

Chanukah Socks 2020

In the Jewish calendar Chanukah is not the big holiday equivalent of Christmas, but who does not like celebratory socks? In 2020 [West Yorkshire Spinners holiday yarn, Silent Night](#) seemed perfect for celebrating!

This sock is worked top-down with a heel flap. The pattern is a simple combination of knits and purls designed to evoke the shape of candles in a 20 round repeat. There are, of course, eight candles in each round. The pattern is provided in a chart. The sample shown was knit using the Magic Loop method.

This pattern is offered in one size only. The pattern notes several places where the length can be adjusted. Using a needle that gets you a slightly larger gauge or smaller gauge will allow you adjust the width.



TECHNIQUES USED

- Knit & purl
- Cast-on & bind off
- Knitting in the round
- Knitting from a chart

YARN

West Yorkshire Spinners Signature Sparkle 4 ply Silent Night

NEEDLES

2.25 mm/US # 1 circular needle long enough for magic loop

NOTIONS

Stitch markers

GAUGE AND SIZE

41 stitches equals 4 inches in chart pattern, unstretched.

Ankle length as written 8.25 inches

ABBREVIATIONS

K	Knit
P	Purl
k2tog	Knit two together
Ssk	Slip the next two stitches knitwise, then knit them together
Sl	Slip stitch purlwise

PATTERN

Cuff and Leg

Cast on 64 stitches in preferred method for knitting in the round. Work 15 rounds of k2, p2 ribbing (sock length can be adjusted here by increasing or decreasing the number of rounds in the ribbing)

On the next round, begin the chart, working the 16 stitch chart, 4 times. Work the 20 round repeat 4 times (80 rounds after cuff), or to desired length. (If you work fewer or more rounds, note the number of the last round you worked, and adjust instructions when beginning the instep.)

Heel Flap

On the next round begin heel flap as follows:

Row 1: (Sl 1, k1) 16 times, turn

Row 2: Sl 1, p31, turn

Repeat these 2 rows 28 times. (30 times total)

Turn Heel

Row 1: Sl 1, k 18, k2tog, k1, turn

Row 2: Sl 1, p 7, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 3: Sl 1, k 8, k2tog, k1, turn

Row 4: Sl 1, p1 9, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 5: Sl 1, k 10, k2tog, k1, turn

Row 6: Sl 1, p1 11, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 7: Sl 1, k 12, k2tog, k1, turn

Row 8: Sl 1, p 13, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 9: Sl 1, k 14, k2tog, k1, turn

Row 10: Sl 1, p 15, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 11: Sl 1, k 16, k2tog, k1, turn

Row 12: Sl 1, p 17, turn (20 stitches remain)

Pick-up gusset and begin foot

Knit across the 20 stitches that are now the sole of the foot.

Pick up 15 stitches down the left side of the heel flap.

Work Row 1 of chart across 32 stitches of instep.

Pick up 15 stitches up the right side of the heel flap.

Knit across the sole of the foot and down the other heel flap.

Work Row 2 of the chart across 32 stitches of the instep.

Mark the beginning of the round.

At this point there are 82 stitches on your needle. If you are using Magic Loop you should have 32 stitches on instep and 50 on the heel gusset and sole of the foot. If you are using another method, divide your stitches so that the instep is on one needle, it will make heel gusset decreases easier.

Heel gusset decreases and foot

Continue working chart on the instep and follow written instructions for decreases in heel gusset.

Round 1: k1, k2tog, k to last three stitches of gusset, ssk, k1. Work across instep following chart. (2 sts decreased).

Round 2: K across gusset and sole of foot. Work across instep following chart.

Repeat these two rounds nine more times until 64 stitches total remain (32 stitches on sole of foot and 32 on instep).

Continue work as Round 2 until you have worked the chart 3 times on the foot or to desired length.

Toe

Round 1: *K6, k2tog* (56 sts)

Rounds 2-4: K

Round 5: *K5, k2tog* (48 sts)

Rounds 6-8: K

Round 9: *K4, k2tog* (40 sts)

Round 10: K

Round 11: *K3, k2tog* (32 sts)

Round 12: K

Round 13: *K2, K2tog* (24 sts)

Round 14: K

Round 15: *K1, k2tog* (16 sts)

Round 16: K

Round 17: *K2tog* (8 sts)

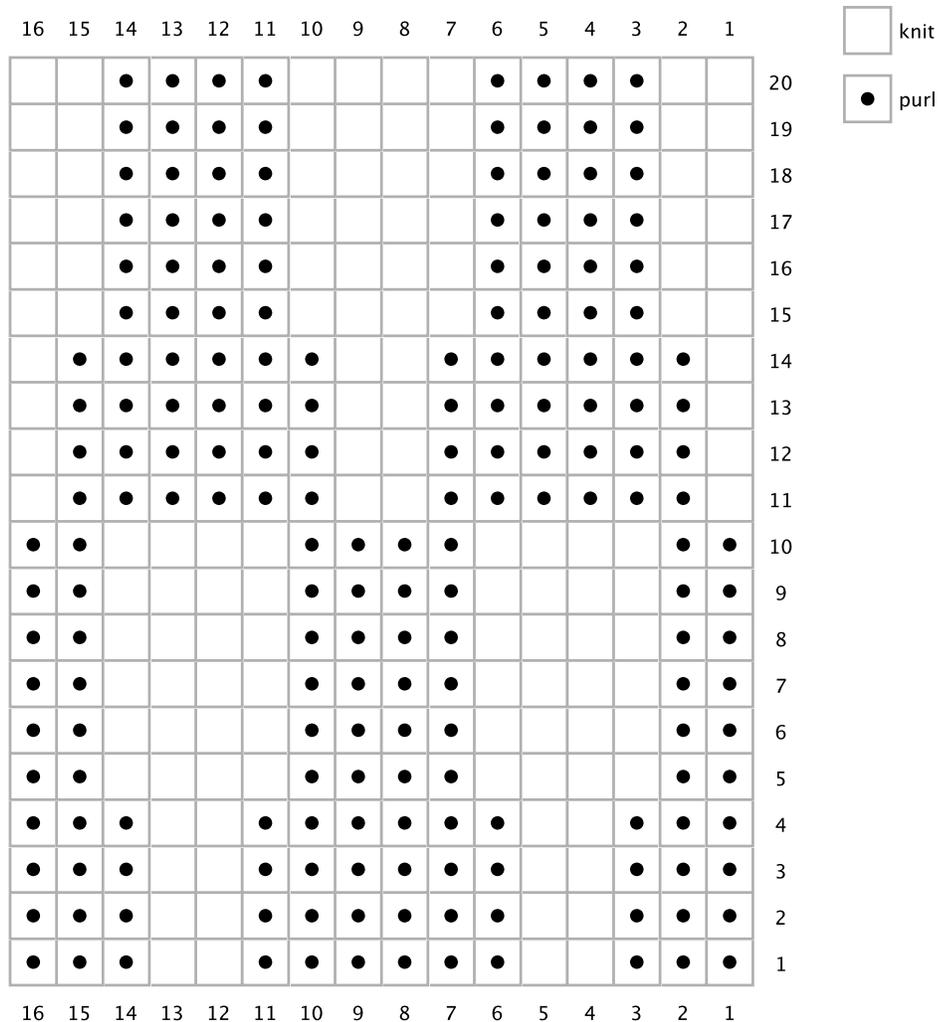
Cut yarn and draw through remaining stitches

FINISHING

Block by your preferred method for socks.



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