



SEAFARER STRIPEY CREW SOCK

Finished Size: 9.5”-11” unstretched from toe to back of heel

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1 STEP ONE/THE CUFF: Cast on 48 stitches onto a single double-pointed needle. Use the cast-on method you are most comfortable with, but make sure you’re casting on loosely. Once all 48 stitches are on the needle, from the starting end, slip 16 stitches purlwise onto another dpn and 16 more stitches onto a second dpn. You will have 16 stitches on 3 dpns. With the dpns, form a triangle, with the yarn coming from the top of the needle making up the right leg of the triangle. With your left hand, pick up the left needle and with the empty dpn in your right hand, knit the stitches from the left needle to the right needle (the other two needles may dangle—this is normal). Once that needle is empty, move on to the next dpn, using the just-emptied needle as your right needle. Repeat for the third needle. Knit in a K2,P2 pattern for approximately 1.5–2”.

2 STEP TWO/THE LEG: Now you’ve got the groove, I bet. When the cuff reaches 1.5–2”, continue knitting in the round in stockinette stitch (knit each round) for approximately 6–7”. This is your opportunity to use stripes, or a color block pattern.



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ABOUT THIS PATTERN

A sock everyone can knit
with step-by-step instructions.

MATERIALS

100 yards of each color
worsted weight yarn

Size 5 double-pointed needles

GAUGE

5 st = 1”

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To incorporate stripes: Knit one round in the main color. On round 2, add a contrasting color. Knit for two rounds, but do not cut the main color, instead let it hang, and you will pick it up when needed. Knit two rounds of main color. Continue in this manner (two rounds CC, two rounds MC) for the desired length. End with 2 rounds of the main color.

3 STEP THREE/HEEL: The heel is knit in two sections: the heel flap and the turning of the heel.

Heel Flap: Knit 24 stitches and re-adjust the remaining stitches so that there are 12 each on the 2nd and 3rd needles. You will be working on the 24 stitches only.

Row 1: *Slip 1 stitch purlwise, knit 1 stitch.* Repeat until end.

Row 2: Slip 1 stitch purlwise, purl remaining stitches.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 14 times.

Turning the heel: We will use a short-row technique to create the pocket in the sock where your heel sits. Here it is time to channel your inner Luke Skywalker. Just do as written and it will work out.

Sl 1 purlwise, knit 12, k2tog, k1, turn. There are unknit stitches on your right needle. **DON'T WORRY!** (*From this point forward, all slipped stitches are purlwise.*)

Sl 1 purlwise, p4, p2tog, p1, turn. Again, there are unknit stitches on your left needle. No worries!

Sl 1, k5, k2tog, k1, turn

Sl 1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn

Sl 1, k7, k2tog, k1, turn

Sl 1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn

Sl 1, k9, k2tog, k1, turn

Sl 1, p10, p2tog, p1, turn

Sl 1, k11, k2tog, k1, turn

Sl 1, p12, p2tog turn

You will have 14 stitches on the needle. Turn and knit 7. This is the new beginning of the round.

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4 STEP FOUR/GUSSET: This is where you join your sock heel to the other two needles to create the shape from the heel to the arch of the foot.

Still using your main color, knit 7 stitches from the heel, and then pick up and knit 14 stitches from the side of the heel. Remember all those slipped stitches? Now you know why they were slipped—much easier to pick them up and knit them.

Knit 24 stitches across the top of the foot onto one needle.

Pick up and knit 14 stitches onto third needle, knit 7 from the heel.

You will have 21 stitches on needle 1, 24 on needle 2, and 21 on needle 3.

If you're continuing with the stripe pattern, add your contrasting color.

Round 1: Needle 1: knit until 3 stitches remain on needle, k2tog, k1, Needle 2: knit, Needle 3: k1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 (alternating colors if you're doing the stripes) until 12 stitches remain on needles 1 & 3, and 24 on needle 2.

5 STEP FIVE/FOOT: Now you're back to 48 stitches. Knit (continuing with the stripe pattern) until sock reaches about 8".

6 STEP SIX/TOE: Now we will decrease to shape the toe:

Round 1: Needle 1: knit until 3 stitches remain on needle, k2tog, k1, Needle 2: k1, ssk, knit until 3 stitches remain on needle, k2tog, k1, Needle 3: k1, ssk, knit until end.

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until there are 8 stitches on needle 1, 16 on needle 2 and 8 on needle 3.

Then repeat round 1 only until there are 3 stitches on needle 1, 6 on needle 2 and 3 on needle 3.

Knit the stitches on needle 1 onto needle 3 (you now have 6 stitches on needle 2 and 6 on needle 3).

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Cut yarn, leaving about a 12" tail.

Kitchner stitch the toe closed.

Kitchner stitch: using a tapestry needle and with both needles being held parallel to each other, insert tapestry needle as if to purl through the first stitch on the front needle (leave the stitch on the needle!) and then as if to knit on the back needle (again, leave the stitch on the needle).

Then, insert tapestry needle into the first stitch on the front needle as if to knit, remove stitch from needle, then insert into next stitch as if to purl. Leave that stitch on the needle. Insert tapestry needle into first stitch on back needle as if to purl, slide stitch off the needle, then insert tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle as if to knit. Leave stitch on needle.

Repeat this process (front stitches, back stitches) until all stitches have been worked. Thread the tail into the sock and secure. Cut remaining yarn. Weave in any ends.