



# DIAMOND SUMMER SOCKS



**Level:** Intermediate

**Size:** Average.

**Finished measurement:** Sock measures 7" in diameter, but fits foot up to 8 1/2" in diameter. For larger sock increase stitch count by increments of 6. For longer socks knit pattern in half increments

**Materials:** Yarn: Lambspun merino blend 250 yards

Size #2 double pointed needles (if you want a tighter ribbing knit with size smaller needles.

Tapestry Needle

**Gauge:** 16 st/14 rows = 2" in pattern. To save time, take time to check your gauge.

**Abbreviations:** MC: Main Color, CC: Contrast Color

**Note:** When the colorwork strands span 4 or more stitches, weave the strands into the knitting on the wrong side of the fabric.

You Tube offers many tutorials on how to make German Short Rows for shaping the heel.

## Directions:

Cast on 60 stitches on double pointed needles. Divide evenly onto 4 needles. K1 P1 for 20 rows.

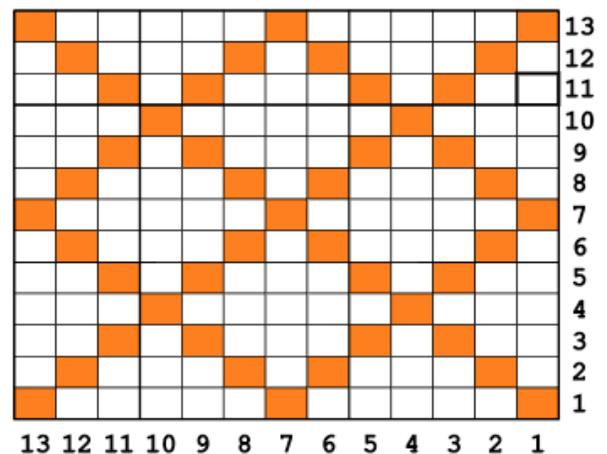
Start reverse pattern. Knit pattern for 13 rows.

Knit one row with MC. Start heel. The heel on the pattern is made with short rows, but if you prefer another heel you can substitute. The heel is doubled for durability, but it is not necessary.

### German Short Row Heel

Start with needle #1 with doubled yarn (You can pull the yarn from the middle of the skein for this). Knit to the end of needle #1. Turn work. Pick up first stitch on the purl side as if purling with the yarn in front. Pull the yarn over the needle to the backside of the needle and tighten so that you end up with two strands on the needle (the two legs of the stitch will be on the top of the needle and seems like two stitches). Purl to the end of needle #4. Turn the work. Pick up first stitch on the knit side as if purling with the yarn in front. Pull the yarn over the needle to the backside of the needle and tighten so that you end up with two strands on the needle. Knit to up to the "double stitch" on needle #1. Repeat until you have 1/3 of the stitches left (5/needle on pattern).

## Reverse pattern



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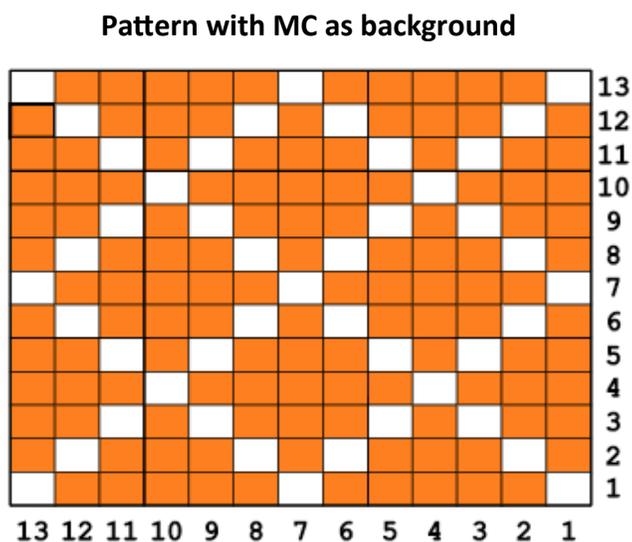
Knit one row with SINGLE STRAND knitting the double stitches together.

At the beginning of needle 1 knit the stitches up to the first double stitch (5 stitches +1). Turn work. Pick up first stitch on the purl side as if purling with the yarn in front. Pull the yarn over the needle to the backside of the needle and tighten so that you end up with two strands on the needle. Purl stitches on needle #1 and the stitches up to the first double stitch (5 stitches +1). Turn work. Pick up first stitch on the knit side as if purling with the yarn in front. Pull the yarn over the needle to the backside of the needle and tighten so that you end up with two strands on the needle. Knit past the first double stitch on needle #1 knitting strands together and knit the next stitch. Turn work. Pick up first stitch on the purl side as if purling with the yarn in front. Pull the yarn over the needle to the backside of the needle and tighten so that you end up with two strands on the needle. Purl past the double stitch on needle #1 and the next stitch. Pick up first stitch on the knit side as if purling with the yarn in front. Pull the yarn over the needle to the backside of the needle and tighten so that you end up with two strands on the needle. Repeat until you have picked up all the stitches on both needles and you are back at the beginning of needle #1. (the 1st stitch on needle #4 and the last stitch on needle #1 will be double stitches.)

Knit one row with SINGLE STRAND of MC knitting the double stitches together.

Start pattern with MC as background. Knit until it covers little toe ending either on row 4 or 7 of pattern. (Average sock takes 6 repeats of the pattern) Cut CC. Start toe decrease in MC.

Decrease one stitch at the end of each needle (14 sts) (if you increased your stitch count for larger socks eliminate this step if you have an even number of stitches on each needle). Knit one row. K2 tog at the middle and the end of each needle (With 14 sts per needle this would be k5, k2tog, k5, k2tog - dec 8 sts). Knit the number of rows in between each K2 tog (5 as per above sample).



Next row k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog on each needle. Knit 4 rows. Next row k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog on each needle. Knit 3 rows. Next row k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog on each needle. Knit 2 rows. Next row k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog on each needle. Knit 1 row. Next row k2tog twice on each needle. Knit 1 row. 2 sts left on each needle. Cut yarn and pull through all stitches. Secure yarn well on the inside of the sock.

Weave in ends. Please note that as the pattern starts between needles #1 and #4 the ends are under the foot. To ensure they do not bother you when wearing make small knots and weave in tightly but flat.