

WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS

CHRISTMAS ROBIN SOCKS
BY WINWICK MUM

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4 PLY



Materials

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply Robin (941) – 1 x 100g ball.
- 2.5mm needles – short circular needle, DPNs (double pointed needles) or 80cm circular for magic loop
- 1 set DPNs size 2.5mm (not required for magic loop)
- 2 x cable needles and stitch markers
- Stitch holder (optional)

Size and Tension

To fit ball of foot circumference

8 [8.5:9:9.5] inches; 20 [22:23:24] cm

Leg length (approximately) 6 inches; 15cm.

30 stitches to 4 inches (10 cm) in stocking stitch (worked in the round) on 2.5mm needles, or size required to achieve gauge.

Abbreviations

C9BF Slip the next 3 stitches onto 1st cable needle and hold at the back of your work, slip the next 3 stitches onto 2nd cable needle and hold at the front of your work, knit the next 3 stitches, knit the 3 stitches from the 2nd cable needle at front of work, then knit the 3 stitches from the 1st cable needle at back of work

K Knit

Ktbl Knit through back of loop

K2tog Knit two stitches together

P Purl

Sl 1 Slip 1 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

Cable panel written instructions

Rounds 1 – 4: (P3, k3) twice, P3. (15 sts)

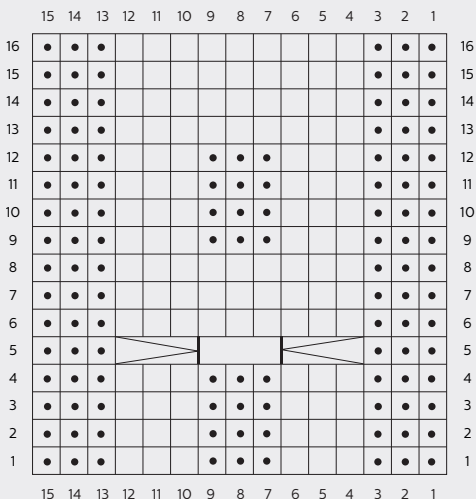
Round 5: P3, C9BF, P3.

Rounds 6 – 8: P3, K9, P3.

Rounds 9 – 12: (P3, k3) twice, P3.

Rounds 13 – 16: P3, K9, P3.

Cable Panel Chart (15sts)



□ Knit • Purl  C9BF

Notes

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. Use whatever size needles are required to reach the tension given in the pattern and do check that your knitted fabric is firm but not stiff.

It is often easier to cast on using DPNs before changing to the short circular needle or dividing across DPN.

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Using Robin, cast on 60 [64:68:72] sts using your preferred method and join into the round. It is not necessary to choose a bigger size to accommodate the cables with this pattern.

Rib round: (Ktbl, P1) repeat to end of round. Last round sets twisted rib. Continue in twisted rib for 16 rounds in total.

Work set up rounds for size required:

60 sts (30 sts twice)

Round 1: (K1, P3, K3, work 15 sts as given for 1st round of cable panel, K3, P3, K2) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working 2nd round of cable panel.

64 sts (32 sts twice)

Round 1: (K1, P3, K4, work 15 sts as given for 1st round of cable panel, K4, P3, K2) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working 2nd round of cable panel.

68 sts (34 sts twice)

Round 1: (K3, P3, K3, work 15 sts as given for 1st round of cable panel, K3, P3, K3, P1) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working 2nd round of cable panel.

72 sts (36 sts twice)

Round 1: (P1, K3, P3, K3, work 15sts as given for 1st round of cable panel, K3, P3, K3, P2) twice.

Round 2: As for round 1 working 2nd round of cable panel.

For All Sizes

Continue to work in pattern as set, inserting the appropriate round of cable panel pattern when you come to it until 16 rounds of cable panel have been worked.

Rep these 16 rounds twice more then 1-8 rounds once more. (56 rounds in pattern)



Heel Flap

Change to 2.5mm DPNs if you are using a short circular needle, and place spare top of the foot stitches on a holder if preferred.

Row 1: K2, (Sl 1, P1) until you have 28 [30:32:34] stitches on your needle, Sl 1, K1, turn. 30 [32:34:36] sts.

Row 2: Sl 1, (P1, K1) to last 3 stitches, P3, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K1, (Sl 1, P1) to last two stitches, Sl1, K1, turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until heel measures 2 [2:2.5:3] inches; 5[5:6.5:7.5] cm long, or desired length, finishing on row 3.

Turn Heel

Row 1: Sl 1, P16 [17:18:19], P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, K5, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, P6, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, K7, SSK, K1, turn.

Continue in this way, adding one stitch between slip stitch and SSK or P2tog on each row (i.e. Row 5: Sl 1, P8, P2tog, P1; Row 6: Sl 1, K9, SSK, K1, etc) until all of the heel stitches are used. You may find that the K1 and P1 stitch is not required at the end of the last two rows. The working yarn should be at the left hand side of your heel flap. If you want the stripes to match down the foot of your sock, break yarn here and rejoin so that yarn matches last worked round of leg.

Pick up 1 stitch for every 2 rows knitted down side of heel flap, then place marker. Work round 1 of pattern for your size across top of the foot stitches, 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. Working in rib pattern and stocking stitch only proceed as follows:

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

Round 1: K to 3 sts before the marker, K2tog, K1, **slip marker**, knit in pattern set to next marker, **slip marker**, K1, SSK, K to marker.

Round 2: **Slip marker**, knit in pattern set to next marker, **slip marker**, knit to 3 sts before marker.



Round 3: K2tog, K1, **slip marker**, knit in pattern set to next marker, **slip marker**, K1, SSK, K to marker.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 to shape the gusset until there are 60 [64:68:72] stitches on the needle. Once you have reached the required number of stitches, continue to work each round in pattern as set until you reach approximately 2 inches (5 cm) before the desired length.

Toes

Note: If you are using a short circular needle you may need to change to DPNs or use the magic loop method as the number of stitches becomes too small for the circular.

Round 1: K1, SSK, K24 [26:28:30] sts, K2tog, K1, **place marker**, K1, SSK, K24 [26:28:30] sts, K2tog, K1. 56 [60:64:68] sts.

Round 2: Knit one round, **slipping markers** as you come to them.

Round 3: K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1, **slip marker**, K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1. 52 [56:60:64] sts.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have 28 [28:32:32] stitches left and divide these between two needles so that front and back of socks match. Graft toes using Kitchener stitch and weave in all.

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