

# Beachcomber Socks



**Welcome everyone to the Summer of Stitching 2023!!**

Our theme this year is 'The English Seaside', and the Beachcomber Socks are the first design!

These socks are inspired by warm lazy summer days, strolling along the beach in search of shells.

The beautiful lace panel that runs down the front of the socks reflects those pretty shells.

The ribbing on the socks has been designed to flow into the lace, just as the sea flows back and forth on the sand.

**Grab your bucket and spade, and of course your yarn and needles and let's cast on!**



## YARN

One 100g skein of fingering weight yarn, approximately 400 metres (437 yards).

The pattern is knitted using one 100g skein from Eden Cottage Yarns, in the colourway 'Sand' on the Brimham base.

## NOTIONS

2.25mm (US size 1) 32 inch (80 cm) circular knitting needle for knitting the magic loop method (you can use double pointed needles if that is your preferred method). Adjust your needle size to obtain gauge if necessary.

Tapestry needle and 4 stitch markers.

## GAUGE

36 stitches and 48 rows = 4 inches/10cm.  
Washed and blocked measurement, in stocking stitch.

## FINISHED DIMENSIONS

Small/Medium/Large

**Small** - 8 inch (20cm) foot circumference.

**Medium** - 9 inch (23cm) foot circumference.

**Large** - 10/11 inch (25/27 cm) foot circumference.



## ABBREVIATIONS

**k** - knit.

**p** - purl.

**s** - slip (purl-wise).

**yo** - yarn over.

**ssk** - slip a stitch knit-wise and then slip a second stitch knit-wise. Now insert the tip of the left-hand needle into the fronts of both slipped stitches, and knit them together from this position, through their back loops.

**p2tog** - purl 2 stitches together.

**k2tog** - knit 2 stitches together.

**skp** - slip 1 stitch knit-wise, knit the next stitch and then pass the slipped stitch over.

**sk2togp** - slip 1 stitch knit-wise, knit the next 2 stitches together and then pass the slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased).



## CUFF

Cast on 56 (64,72) stitches and join for knitting in the round. I cast on using the long tail method. The front needle as you look at your work will be needle 1 and the back needle will be needle 2. You can work from either the written or charted instructions. Charts can be found on the final page of the pattern.

### Size Small (56 sts)

**Round 1** - [k1, p1, k3, (p2, k2) x 4, p2, k3, p1, k1] x 2

### Size Medium (64 sts)

**Round 1** - [p1, k1, p2, k3, (p2, k1) x 2, p2, k2, (p2, k1) x 2, p2, k3, p2, k1, p1] x 2

### Size Large (72 sts)

**Round 1** - [k1, p2, k1, p2, k3, (p2, k1) x 2, p2, k2, (p2, k1) x 2, p2, k3, p2, k1, p2, k1] x 2

Repeat this round for a total of 15 rounds, or your preferred cuff length.



## LEG

**You will be working the Beachcomber Pattern on needle 1, between the 2 markers. All other stitches on each round should be knitted.** You can choose to work from either the written or charted instructions for the Beachcomber Pattern.

### Set Up Round

k1(3,5), place marker, p1, k3, p1, k16, p1, k3, p1, place marker, knit to end of round.

### BEACHCOMBER PATTERN (26 sts)

**Round 1** - p1, yo, sk2togp, yo, p1, k16, p1, yo, sk2togp, yo, p1.

**Round 2** - p1, k3, p1, k16, p1, k3, p1.

**Round 3** - p1, k3, p1, k3, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, yo, k2, skp, k3, p1, k3, p1.

**Round 4** - p1, k3, p1, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k4, yo, k2, skp, k2, p1, k3, p1.

**Round 5** - p1, yo, sk2togp, yo, p1, k1, k2tog, k2, yo, k6, yo, k2, skp, k1, p1, yo, sk2togp, yo, p1.

**Round 6** - p1, k3, p1, k2tog, k2, yo, k8, yo, k2, skp, p1, k3, p1.

**Round 7** - as round 2.

**Round 8** - as round 2.

**Round 9** - p1, yo, sk2togp, yo, p1, k3, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, yo, k2, skp, k3, p1, yo, sk2togp, yo, p1.

**Round 10** - as round 4.

**Round 11** - p1, k3, p1, k1, k2tog, k2, yo, k6, yo, k2, skp, k1, p1, k3, p1.

**Round 12** - as round 6.

Repeat the above 12 rounds until you reach your desired leg length.



## HEEL FLAP

The heel flap is worked back and forth over half of your total stitches, and is knit on needle 2 (this is the back of your work as you look at it).

**Row 1** - s1, purl to the end of the row. Turn your work.

**Row 2** - (s1, k1) repeat to the end of the row. Turn your work.

Repeat the above 2 rows for a total of 14 (16,18) repeats. You will have completed 28 (32,36) rows.



## FRENCH HEEL TURN

**Row 1** - s1, p16 (18, 20), p2tog, p1, turn your work.

**Row 2** - s1, k7, ssk, k1, turn your work.

**Row 3** - s1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn your work.

**Row 4** - s1, k9, ssk, k1, turn your work.

**Row 5** - s1, p10, p2tog, p1, turn your work.

**Row 6** - s1, k11, ssk, k1, turn your work.

Continue in this manner, until you have used up all your stitches that are on either side of the centre heel stitches. You will be left with 18 (20, 22) stitches on your needle.



## GUSSET PICK UP

Using the same needle that is now holding your heel stitches, pick up and knit 14 (16,18) stitches along the side of the heel flap. You will be picking up in each of the slipped stitches along the edge. Pick up 2 extra stitches in the gap to avoid any holes. (You can just pick up 1 extra stitch if you prefer but I find by picking up 2 stitches, you get a much neater finish).

**Place a marker at this point.**

You will now knit across needle 1 in the Beachcomber Pattern. When you reach the halfway point of this round you need to push those stitches onto needle 2. You now have just 14 (16,18) stitches on needle 1, which should be knitted in the Beachcomber Pattern.

**Place a second stitch marker** before picking up 2 stitches to close the gap as previously, and then pick up 14 (16,18) stitches along the other side of the heel flap. Now using the same needle, knit 9 (10,11) stitches from the heel turn.

The start of your round is now at the centre of the heel.

## GUSSET DECREASE SET UP ROUND

When working this first round, knit the picked up gusset stitches through the back loop. Knit the 4 extra gap closing stitches in the usual manner.

Knit to first marker, slip marker and work in the Beachcomber Pattern to the second heel marker. Slip marker and knit to the end of the round.

You are now ready to begin the gusset decreases.

## GUSSET DECREASES

**Round 1** - Knit to 3 stitches before the first marker, k2tog, k1. Slip marker and then knit in the Beachcomber Pattern to the second heel marker, slip marker, k1, ssk, knit to end of round.

**Round 2** - Knit to first marker, slip marker and then knit in Beachcomber Pattern to the second heel marker, slip marker and knit to end of round.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 28 (32, 36) stitches on each needle. You will now be back to your original cast on number of 56 (64,72) stitches.

## FOOT

On the next round you can remove the heel stitch markers and rearrange your stitches so that you have your instep stitches on needle 1 and your sole stitches on needle 2.

You will now work the foot of your sock, maintaining the Beachcomber Pattern between the two markers and knitting all other stitches on each round.

Continue knitting until your foot measures approximately 2 inches shorter than your desired length. You should end with a round 6 or 12 of the Beachcomber Pattern.





## COTTAGE TOE

**Round 1** - k1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches of needle 1, k2tog, k1. Repeat across needle 2. 52 (60,68) sts.

**Rounds 2 to 4** - knit all stitches.

**Round 5** - as round 1. 48 (56 ,64) sts.

**Rounds 6 and 7** - knit all stitches.

**Round 8** - as round 1. 44 (52, 60) sts.

**Rounds 9 and 10** - knit all stitches.

**Round 11** - as round 1. 40 (48, 56) sts.

**Round 12** - knit all stitches.

**Round 13** - as round 1. 36 (44, 52) sts.

**Round 14** - knit all stitches.

**Round 15** - as round 1. 32 (40, 48) sts.

**Round 16** - knit all stitches.

**Round 17** - as round 1. 28 (36, 44) sts.

**Round 18** - as round 1. 24 (32, 40) sts.

The size small is now complete and ready to Kitchener. Continue on for sizes medium and large. The stitch counts noted from this point are for the medium and large sizes.

**Round 19** - as round 1. 28 (36) sts.

**Round 20** - as round 1. 24 (32) sts.

The size medium is now complete. If you are knitting the large size, you need to knit 2 more decrease rounds to leave you with 24 stitches.

Once you have completed the toe, you will be left with 24 stitches in all sizes. You can now use the Kitchener Stitch technique to graft your toe closed.

All that is left to do is to weave in your yarn ends and then knit the other sock!

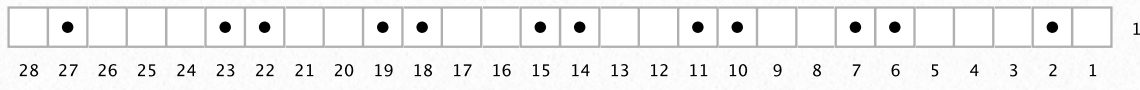




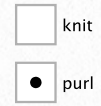
# PATTERN CHARTS

The charts should be read from right to left for every round.

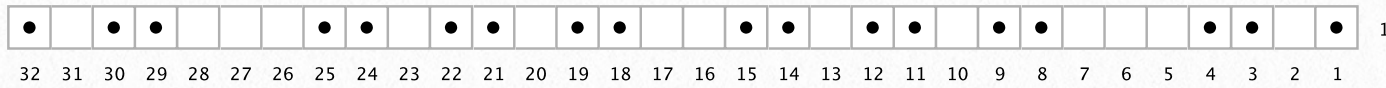
Ribbing - Size Small (56 sts)



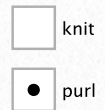
Key



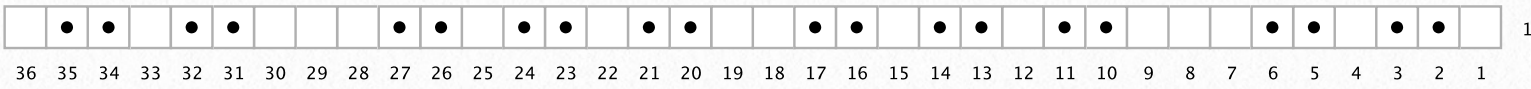
Ribbing - Size Medium (64 sts)



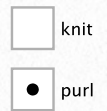
Key



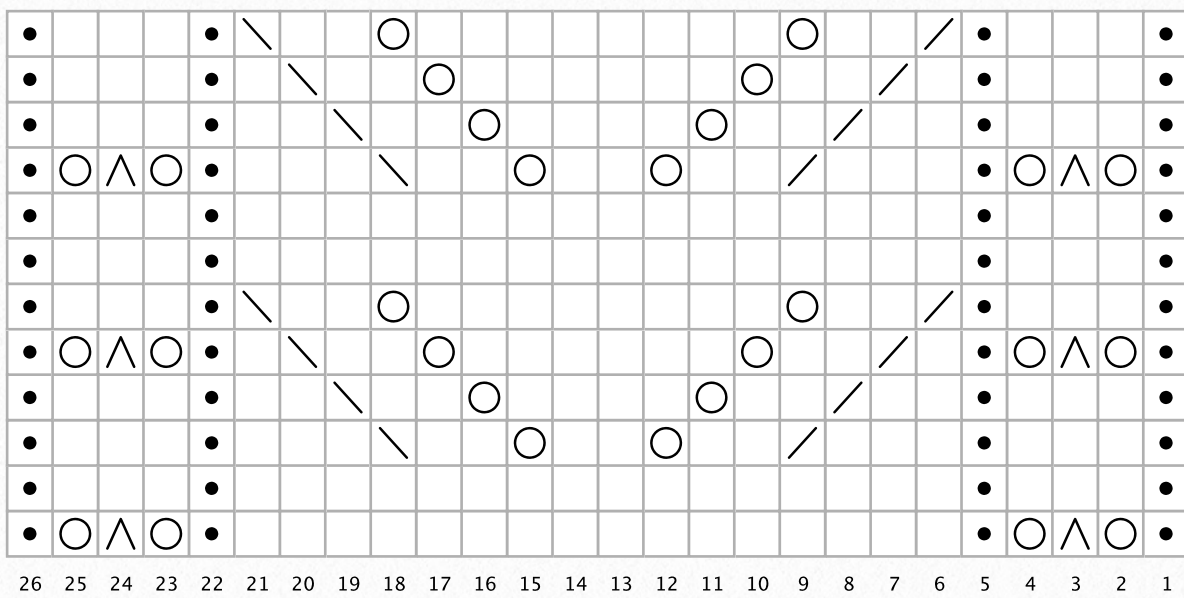
Ribbing - Size Large (72 sts)



Key



Beachcomber Pattern



Key

