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DESIGNS

# Mad Color Weave socks

## Yarn used

Claudia's Handpainted yarn [100% merino wool; fingering weight; 172 yds per 50 gram hank]; 2 hanks

## Needle size

US 1 / 2.25mm needles

## Gauge per inch

9.25 stitches per inch in stockinette

11 stitches per inch in weave stitch pattern

13 rounds per inch in stockinette and weave stitch

## Size of completed sock

I made a snug US 8 1/2 size sock with a CO number of 74. When Sock Madness 2007 knit this pattern, I discovered I was a tight knitter - most found a CO number of 66 a better fit.

## Sizes provided

Four sizes, but easily customized. If you need a cast-on number smaller than 58 or larger than 82, go down or up in multiples of 8. Where other number series are given in the pattern, the number sequence is predictable; so if you've gone up 2 multiples of 8 in the cast-on number, for example, go up 2 intervals in each of the number series.

## Pattern Notes

### Twist stitches

LT – Insert right ndl into the back of the 2nd st on the left ndl and ktbl. Then knit 1st st on left ndl, and let both sts drop off the left ndl.

RT – Insert right ndl into the front of the 2nd stitch on the left ndl and k1. Then knit 1st st on left ndl, and let both sts drop off the left ndl.

### Weave Stitch Panel

My weave stitch is an adaptation of Barbara Walker's A Treasury of Knitting Patterns, Diagonal Weave, p 99. A chart of the stitch pattern follows on page 2. Written instructions are found after the chart.



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														Row 8: rep these 4 sts 3 (4, 5, 6) times	Rows					
●		●	●		□	∕	∖	□			□	∕	∖	□	8					
●	∕	∖	●	●		V					V				●	●	∕	∖	●	7
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●		●	●							V			V		●	●			●	2
●	∖	∕	●	●						Ⓢ			Ⓢ		●	●	∖	∕	●	1
														Rows 1-7: rep these 4 sts 3 (4, 5, 6) times						

□ knit

∖∕ left twist

Ⓢ knit 1, wrapping yarn twice

cable: hold 1 to front, k2, knit held st

● purl

∕∖ right twist

V slip stitch

cable: hold 2 to back, k1, knit held sts

Row 1: P1, LT, p2, k1, \*k1 wrapping yarn around rt ndl *twice* before pulling it through, k3; rep from \* 4 (5, 6, 7) times; k2, p2, LT, p1.

Row 2: P1, k2, p2, k1, \*slip first loop (dropping second loop), k3; rep from \* 4 (5, 6, 7) times; k2, p2, k2, p1.

Row 3: P1, RT, p2, k1, \*s1, k3; rep from \* 4 (5, 6, 7) times; k2, p2, RT, p1.

Row 4: P1, k2, p2, k1, \*drop sl-st off ndl to front of work, k2, then pick up dropped st and knit it; k1; rep from \* 4 (5, 6, 7) times; k2, p2, k2, p1

Row 5: P1, LT, p2, k5, \*k1 wrapping *twice*, k3; rep from \* 3 (4, 5, 6) times; k1 wrapping *twice*, k1, p2, LT, p1.

Row 6: P1, k2, p2; K5, \*slip first loop (dropping second loop), k3; rep from \* 3 (4, 5, 6) times; s1, k1, p2, k2, p1.

Row 7: P1, RT, p2; K5, \*s1, k3; rep from \* 3 (4, 5, 6) times; s1, k1; p2, RT, p1.

Row 8: P1, k2, p2; K3, \*sl next 2 sts, drop sl-st off left ndl to front of work, sl the same 2 sts



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back to left ndl, then pick up dropped st and knit it; k3; rep from \* 4 (5, 6, 7) times; p2, k2, p1.

### Pattern

#### Leg

CO 58 (66, 74, 82) sts. Join for working in the round.

Repeat the following round 10 times:

P1, k2, p2; \*k3, p1, repeat from \* 4 (5, 6, 7) times; k3, p2, k2,  
p2, k2, p2; \*k3, p1, repeat from \* 4 (5, 6, 7) times; k3, p2, k2, p1.

*Rnd 11:* P1, k2, p2, k19 (23, 27, 31), p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, k19 (23, 27, 31), p2, k2, p1.

*Next:*

For the rest of the leg, work each row of the Weave Stitch Panel pattern *twice* per round to create front and back panels. Starting with leg Round 1, complete Weave St Panel Row 1 twice; on Round 2, work Row 2 twice, and so on.

Work 48 rounds, or 6 repeats of the 8-row Weave Stitch Panel (front and back) to complete the leg.

#### Heel Flap

Work back and forth for heel flap on first 29 (33, 37, 41) sts of round. Place remaining 29 (33, 37, 41) sts on hold to work on later.

*Next Row [RS]:*

M1 (lift yarn strand before 1st heel st with left ndl from back to front and knit it),  
inc 1 (insert rt ndl tip into purl st 1 row below 1st heel st, from front to back, and knit),  
p1, LT, p2, k19 (23, 27, 31), p2, LT, p1,  
inc 1 (insert left ndl tip into purl st 2 rows below last heel st, from back to front, and ktbl),  
m1 (lift yarn strand after last heel st with left ndl from front to back and ktbl).

[33 (37, 41, 45) heel flap sts]

Note: Chain selvedge sts make it easier to pick up gusset sts. Here's my method for these socks (or use the method that works for you). Always slip the first st knitwise with yarn in back. If purling next st, bring yarn from back to front *after* the first slipped st; if knitting next st, keep yarn in back.

Repeat the following rows 7 (8, 9, 10) times, for a total of 28 (32, 36, 40) rows.

*Row 1 [WS]:* S1, p1, k1, p2, k2, \*(s1, p1) rep from \* 9 (11, 13, 15) times, s1, k2, p2, k1, p2.

*Row 2 [RS]:* S1, k1, p1, RT, p2, k19 (23, 27, 31), p2, RT, p1, k1, p1.

*Row 3 [WS]:* S1, p1, k1, p2, k2, \*(p1, s1) rep from \* 9 (11, 13, 15) times, p1, k2, p2, k1, p2.

*Row 4 [RS]:* S1, k1, p1, LT, p2, k19 (23, 27, 31), p2, LT, p1, k1, p1.



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Work the following row once:

*Next row [WS]:* S1, p1, k1, p2, k2, p(18, 22, 26, 30), p1, k2, p2, k1, p2.

### Turn Heel

[33 (37, 41, 45) heel flap sts]

*Row 1:* S1 (knitwise wyib), k1, p1, k2, p2, k13 (15, 17, 19), ssk, k1, turn.

For the remainder of this section, slip sts purlwise, on RS wyib, on WS wyif.

*Row 2:* (S1, p1)\*4, p1, p2tog, p1, turn.

Repeat the following rows until all heel flap sts have been worked.

*Row 1:* S1, k9, ssk, turn.

*Row 2:* S2, (p1, s1)\*4, p2tog, turn.

*Row 3:* S1, k9, ssk, turn.

*Row 4:* (S1, p1)\*5, p2tog, turn.

[end up with 11 sts]

### Gussets

*Round 1 [RS]:*

Knit the 11 heel sts. The needle holding these stitches is now Needle #1.

Take another dpn, Ndl #2, and pick up 14 (16, 18, 20) sts along left edge of heel flap.

With Ndl #3, work Row 1 of the Weave Stitch Panel on the 29 (33, 37, 41) instep stitches

With another dpn, Ndl #4, pick up 14 (16, 18, 20) sts along right edge of heel flap.

[68 (76, 84, 92) sts total]

*Rnd 2:* Ndl 1: Knit all sts.

Ndl 2: Ktbl all sts.

Ndl 3: Work Row 2 in Weave Stitch Panel pattern.

Ndl 4: Ktbl all sts.

Repeat the following two rounds 5 times for a total of 10 rounds:

*Rnd 1:* Ndl 1: knit all sts.

Ndl 2: knit until last 2 sts, k2tog.

Ndl 3: Continue the Weave Stitch Panel pattern.

Ndl 4: ssk, knit the rest of the sts on the needle.



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*Rnd 2:*    *Ndl 1:* knit all sts.  
              *Ndl 2:* knit all sts.  
              *Ndl 3:* Continue the Weave Stitch Panel pattern.  
              *Ndl 4:* knit all sts.

[58 (66, 74, 82) sts]

### Foot

For the next 44 (48, 52, 56) rounds, knit all sts on Ndls 1, 2, and 4, and work the Weave Stitch Panel pattern on Ndl 3. (For some sizes, the last row for the foot will be Row 4 of the Weave Stitch Panel pattern.)

### Toe

Make sure sts on ndls are arranged so that

Ndl #2 and #3 hold the *top* 29 (33, 37, 41) sts, and # 1 and #4 the *bottom* 29 (33, 37, 41) sts.

*Next round:* knit all sts

*Next:* Decrease on every odd-numbered round for 12 (14, 16, 18) rounds; then decrease every round for 4 (5, 6, 7) rounds as follows:

*Dec. Rnd:*

*Ndl 1:*     Knit to 5 sts from the ndl end, k2tog, k3.  
*Ndl 2:*     K3, ssk, knit to end of ndl.  
*Ndl 3:*     Knit to 5 sts from the ndl end, k2tog, k3.  
*Ndl 4:*     K3, ssk, knit to end of ndl.

On all other rounds, knit all sts.

After rounds are done, knit all sts on Ndl 1.

Graft the last 9 sts on the top with the 9 sts on the bottom.

Weave in yarn ends.

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