 sts dec'd, 54 (62, 70, 78) sts rem.

Rep Rnds 1-2, 7 (8, 9, 10) more times - 28 (32, 36, 40) sts dec'd, 26 (30, 34, 38) sts rem.

Break yarn, leaving an approx. 18" tail. Place first 13 (15, 17, 19) sts on one ndl and second 13 (15, 17, 19) sts on separate ndl. Graft the two sets of sts together using Kitchener method.

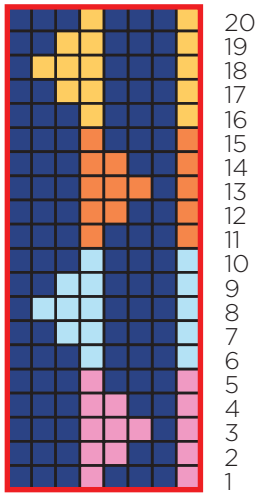
## FINISHING

Gently wash and block to finished measurements. Weave in ends.



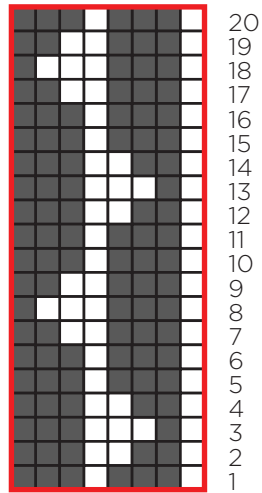
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Party Flags  
Chart A  
(sample)



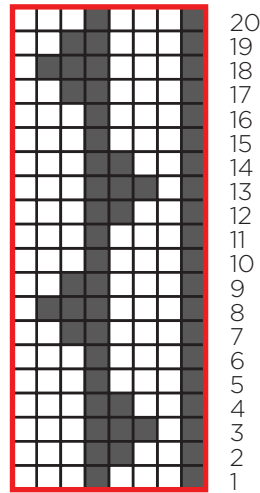
8 st repeat

Party Flags  
Chart B  
(two color,  
dark background)



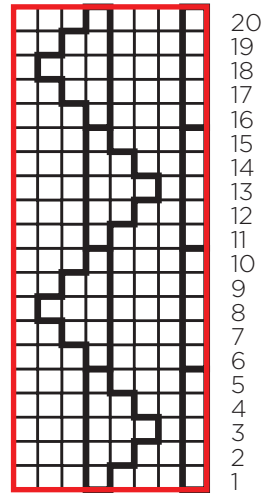
8 st repeat

Party Flags  
Chart C  
(two color,  
light background)



8 st repeat

Party Flags  
Chart D  
(color your own)



8 st repeat

## Key

- pattern repeat
- with MC, knit
- with CC1, knit
- with CC2, knit
- with CC3, knit
- with CC4, knit
- with light color, knit
- with dark color, knit
- outlines each section of color changes for customization

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## Abbreviations

<b>approx</b>	approximately
<b>bef</b>	before
<b>bor</b>	beginning of round
<b>CC</b>	contrast color
<b>cont</b>	continue
<b>dec('d)</b>	decrease(d)
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double pointed needle(s)
<b>est'd</b>	established
<b>inc('d)</b>	increase(d)
<b>k</b>	knit
<b>k2tog</b>	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
<b>m</b>	marker
<b>MC</b>	main color
<b>meas</b>	measures
<b>ndl</b>	needle
<b>p</b>	purl
<b>patt</b>	pattern
<b>pm</b>	place marker
<b>rem</b>	remain(ing)
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>rnd</b>	round

<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>sl</b>	slip
<b>ssk</b>	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
<b>St st</b>	Stockinette stitch (knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows; in the rnd, knit every rnd)
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	wrong side

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Knit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!

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