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### Abbreviations

cm	centimetre(s)
cont	continue
DPNs	double pointed needles
fol	following
in	inch(es)
K	knit
K2tog	knit two stitches together
P	purl
P2tog	purl two stitches together
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	rounds(s)
Sl1	slip one stitch purlwise holding yarn to the back of your work
SSK	slip the first stitch on the left hand needle knitwise onto the right-hand needle, slip the second stitch on the left-hand needle purlwise onto the right-hand needle, slip both stitches back onto the left-hand needle and knit together through back loop
st(s)	stitch(es)
( )	repeat instructions inside brackets

### Pattern Notes

It is often easier to cast on using DPNs before changing to the short circular needle. If you want to use magic loop you will be able to cast on with the larger circular needle if you prefer to do so, but remember not to pull your cast on stitches too tight. If you use DPNs, you might find it easiest to cast on and work 2 rows before dividing the stitches across the needles.

When using self-striping yarn to achieve matching socks, start using at the first colour change into the ball, making a note of the colour. Start your second sock at the same point. You will need to pull yarn until you get to the colour you started with.

### Finishing

Once your socks are complete it is essential to block your knitting. Pin your socks out to the size stated in the pattern, cover with a damp cloth and leave to dry.

<b>75% WOOL / 25% NYLON</b>		
<b>4ply</b>	 3.25mm US3	 3.25mm US3
Tension 10cm/4"sq	<b>400 437</b> Metres Yards	<b>100g</b> Ball
 36 rows 28 sts	     Reshape whilst damp Do not tumble dry	
75% WOOL / WOLLE / LANA / LAINE / YLLE / VILLA 25% NYLON / POLYAMID / POLIAMIDA / POLYAMIDE / POLYAMID / POLYAMIDI		

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## Size

0–6 months [6 months : 12 months]

### To Fit Ball of Foot Circumference

cm	11	12	13
in	4¼	4¾	5¼

### Foot Length

cm	9	10	12
in	3½	4	4¾

## Yarn

West Yorkshire Spinners – Signature 4ply



**A – Gingerbread** (1109)  
1 x 100g



**B – Milk Bottle** (010)  
1 x 100g

## Equipment

2.5mm needles, DPNs or 80cm circular for magic loop

One set of 2.5mm DPNs (not required for magic loop)

Stitch holder (optional)

Stitch markers

Wool needle

## Tension

30 sts to 10cm (4in) in stocking stitch (worked in the round) on 2.5mm needles.

Always use the size of needles to achieve the correct tension.

**It is essential to work to the stated tension to ensure success.**

## Pattern Note

**These socks are knitted on 2.5mm needles, not 3.25mm as stated on the ball band.**

This will produce a different tension but will ensure a firmer, more hard-wearing fabric for your socks. The ideal tension for these socks is 30 sts to 10cm (4in) so use whatever size needles are required to reach that tension and do check that your knitted fabric is firm but not stiff.



## Pattern

### Cuff

Using Milk Bottle (B), cast on 32 [36:40] sts using 2.5mm DPNs. This pattern has been written for a cast on with straight needles; if you wish to join into the round straight away, work row 1 twice and omit row 2.

**Row 1:** \*K3, P1, rep from \* to end, turn.

**Row 2:** \*K1, P3, rep from \* to end, turn.

**Change to a 2.5mm circular needle** for magic loop or divide the stitches across DPNs and join into a circle, **place marker**. You will sew up the small gap where you knitted the first two rows later.

Cont in rib for 14 more rnds.

### Leg

**Break off B** and push the cuff inside your needles so that the outside of the sock is facing you. Join Gingerbread (A) onto the stitch where you finished with B and work K3, P1 rib to end. Doing this will allow you to turn the cuff down over the sock and it will be the right way round.

Work 16 rnds of K3, P1 rib.

### Heel Flap

You may prefer to place the spare stitches from the top of the foot onto a stitch holder if you are using DPNs whilst you work the heel.

**Row 1:** K2, (sl1, K1) until you have 16 [18:20] sts on your needle, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl1, P to end, turn.

**Row 3:** (Sl1, K1) to end, turn.

Rep rows 2 and 3 until heel measures 2½ [2½:3.75]cm; 1 [1:1½]in or desired length, finishing on row 3.

### Turn Heel

**Row 1:** Sl1, P8 [9:10], P2tog, P1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl1, K3, SSK, K1, turn.

**Row 3:** Sl1, P4, P2tog, P1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl1, K5, SSK, K1, turn.

Cont in this way, adding one st between slip stitch and SSK or P2tog on each row (ie, **Row 5:** Sl1, P6, P2tog, P1, turn; **Row 6:** Sl1, K7, SSK, K1, turn; etc) until all of the heel sts are used. Depending on how many sts are in your heel flap, you may find that the K1 and P1 stitch is not required at the end of the last 2 rows.

Knit across heel sts if required to bring you to the left hand side of the heel flap (with the outside of the flap facing you), ready to pick up 1 stitch for every 2 rows of heel flap knitted. Remember that if you made the heel flap bigger, you will need to pick up more sts. Once you have picked up the stitches, **place marker**.

Knit across the top of the foot sts, **place marker**, then pick up 1 stitch for every 2 rows of heel flap knitted up the other side of the heel. Knit across the top of the heel and then shape gusset as below.

**Note:** If you are using DPNs and/or have placed your stitches on a stitch holder, you can arrange the needles as follows: Needle 1 for stitches across heel, Needle 2 for picked-up stitches down side of foot, Needle 3 for stitches across top of foot (knit stitches off stitch holder if required), Needle 4 for picked-up stitches on other side of foot. You may find that stitch markers are not required at first.

### Shape Gusset

**Rnd 1:** K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1, **slip marker**, K to next marker, **slip marker**, K1, SSK, K to marker.

**Rnd 2:** **Slip marker**, K to next marker, **slip marker**, K to 3 sts before marker.

**Rnd 3:** K2tog, K1, **slip marker**, K to next marker, **slip marker**, K1, SSK, K to marker.

Rep rnds 2 and 3 to shape the gusset. Cont in this way, decreasing by 2 sts at the gusset on every other rnd until there are 32 [36:40] sts on the needle.

Once you have reached the required number of sts, cont to knit each round until you reach approximately 2.5cm; 1in before the desired length ready to start the toes. Use the foot measurement at the beginning of the pattern and don't be afraid to try your sock on before decreasing for the toes.

## Toes

**Note:** At some point whilst decreasing for the toes, if you are using a short circular needle you may need to change back to DPNs or use the magic loop method as the number of stitches becomes too small for the circular. It's up to you when you choose to do that, and how you distribute the stitches across the needles; just keep following the pattern as set below.

Create the toes as follows:

**Rnd 1:** K1, SSK, K10 [12:14] sts, K2tog, K1, **place marker** (if required), K1, SSK, K10 [12:14] sts, K2tog, K1. 28 [32:36] sts.

**Rnd 2:** K to end, **slipping markers** as you come to them.

**Rnd 3:** K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1, **slip marker**, K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1. 24 [28:32] sts.

Rep rnds 2 and 3 until you have 16 [20:24] sts left and divide these between two needles so that front and back of socks match.

Graft toes using kitchener stitch, weave in all ends and sew up the small gap at the cuff where you cast on.

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