



# Mossy Cottage Sock Patterns

## Alhambra Socks<sup>©</sup>

This pattern is named after the Alhambra in Granada, Spain, a spectacular Moorish building which looks as if it is made out of lace.

*\*Lace pattern from 365 Knitting Stitches a Year Perpetual Calendar*

### MATERIALS

- 2 skeins Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock Yarn, 215 yards each (sample knit in Bold Red).
- 1 set size 1 (2.25mm) dpns (or size needed for gauge)
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Crochet hook for picking up gusset stitches



**GAUGE:** 9.5" stitches per inch

**SIZE:** Women's medium

### ABBREVIATIONS

- Yo = yarnover. Wrap the yarn around the right-hand needle from back to front to back again to make an extra, open stitch that will form the holes in the lace. A yarnover will increase your stitch count by one.
- K2tog = knit two stitches together. This will combine two stitches together with a right-leaning slant and reduce your stitch count by one.
- S11 = slip 1 stitch from the left needle to the right needle as if to knit or as if to purl, as indicated
- SKP = slip 1 stitch as if to knit, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and drop the slipped stitch off the needle. This will combine two stitches together with a left-leaning slant and decrease your stitch count by one.
- SSK = slip 1 stitch from the left needle to the right needle as if to knit ; slip the next stitch the same way; insert the left needle into the two stitches from left to right (top to bottom) and knit the two stitches together. This will knit two stitches together with a left-leaning slant and decrease your stitch count by one.

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### CHECKERBOARD LACE PATTERN

- Rounds 1 & 2:* Knit
- Round 3:* \*K10, (yo, k2tog) 4 times, repeat from \* around
- Round 4:* Knit
- Round 5:* K9, \*(skp, yo ) 4 times, k10, repeat from \* to last stitch, k1
- Round 6:* Knit
- Round 7-14:* Repeat rounds 3-6 two times
- Rounds 15 & 16:* Knit
- Round 17:* K1, \*(yo, k2tog) 4 times, k10, repeat from \* to last nine stitches, k9
- Round 18:* Knit
- Round 19:* \*(Skp, yo ) 4 times, k10, repeat from \* around
- Round 20:* Knit
- Rounds 21-28:* Repeat Rows 17-20 two times
- Repeat rounds 1 through 28 as needed.
- Knit two more rows to finish.

### Instructions



**CAST ON:** Cast on 72 stitches. Rearrange the stitches so you have 24 stitches on each needle.

**CUFF:** Join and K1, P1 around for 1.5" or desired length.

**ANKLE/LEG:** Knit in checkerboard lace pattern until you reach the desired length. Ankle on sample sock is 6.75." **Note:** To prevent having to do a yo at the front of a needle, whenever you encounter this situation, rearrange the stitches on the needles as needed.

#### HEEL (SLIP-STITCH HEEL)

Knit 18 stitches from needle 1 onto an empty needle, now the heel needle.

Move 18 stitches from needle 3 onto the heel needle. You should now have 36 stitches on the heel needle.

Rearrange the remaining stitches until you have 18 stitches each on two other needles. You will now be knitting on the heel needle exclusively; the other two needles hold the instep stitches and will remain idle temporarily.

*Row 1:* Purl across. Turn.

*Row 2:* \*Slip the first stitch as if to purl, knit next stitch, repeat from \* across. Turn.



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*Row 3:* Slip the first stitch as if to purl, purl across. Turn.

*Row 4:* Same as Row 2.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until you reach the desired heel length, usually 2.5"-2.75" for an adult. End after knitting a purl row.

### HEEL TURN

*Row 1:* Sl1 as if to knit, k20, ssk, k1. Turn.

*Row 2:* Sl1 as if to purl, p7, p2tog, p1. Turn.

*Row 3:* Sl1 as if to knit, k8, ssk, k1. Turn.

*Row 4:* Sl1 as if to purl, p9, p2tog, p1. Turn.

*Row 5:* Sl1 as if to knit, k10, ssk, k1. Turn.

*Row 6:* Sl1 as if to purl, p11, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Continue in this manner. Knit or purl to the stitch just before the gap. Knit (or purl) together the stitch before the gap and the stitch after the gap. Knit (or purl) one more stitch. The heel turn process is complete when you have used up all the stitches on either side of the heel. You should now have 22 stitches on your needle.

*Last Row:* Knit.

### GUSSET STITCH PICKUP

Combine the stitches on needles 1 and 3 onto one needle.

With the heel to your right, in the slip stitch edge you created when you knit the heel, pick up 20 stitches and place them on an empty needle.

Knit across the instep.

With the instep to your right, in the slip stitch edge you created when you knit the heel, pick up 20 stitches and place them on an empty needle. Your sock will now be on 4 needles.

Knit 11 stitches from the heel needle on to needle 3 (the needle to the right).

Slip remaining 11 stitches from heel needle onto needle 1 (the needle to the left). The sock will now be on 3 needles again with 31 stitches each on needle 1 and needle 3 and 36 stitches on needle 2.

### GUSSET / INSTEP

#### *Round 1*

Needle 1: K to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1.

Needle 2: Continue checkerboard lace pattern.

Needle 3: K1, ssk, k to end.

#### *Round 2*

Needle 1: Knit.

Needle 2: Continue checkerboard lace pattern.

Needle 3: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have 18 stitches each on needle 1 and needle 3 (72 stitches total, including 36 instep stitches,).

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### FOOT

*All rounds*

Needle 1: Knit

Needle 2: Continue checkerboard lace pattern.

Needle 3: Knit

Continue in this manner until you reach the desired length of the foot, approximately 1.75" shorter than finished length.

### TOE

*Round 1:*

Needle 1: Knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1.

Needle 2: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1.

Needle 3: K1, ssk, knit to end.

*Round 2:* Knit

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until there are 8 stitches on needles 1 and 3 and 16 stitches on needle 2.

Repeat round 1 twice. You will now have 6 stitches on needles 1 and 3 and 12 stitches on needle 2.

Knit all stitches from needle 1 onto needle 3.

Cut yarn, leaving strand long enough to graft toe and weave in yarn end.

**GRAFT:** Graft toe together. Weave in yarn ends. Enjoy!