

Men's Basic Gradiance Sock Pattern

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Size: US Men's Sizes 8,10,12,14

Yarn: Verve (160g)

Needle: US size 1

Gauge: 8sts & 12 rows = 1"

Sizing

Before beginning, measure around ball of foot to determine size. Foot Circumference _____ Size _____

Ball of foot measurements (sock is 10% less)

Small: 9" around

Medium: 10" around (sample)

Large: 10.5" around

Extra Large: 11.1" around

Next, measure length of foot. Multiply this amount by 0.90 (90%). This is the length that your sock needs to be. Sock Length _____

Subtract 3"; this gives you the length of the sock prior to the gusset and heel: _____

Abbreviations

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Wrap & Turn = bring yarn between the needles to the right side, slip the next stitch as if to work correctly for that side (i.e. slip as if to knit on right side rows, slip as if to purl on wrong side rows), move yarn between the needles to the wrong side, slip the wrapped stitch back onto the left needle and turn work

CW (right side): using right needle tip, lift wrap from the right side up, over and to the left of the stitch it wrapped. Knit the stitch and the wrap together through the back (like a SSK)

CW/SSK: work a CW (right side) as usual except knit the stitch, the wrap AND the next stitch on the left needle together through the back to decrease 2sts

CW(wrong side): using right needle tip, lift wrap from the right side and lift it up, over and to the left of the stitch it wrapped. Purl the stitch and the wrap together as normal (like a P2tog)

CW/P2tog: work a CW(wrong side) as usual except purl the stitch, the wrap AND the next stitch on the left needle together to decrease 2sts

Gradiance Color Changes

*This sock pattern is for use with a [Gradiance Yarn Set](#) by The Unique Sheep. These yarn sets are dyed so that the colorway gradually transitions from one skein to the next. You can make these socks starting with Color 1 and finish with Color 4, or vice versa. Make them both the same or make a fraternal pair! There will be enough of each color for a pair of socks if you change colors as directed and are on gauge. For this pattern, we will assume you are beginning with Color 1. Directions in **BLACK** are related to sock construction. Directions in **BLUE** concern Gradiance color transitions.*

Instructions

Using Color #1, cast on 28sts (14 on each needle) using **Magic Cast On**
(<http://knitty.com/ISSUEspring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>)

K 1 round, knitting into the back of the second half of the stitches and dividing stitches onto 4 DPNs
Place marker at beginning of round

- Toe Increase Round:
 - Needle 1: k1, m1, knit to end of first needle
 - Needle 2: knit until 2sts remain, m1 in next stitch, knit last stitch
 - Needle 3: k1, m1, knit to end of needle
 - Needle 4: knit until 2sts remain, m1 in next stitch, knit last stitch
- Knit one round

Repeat these two rounds until 68 (72, 76, 80) total stitches

Continue knitting in stockinette until foot is **1" less than half the desired sock length**.

*****Begin first color change, always change colors at center of sole (bottom of sock)*****

- 2 rounds Color #2
 - 4 rounds Color #1
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 - 2 rounds Color #1
- Continue in Color #2 only

Check each box off as you complete that color in the sequence to help you keep track.

Continue working evenly in stockinette; when foot is **3" shorter than finished length**, begin gusset increases:

- Gusset Increase Row
 - Needle 1: k1, m1 in next stitch, knit to end of needle
 - Needle 2: knit until 2sts remain, m1 in next stitch, knit last stitch
 - Needle 3: knit all stitches
 - Needle 4: knit all stitches
- Knit one row

Repeat these two rows until 84 (90, 96, 100) total stitches.

Continue alternating Gusset Increase Row and knit row for 6 more rounds and AT THE SAME TIME begin color change #2. The last 6 rounds will be worked AFTER the heel is complete. (90,96,102,106)

□ □ 2 rounds Color #3

□ □ □ □ 4 rounds Color #2

Heel Turn

With Color #2, knit 11 (12, 13, 14) stitches onto instep needle #4. Knit 34 (36, 38, 40) heel stitches on needle #1, setting aside needle #2 for now, slip remaining 11(12, 13, 13) stitches onto instep needle #3. The stitches on each side will now be referred to as “wing” stitches. (90, 96, 102, 106)

Work back and forth over 34 (36, 38, 40) heel stitches, ignoring instep stitches for now. Alternate two strands of yarn every two rows throughout heel turn and heel flap.

Row 1 (WS): Purl until 1 sts before end of heel stitches, wrap and turn

Row 2 (RS): knit until 1 sts before end of heel stitches, wrap and turn

Wrong Side Rows: purl until 2 stitches before gap, wrap and turn

Right Side Rows: knit until 2 stitches before gap, wrap and turn

Repeat last two rows until 11(12, 12, 13) stitches are wrapped on each side, ending with a right side row. [12 (12, 14, 14) unwrapped stitches in center]

Wrong Side: Purl to first wrapped stitch. Repeat *CW* across, turn.

Right Side: Slip 1, knit to first wrapped stitch. Repeat *CW* across

Heel Flap

Set up Rows: Place marker and knit 11(12, 13, 13) wing stitches back onto heel needle. Knit 34(36, 38, 40) instep stitches. Slip 11(12, 13, 13) remaining wing stitches onto heel needle.

Knit 44(47, 50, 52) [11(12, 13, 13) wing stitches + 33(35, 37, 39) heel stitches], SSK, turn

Row 1: slip 1, p32 (34, 36, 38), P2tog, turn

Row 2: slip 1, k32 (34, 36, 38), SSK, turn

Repeat these two rows until 1 wing stitch remains on each side, ending with a purl row.

Slip 1, knit until last 2sts of heel flap, SSK; knit across instep stitches on Needles #3 and #4

SSK first two stitches on Needle #1 and knit evenly until end of round--68 (72, 76, 80) total stitches

Resume working with Needle #2 and distribute stitches evenly on 4 needles.

Resume working in the round in k3,p1 ribbing with the final 6 rows of the color change:

□ □ □ □ 4 rounds Color #3

□ □ 2 rounds Color #2

Continue in Color #3 only

Work in ribbed pattern in the round until sock leg is 3 “or approximately ½” less than half the desired length of the leg from beginning of ribbing to top of cuff.

Alternate colors as follows while continuing in ribbing:

□ □ 2 rounds Color #4

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Continue in Color #4 only

Work in ribbed pattern until desired length and bind off using the Sewn Bind Off:

<http://knitty.com/ISSUEsummer06/FEATsum06TT.html>