

rain city

SOCKS



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PROJECT DETAILS

YARN

Trilogy Yarn Glamorous

90% Superwash Merino / 20% Nylon
(3-ply Fingering Weight) 400 yds (366 m) / 100 g

COLORS USED

Single color for umbrellas:

A: 400 yds (366 m) / 100 g in Go Go Green

B: 80 yds (73 m) / 20 g in Raindrop Place

C: 80 yds (73 m) / 20 g in Baltic Brown

D: 80 yds (73 m) / 20 g in Atlantic Gold

Multi-colored umbrellas use the above colors plus:

E: 80 yds (73 m) / 20 g in Jumpsuit Orange

F: 80 yds (73 m) / 20 g in Kentucky Rose

G: 80 yds (73 m) / 20 g in Pacific Pines

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

- US 1 (2.25 mm) needles for heel, toe, and cuff
- US 1.5 (2.5 mm) needles for colorwork

Note: Due to the length of the floats, it is recommended to do a gauge swatch and try on the sock as you get to the ankle/heel to ensure a proper fit. If you tend to knit tighter with colorwork, you may want to go up an additional needle size in the colorwork sections.

- Stitch markers (including a unique BoR M), tapestry needle, waste yarn in contrasting color and same yarn weight (only if you choose the Afterthought Heel option)

SIZES

Adult S (M, L, XL)

Your Foot Circumference: 8.5 (9.5, 10.5, 11.5) in
[21.5 (24, 27, 29) cm]

Finished Sock Circumference: 7 (8, 9, 10) in
[17.75 (20, 23, 25.5) cm]

For Best Fit: Measure the circumference of your foot around the widest part, and allow for 1-2 in (2.5-5 cm) of negative ease in circumference and 0.5 in (1 cm) negative ease in length.

GAUGE

32 sts x 40 rounds in stockinette and colorwork pattern = 4 x 4 in (10 x 10 cm) after blocking

ABBREVIATIONS

BoR (Beginning of Round)

CC (Contrast Color)

CO (Cast On)

K (Knit)

K1tbl (Knit 1 through back loop)

K2tog (Knit two stitches together)

M (Marker)

MC (Main Color)

P (Purl)

PM (Place Marker)

Rnd/s (Round/s)

RS (Right Side of Fabric)

Sl wyib (Slip stitch purlwise with yarn in back)

SM (Slip Marker)

SSK (Slip, Slip, Knit) For a cleaner look: on the following non-decrease row, knit this stitch through the back loop.

St/s (Stitch/es)

WS (Wrong Side of Fabric)

TECHNIQUES USED

Kitchener Stitch (See example)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-jEGCUed0s>

Stranded Colorwork

HEEL TECHNIQUES

Shadow Wrap Short Row Heel or Afterthought Heel

PATTERN

Here in the PNW we get a lot of misty, rainy days. There's nothing more fun than sporting your brightest rain gear to offset the weather, so why not add some rainy day socks to the mix? These socks are designed to use as many (or as few) colors as you'd like for the umbrella motifs. You can make an all one-color umbrella pair to match your outfit, or throw in as many different colored umbrellas as you'd like!

The Rainy Day Sock pattern occasionally uses slip stitches so you never have to work more than 2 colors at a time. This pattern has two heel options, the Afterthought or Shadow Wrap Heel, based on your preference.

CUFF/LEG

With smaller needles and Yarn A, CO 56 (64, 72, 80) sts using the Long-Tail Cast-On (or your desired stretchy CO). Place a unique BoR marker and join in the round, careful not to twist stitches.

Work in 1x1 half-twisted rib (k1tbl, p1) for 12 rounds (or desired cuff length). **Switch to larger needles.**

BEGIN CHARTED PATTERN

You will now begin working from the Chart.

Using yarns as noted in chart, knit around, working the 8-st repeat a total of 7 (8, 9, 10) times, placing M after each chart repeat.

Continuing as established, work all rnds of the chart until your desired leg length. Depending on your preferred leg length, you may need to repeat the chart multiple times.

Example shown has a leg length of approx. 4.3 in (11 cm) after cuff, with one full chart repeat. If you choose the afterthought heel, it is recommended to work one solid color row before starting the heel so that once you pick those sts up to work the heel, you aren't dealing with floats (example: after finishing one full chart repeat, k Rnd 1 of chart, then begin heel).

Take note of next chart rnd as you will return to this rnd once heel (or waste yarn for afterthought heel) has been placed.

Switch to smaller needles and continue to Heel Options. Once you've completed the heel steps, begin the Foot.



Size M with a Shadow Wrap Heel

HEEL OPTIONS

Next, you will choose your heel type. The Afterthought Heel uses waste yarn as a placeholder with the heel worked later. The Shadow Wrap Heel uses short rows and is worked right away.

If you'd prefer to work the Shadow Wrap Heel, skip the Afterthought Heel instructions and proceed to the Shadow Wrap Heel instructions.

AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL

Work across front half of your sock, continuing to work the chart; 28 (32, 36, 40) sts, SM.

Using waste yarn, K across the next 28 (32, 36, 40) sts. Next, slip those sts knit on waste yarn back onto your left needle.

K the same 28 (32, 36, 40) sts once more with working yarn. *You will come back to finish this heel later.*

I like to knit a few rounds and then work my heel so I can properly measure how the sock fits, but you can also wait until after you close the toe.

Continue to foot instructions, skipping the Shadow Wrap Heel instructions.

When you're ready to work your heel, you will place the live stitches above and below waste yarn onto another set of needles. *It is recommended to pick up an additional stitch both before and after the first and last waste yarn stitches to help close up any holes. This will be 4 extra stitches, with one picked up at the beginning of each needle and one picked up at*

the end of each needle before waste yarn is removed. 30 (34, 38, 42) sts per needle.

Place your sock cuff-side down. Starting at the right end of the heel opening, insert your needle under the right leg of every stitch in the round below the waste yarn. Next, insert a second needle under the right leg of every stitch in the round above the waste yarn. With a tapestry needle, carefully remove the waste yarn.

With Yarn A, k across first half of heel sts. PM. K across second half of heel sts. Place a BoR marker. You will now work decreases exactly like toe decreases in a top-down sock.

Rnd 1:

First half: K1, SSK, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Second half: K1, SSK, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: K all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 until you have 20 (24, 28, 36) total heel sts remaining (or desired length).

Use the Kitchener stitch to close the heel.

SHADOW WRAP HEEL

K across front half of your sock, continuing to work the chart; 28 (32, 36, 40) sts, SM. You will begin working the heel on the back half of your sock with Yarn A. *It is recommended to remove all Ms on back half between the halfway M and BoR.*

You will work an even number of twin stitches on the sides with a balanced number of knit stitches in the middle. You can choose how many twin stitches you'd like for a better fit. *For example:*

Size S: 10 twin stitches per side; 8 knit stitches in the center

Size M: 11 twin stitches per side; 10 knit stitches in the center

Size L: 12 twin stitches per side; 12 knit stitches in the center

Size XL: 12 twin stitches per side; 16 knit stitches in the center

HEEL SETUP

Row 1 (RS): K to 1 st before BoR. With your right needle, lift the right leg of the stitch below and place it onto your left needle. K into this loop, then place it back onto your left needle. This is a twin stitch. Turn your work.

Row 2 (WS): P to 1 st before M. Place the last stitch onto your right needle, then lift the left leg from the stitch below using your left needle. P into this loop, then slip both loops back onto your left needle. This is a twin stitch. Turn your work.

Row 3 (RS): K to 1 st before twin st. Make a twin stitch. Turn your work.

Row 4 (WS): P to 1 st before twin st. Make a twin stitch. Turn your work.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 until you have the desired number of twin sts on either side.

RESOLVING THE HEEL

Row 1 (RS): K across the center stitches until you get to the first twin stitch. K the first twin stitch together as 1 st. Create a triplet st in the next st in the same way that you made the twin sts: with your right needle, lift the right leg of the stitch below and place it onto your left needle. K into this loop, then place it back onto your left needle. You should now have 3 loops. This is a triplet stitch. Turn your work.

Row 2 (WS): P across until you reach the first twin stitch. P this twin st together, then create a triplet st in the next twin st: place the twin st onto your right needle, and then lift the leg from the stitch below using your left needle. P into this loop, then slip all 3 loops back onto your left needle. This is a triplet stitch. Turn your work.

Row 3 (RS): K across until you reach the first triplet stitch. Resolve the triplet st by knitting the 3 loops together. Create a triplet st in the next stitch. Turn your work.

Row 4 (WS): P across until you reach the first triplet stitch. Resolve the triplet st by purling the 3 loops together. Create a triplet st in the next stitch. Turn your work.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 until you have 1 triplet st left on each side of the heel, ending with a WS row.

Completing the Heel: K across the heel of your sock, resolving the triplet st. K across front half, continuing to work the chart. K across the back half, replacing M every 8 sts and resolving last triplet st.

Continue to foot instructions.

FOOT

Switch to larger needles. Continue where you left off on chart, knitting in pattern until the foot length is 1.5 (1.75, 2, 2) in [3.75 (4.5, 5, 5) cm] shorter than desired length, allowing for 0.5 in (1 cm) of negative ease (at this stage, I like to try the sock on my foot for the best fit).

If an additional chart repeat will make your socks too long but you haven't reached the above length yet, k around in Yarn A until foot length is 1.5 (1.75, 2, 2) in [3.75 (4.5, 5, 5) cm] shorter than desired length. Each set of umbrellas (half the chart) is 21 rnds and measures approx. 2 in (5 cm).

TOE

Switch to smaller needles. With Yarn A, k around.

You will now work toe decreases.

Rnd 1:

First half: K1, SSK, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Second half: K1, SSK, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Rnd 2: K all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 until you have 20 (24, 28, 36) total sts remaining (or desired length), ending on a decrease rnd (do not do the final knit rnd once you've achieved correct st count).

Use the Kitchener stitch to close the toe.

Weave in the remaining ends and block your socks as desired!

CHART

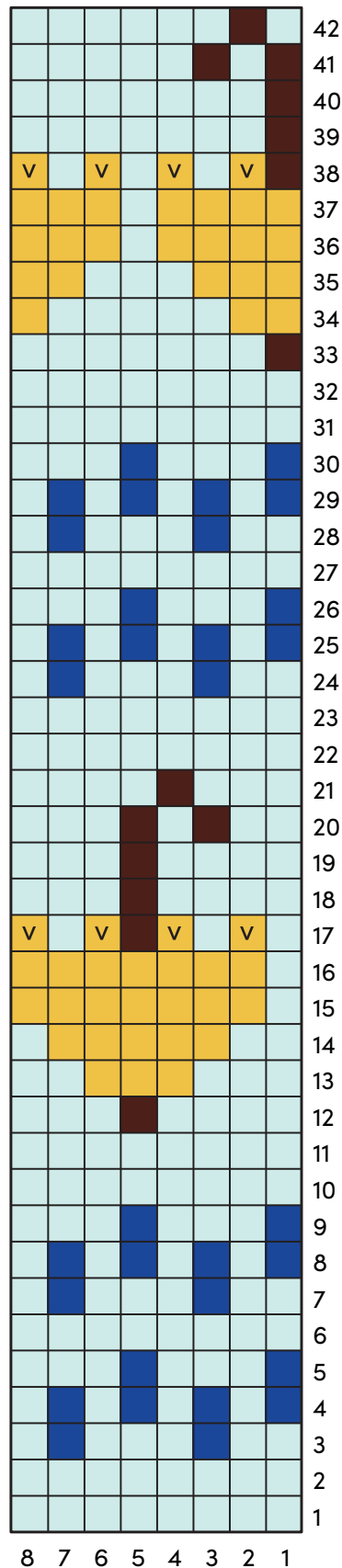


If you choose the multicolored option, you will begin with Yarn D for the first umbrella motif, then Yarn E for the second, Yarn F for the third, and Yarn G for the fourth. If needed, you can cycle through these colors in the same order for the length of the sock.

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Tip: When knitting stranded colorwork, it is recommended to trap any floats that are longer than an inch (2.5 cm) or so to avoid puckering or tension issues. To trap your float, simply twist your MC & CC yarns (I typically trap my floats every 4-5 same color sts).

See example: <https://www.purlsoho.com/create/trapping-floats/>





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