

Nutcracker Socks



**City sidewalks, busy sidewalks,
dressed in holiday style
In the air there's a feeling of
Christmas
Children laughing, people passing,
meeting smile after smile
And on every street corner you
hear**

**Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
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YARN

Three colours of fingering weight yarn in shades that contrast well with each other.

The pattern sample is knitted using Malabrigo Ultimate Sock in the following shades :-

611 Ravelry Red (Colour 1)

737 Patrick (Colour 2)

035 Frank Ochre (Colour 3)

This yarn is 420 yds (385 m) to 100g.

NOTIONS

2.5 mm (US size 1.5) 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.

Note - I used a 2.5 mm so that the videos would be easier to see. Feel free to use the size you normally knit socks with.

Tapestry needle and 2 stitch markers.

GAUGE

34 stitches and 44 rows = 4 inches/10 cm.
Washed and blocked measurement, in stocking stitch.

SIZE

Small - 8 inch (20 cm) foot circumference.

Medium - 9 inch (23 cm) foot circumference.

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

ABBREVIATIONS

k - knit.

p - purl.

s - slip (purl-wise unless stated differently).

yo - yarn over.

tbl - through the back loop.

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.

RT (right twist) - knit the second stitch on left needle, now knit the first stitch on left needle and then remove both stitches from left needle.

LT (left twist) - knit the second stitch on left needle through the back loop, now knit the first stitch on left needle in the normal manner and then remove both stitches from left needle.

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

fairy - p3tog but do not remove stitches from left needle. Next, yarn over going over the top of your needle, moving the yarn from the front of your work to the back and then to the front again. Now p3tog again and remove the 3 stitches from your left needle.

C - colour.

NOTE ON FOOT LENGTH

You can adjust the length of your foot within the striped sections, knitting longer or shorter as required.

If you work the pattern exactly as written, it will fit a UK size 6 (at my gauge). My finished socks were 9.25 inches long.



DAY ONE - THE OVERTURE

Using your C1 yarn, 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 follow either the written, or charted instructions throughout the whole of the pattern. Charts can be found on the final pages of the pattern.

Round 1 - (k2, p2) repeat to end of round.

Round 2 - (k2, p2, RT, p2) repeat to end of round.

Round 3 - as round 1.

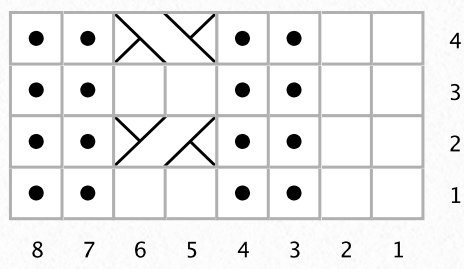
Round 4 - (k2, p2, LT, p2) repeat to end of round.

Repeat these 4 rounds a further 4 times (20 rounds total), or your preferred cuff length. If you knit to a different length, ensure you end with a round 4.

Cut your yarn, leaving a tail to weave in.



THE OVERTURE



Key

