

**R0239 • MAZE SOCKS by Charles D. Gandy •**  (INTERMEDIATE)


The vivid colors of this yarn are perfect to highlight the intricacy of a playful mosaic pattern. This slipstitch technique may, at first, appear to be difficult, but you will soon realize that is as easy and as much fun as exploring a maze.

**Sizes:** Socks are sized to fit Child's Medium (Child's Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large).

**Finished Measurements:** Foot Length (heel to toe): 7 (8, 9, 10, 10½)"

**MATERIALS:**

1 (1, 2, 2, 2) 50 g ball(s) **Schachenmayr Regia 4-ply** color #06618 (MC).

1 (1, 2, 2, 2) 50 g ball(s) **Schachenmayr Regia 4-ply** color #02041 (CC).

4, Size 1 US (2.25 mm) double-pointed needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE.

Yarn needle, stitch markers.

**Gauge:** 32 sts = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette st

**Designer Notes:**

- Directions for sizes are given in ascending order,

with larger sizes in parentheses. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

- This pattern explores the technique of Mosaic knitting. The Chart is comprised of duplicate rows. For example, Rnd 1 and 2 are identical, Rnd 3 and 4 are identical, etc. When working with MC, knit all MC sts in the Chart row and slip (pwise wyib) all CC sts in the same Chart row. When working with CC, knit all CC sts in the Chart row and slip (pwise wyib) all MC sts in the same Chart row. The shaded row number indicates the yarn color to knit: if row number is MC-shaded, knit all MC sts and slip all CC sts; if the row number is CC-shaded, knit all CC sts and slip all MC sts.

If you have never worked in mosaics before, a small swatch will soon take the mystery out of the technique.

- This pattern is written for Stockinette stitch, however for an interesting variation, you may want to work it in Garter stitch in the rnd (knit one rnd, purl one rnd). Remember to throw the yarn to the wrong side of the work when slipping the stitches. If you choose to work in Garter stitch, it will be necessary to add a few more repeats to obtain the desired length as the Garter stitch has a tighter row gauge.

**STITCH GLOSSARY**

<b>approx.</b>	approximately
<b>BO</b>	bind off
<b>CC</b>	contrasting color
<b>CO</b>	cast on
<b>cont</b>	continue
<b>dec</b>	decrease
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double-pointed needle(s)
<b>K, k</b>	knit
<b>k2tog</b>	knit 2 sts together
<b>kwise</b>	knitwise
<b>LH</b>	left hand
<b>MC</b>	main color
<b>meas</b>	measures
<b>ndl</b>	needle
<b>P, p</b>	purl
<b>p2tog</b>	purl 2 sts together
<b>pwise</b>	purlwise
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>RH</b>	right hand
<b>rnd</b>	round

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<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>sl</b>	slip
<b>ssk</b>	slip 2 sts to the RH ndl; insert LH ndl into the fronts of both slipped sts and knit them tog as one
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	wrong side

## INSTRUCTIONS

### LEG

With CC and dpns, CO 56 (56, 70, 70, 84) sts. Distribute sts on dpns as folls: Ndl #1: 14 (14, 21, 21, 28); Ndl #2: 28 (28, 28, 28, 28); Ndl #3: 14 (14, 21, 21, 28). Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist. PM to indicate beg of rnd. Knit 8 rounds. These rounds will be turned to form a hem during the finishing process.

**Next (turning) rnd:** Purl. Knit two rnds.

### Establish Pattern

With MC, beg Rnd 1 Mosaic Chart, working 14-st rep across rnd. Work 32 rnds of the chart 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) times.

**Next rnd:** Work Rnds 1–16 of Chart 0 (1, 0, 1, 1) time [64 (80, 96, 112, 112) total rnds].

**Next rnd:** With MC, k every rnd until piece meas approx 5½ (6½, 8, 9½, 9½)" from turning rnd.

**Next rnd:** With MC, dec/inc evenly -8 (0, -6, +2, -4) sts [Ndl #1: 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) sts; Ndl #2: 24 (28, 32, 36, 40) sts; Ndl #3: 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) sts]. Note: For a "jogless join" slip the first st of the second rnd of the new color. Cont even around until all sts have been worked on Ndl #2.

### HEEL FLAP

**Next rnd (RS):** Beg with CC on Ndl #3, ★sl 1 pwise, K1, rep from ★ working across Ndls #3 and #1 [24 (28, 32, 36, 40) sts on Ndl #3 and Ndl #1]. Sts on Ndl #2 will be held for instep. Work back and forth on only Ndls #1 and #3 as foll:

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl 1 pwise, purl to end of row.

**Row 2 (RS):** ★Sl 1 pwise, k1; rep from ★ across. Rep Rows 1 and 2 for a total of 23 (28, 32, 36, 40) rows, end after (WS) Row 1.

### TURNING THE HEEL (Short rows)

**Row 1 (RS):** K14 (16, 18, 20, 22), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl 1 pwise, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl 1 pwise, k to 1 st before the gap formed on prev row, ssk (bring tog the st before and the st after the gap); k1, turn.

**Row 4 (WS):** Sl 1 pwise, p to 1 st before the gap formed on prev row, p2tog (1 st before the gap

and 1 st after the gap), p1, turn. Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all sts have been worked, end after (WS) Row 4, working the last 2 rows with ssk or p2tog dec [14 (16, 18, 20, 22) sts rem].

### GUSSET

With RS facing and MC, K7 (8, 9, 10, 11) across heel. With a new dpn (Ndl #1), K7 (8, 9, 10, 11) rem Heel Flap sts; cont with same ndl, pick up and K13 (15, 17, 19, 21) sts along the side of Heel Flap [20 (23, 26, 29, 32) sts on Ndl #1]; work across Ndl #2 [24, (28, 32, 36, 40)] instep sts that have been on hold; with another ndl (Ndl #3), pick up and K13 (15, 17, 19, 21) sts from opposite side of the flap, then K7 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts across Heel Flap, pm for beg of rnd; [20 (23, 26, 29, 32) on Ndl #3].

**Rnd 1:** K across sts on Ndl #1 to last 3 sts; k2tog, k1. Knit across sts on Ndl #2. On Ndl #3, K1, ssk, k to end.

**Rnd 2:** Knit around. Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) sts rem on Ndl #1 and #3; St count on Ndl #2 is unchanged [24 (28, 32, 36, 40) sts]. Original number of sts restored.

### FOOT

Cont in St st (k every rnd) until piece meas 5½ (6½, 7½, 8½, 9)" from the back of the heel to the base of the big toe or approx. 2" shorter than the desired length.

### TOE

**Rnd 1:** With CC, K across Ndl #1 sts to last 3 sts; k2tog, k1. On Ndl #2, K1, ssk, knit across to last 3 sts; k2tog, k1. On Ndl #3, K1, ssk, k to end.

**Rnd 2:** Knit. Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 5 (7, 8, 9, 10) sts rem on Ndls #1 and #3; 10 (14, 16, 18, 20) sts rem on Ndl #2. Rep only Rnd 1 until a total of 8 sts rem [4 sts on 2 ndls]. Graft end of toe using Kitchener stitch.

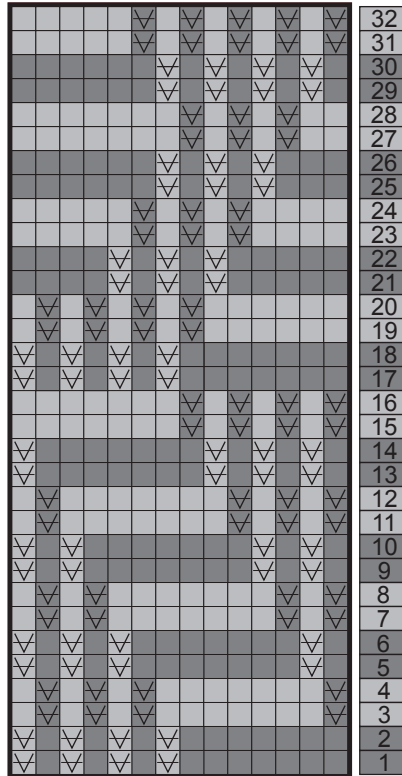
### FINISHING

#### Cuff






Turn top of leg to WS at the turning rnd and stitch into place. With yarn ndl, weave in all yarn ends.

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MOSAIC CHART



KEY

-  K (MC)
-  SI 1 pwise wyib
-  K (CC)
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-  Pattern repeat

┌ 14-st repeat ─┘