# MagGie's Ragsw ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ <br> Seashore Socks 

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Comfy socks for kids and adults, that coordinate with our Seashore Sweater and Seashore Hat patterns. Waves, suns, buckets, shovels, and sand castles circle these fun socks. A top band worked in Sand Stitch completes the seashore theme. Choose one solid and one multicolor or variegated yarn to make these simple color patterns look complicated. Socks shown were knit from Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock yarn, colors Denim (14ns) and Aslan (76) in childs' sizes extra small and medium.


| Sizing | Child Extra Small | Child <br> Small | Child Medium | Child Large | Adult Small | Adult Large |
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| Fits Shoe Size | Toddler |  | Child |  | Women |  |
|  | 1 to 4 | 5 to 8 | 9 to 11 | 12 to 1 | 4 to 7 | 8 to 10 |
| Fits Foot Length | $\begin{gathered} \hline 4 "-5 " \\ \left(10-12^{1 ⁄ 2} \mathrm{~cm}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 "-6 " \\ \left(12^{1 ⁄ 2}-15 \mathrm{~cm}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 6 "-7 " \\ \left(15-17 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~cm}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 7 "-8^{1 / 2 "} \\ \left(17 \frac{1}{2}-21^{1 / 1 / 4} \mathrm{~cm}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 81 / 2 "-10 " \\ \left(21^{1 / 4}-25 \mathrm{~cm}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 "-11 " \\ \left(25-27 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~cm}\right) \end{gathered}$ |

Materials: Sock yarn (about 215 yards per 4 oz or 20 wraps per inch).

| Main Color | $71 \mathrm{yds}(65 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $.7 \mathrm{oz}(20 \mathrm{gr})$ | $84 \mathrm{yds}(77 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $.8 \mathrm{oz}(23 \mathrm{gr})$ | $122 \mathrm{yds}(112 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $1.1 \mathrm{oz}(31 \mathrm{gr})$ | $154 \mathrm{yds}(141 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $1.4 \mathrm{oz}(40 \mathrm{gr})$ | $215 \mathrm{yds}(197 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $2 \mathrm{oz}(57 \mathrm{gr})$ | $240 \mathrm{yds}(219 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $2.2 \mathrm{oz}(63 \mathrm{gr})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contrast Color | $49 \mathrm{yds}(45 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $.5 \mathrm{oz}(14 \mathrm{gr})$ | $59 \mathrm{yds}(54 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $.6 \mathrm{oz}(17 \mathrm{gr})$ | $89 \mathrm{yds}(81 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $.8 \mathrm{oz}(23 \mathrm{gr})$ | $98 \mathrm{yds}(90 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $.9 \mathrm{oz}(26 \mathrm{gr})$ | $128 \mathrm{yds}(117 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $1.2 \mathrm{oz}(34 \mathrm{gr})$ | $145 \mathrm{yds}(133 \mathrm{~m})$ <br> $1.35 \mathrm{oz}(39 \mathrm{gr})$ |

## CHARTS AND TIPS ON TECHNIQUE



Color Chart


## How to Read a Chart

Always begin reading a chart at the bottom. The bottom row is row (or round) 1.

Repeat the pattern on that row all the way across (or around) your knitting, reading the chart from right to left.

When you get to the end of the row (or round), begin working row 2 of the chart.

When working circularly, row 2 is read from right to left, just like row 1. If you were working flat knitting (turning and working back on the wrong side of the fabric), you would read all the even numbered rows from left to right instead.

Tips for Stranded Knitting
Stranded knitting, where two colors are worked in the same row and, and both yarns are carried across the back of the knitting when not in use, is also called Fair Isle knitting. When you first begin using this technique, you may find that your knitting is either pulled tight and puckered by the strands across the back, or that the strands are too loose, causing the stitches to look loose and uneven on the front of your knitting.

If your stranding is too tight, make sure you spread your stitches out across the right hand needle as you knit. This will insure that the strand carried across the back does not pull them too tightly. If this continues to be a problem, try turning your knitting inside out so that the strands are on the outside. This will force the strands to go the "long way around" on the outside of the knitted tube.

If your stranding is too loose, do the opposite. Make sure your knitting is not stretched across the right hand needle while you are working. If you normally knit with the stranded side on the outside of your tube, reverse it so that the strands are on the inside. When you begin a section of a new color, pull firmly on your working yarn to tighten it up a bit.

If your yarns twist annoyingly around each other, be careful not to twist them when changing colors. It is not necessary to twist the yarns around each other in stranded knitting, unless there is a long stretch (more than 5 or 6 sts) where a color is not in use.

If you find it slow going dropping one yarn to pick up the other, try holding both yarns in one hand and using them alternately as you knit. Or, learn to knit with one strand of yarn in each hand, working with them alternately.

## ABBREVIATIONS

| K | Knit |
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| K2 tog | Knit two together |
| P | Purl |
| P2 tog | Purl two together |
| Sl | Slip |
| SSK | Slip 1 as if to knit, slip a second st as if to knit, insert the left <br> needle into the front of both, and knit together |
| St/sts | Stitch/Stitches |

## INSTRUCTIONS

| Top of Sock | Child Extra Small | Child <br> Small | Child <br> Medium | Child <br> Large | Adult <br> Small | Adult <br> Large |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| With main color, cast on $\qquad$ sts. <br> Divide sts between 3 or 4 needles and join ends, being careful not to twist knitting. Mark beginning of round. | 48 sts | 48 sts | 60 sts | 60 sts | 72 sts | 72 sts |
| Work circularly in Sand Stitch for | $\begin{gathered} .75 " \\ (2 \mathrm{~cm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .75^{\prime \prime} \\ (2 \mathrm{~cm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .75^{\prime \prime} \\ (2 \mathrm{~cm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .75^{\prime \prime} \\ (2 \mathrm{~cm}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1^{\prime \prime} \\ (2.5 \mathrm{~cm}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1^{\prime \prime} \\ (2.5 \mathrm{~cm}) \end{gathered}$ |
| Work color pattern from color chart in stockinette stitch, until you have completed round $\qquad$ . Note that, because socks are knit from the top down you will be knitting the patterns upside down. Be sure to begin with round 1 and work up the chart. | 29 | 29 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| Adult Sizes Only: K1 round in main color. Work rounds 1-5 of chart again. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Sizes: Break off contrast color yarn. <br> Knit one round in main color. <br> Knit one around decreasing $\qquad$ sts evenly spaced. | 12 sts | 4 sts | 12 sts | 4 sts | 12 sts | 4 sts |
| Total Stitches: | 36 sts | 44 sts | 48 sts | 56 sts | 60 sts | 68 sts |
| Heel Flap <br> Using an empty needle, K $\qquad$ , P1. Slip any remaining sts on needle to the next needle. Change to contrast color. Using another empty needle, turn and work back across heel flap as follows: Sl1, K2, P to end of needle. | 8 sts | 10 sts | 11 sts | 13 sts | 14 sts | 16 sts |
| Without turning and still working stitches onto the same needle, P $\qquad$ , K2, P1. Slip any remaining sts onto the next needle. | 6 sts | 8 sts | 9 sts | 11 sts | 12 sts | 14 sts |
| There are now $\qquad$ sts on this needle for the heel flap. There are also the same number of sts on a second needle for the front of the sock. | 18 sts | 22 sts | 24 sts | 28 sts | 30 sts | 34 sts |
| Working back and forth across the heel flap, work the following two rows until there are $\qquad$ rows in the heel flap, ending with a wrong side row. <br> Right Side: S11, K across until 1 st remains, P1. <br> Wrong Side: S11, K2, P across until 3 sts remain, K2, P1. | 18 rows | 22 rows | 24 rows | 28 rows | 30 rows | 34 rows |


| Shape Heel | Child <br> Extra <br> Small | Child <br> Small | Child <br> Medium | Child <br> Large | Adult <br> Small | Adult <br> Large |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Right Side: K__, SSK, K1, turn. <br> Wrong Side: S11, P5, P2 tog, P1, turn. <br> Work the following two rows until all the sts of the heel flap have been worked: <br> - S11, $K$ until 1 st remains before the gap formed by the last decrease, SSK, K1, turn. <br> - S11, P until 1 st remains before the gap, P2 tog, P1, turn. | K11 | K13 | K14 | K16 | K17 | K19 |
| Note: Remaining sts on this needle: <br> This is the "Bottom Needle." The other needle, which you have not been using is the "Top Needle." Knit across the bottom needle on the right side. | 12 sts | 14 sts | 14 sts | 16 sts | 18 sts | 20 sts |
| Pick Up Stitches: <br> Using an empty needle and main color, pick up and knit 1 st in each slipped edge st along the left edge of the heel flap. (You are already at a corner of the heel flap, just continue around the corner to the left.) For a neat cabled edge, knit through just the outer half of the st. <br> You will have $\qquad$ sts on this needle. This is the "First Side Needle." | 9 sts | 11 sts | 12 sts | 14 sts | 15 sts | 17 sts |
| Take another empty needle and knit across the Top Needle. | 18 sts | 22 sts | 24 sts | 28 sts | 30 sts | 34 sts |
| Using another empty needle, pick up and knit 1 st in each slipped edge st along the right edge of the heel flap. You will have ___ sts on this needle. This is the "Second Side Needle." | 9 sts | 11 sts | 12 sts | 14 sts | 15 sts | 17 sts |

NOTE: If you have a set of only 4 needles, rearrange your sts as follows. Knit half of the sts from the bottom of the heel onto the Second Side Needle. Slip the other half onto the First Side Needle.

## Gusset Decreases:

- Knit one round even.
- On the next round, knit until 2 sts remain on the First Side Needle. K2 tog. Knit across the Top Needle. On the Second Side Needle SSK, and then knit to the end of the needle.
If you are working with 5 needles, finish the round by knitting across the Bottom Needle. Repeat these two rounds until $\qquad$ sts remain.



60 sts
66 sts
Note: If your sock is still on 4 needles, knit half of the sts from the Bottom Needle onto the Second Side Needle and slip the remaining sts to the First Side Needle. The beginning of round is now the center bottom of the foot, between the two side needles.

| Work even in stockinette stitch until the foot measures <br> less than the desired length. (See size chart on page 1 for foot <br> length, measured from back of heel to tip of toe.) | $1 "$ <br> $(2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $1.25^{\prime \prime}$ <br> $(3.1 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $1.25^{\prime \prime}$ <br> $(3.1 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ <br> $(3.8 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ <br> $(3.8 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $1.75^{\prime \prime}$ <br> $(4.4 \mathrm{~cm})$ |
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| Toe Shaping: Using contrast color, knit one round. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work "Decrease Round" every other round _(imes <br> Decrease Round: First needle, K until 3 sts remain, K2 tog, <br> K1. Second needle, K1, SSK, K until 3 sts remain, K2 tog, <br> K1. Third needle, K1, SSK, K to end of needle. | 4 times | 5 times | 6 times | 6 times | 7 times | 8 times |
| Remaining Stitches: | 20 sts | 22 sts | 24 sts | 30 sts | 32 sts | 34 sts |
| Work decrease round every round__ times | 2 times | 3 times | 3 times | 4 times | 4 times | 4 times |
| Remaining Stitches: | 12 sts | 10 sts | 12 sts | 14 sts | 16 sts | 18 sts |

Finishing: Using the Second Side Needle, knit all the sts from the First Side Needle. Your stitches should now be evenly divided, with the bottom sts on one needle, and the top sts on a second needle. Cut yarn leaving $8 "$ tail. Use tapestry or yarn needle to weave (also called "grafting" or "Kitchener Stitch") toe of sock together. Weave in loose ends on inside of sock.

