

Lacy Charms

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About this pattern

I wanted to create a pair of socks with a vintage-inspired touch. The lace portion of these socks is knitted flat in rows. After reaching your desired height, you'll join it in the round to begin knitting the classic sock. This pattern provides both a chart and written instructions for the lace border. This pattern was not test knitted, if you find any errors or have troubles understanding the pattern, don't hesitate to contact me at sarah@yarn-enchantment.com!

Consider this pattern as a guide for knitting the lace border. If you need to adjust the stitch count for your socks, feel free to do so, but remember to decrease or increase the stitches accordingly. For instance, if you need to cast on 72 stitches, add two edge stitches on either side of the lace border to compensate for the missing stitches.

Pattern Notes:

- Skill level: Intermediate
- Sizing: S (M, L) – 60 (64, 70) stitches. **For an overview of all sizes and the corresponding number of stitches to cast on and decrease for the lace border, please refer to the sizing chart provided on page 10**
- Needles:
 - 2.00 mm (US 1) needle for the cuff.
 - 2.5 mm (US 1.5) needle for the sock.
 - 3.00 mm (US 2.5) circular needle for the lace border (or size needed to obtain correct gauge).
 - *Note: The sample was knitted using 5 DPNs (double-pointed needles), but you can use any preferred method.*
- Yarn:
 - 100g of fingering weight yarn.
 - Sample: Hand-dyed yarn / Sock base: 85% Superwash Wool Merino, 15% Nylon, 400 m (ca. 437 yd yards) per 100 grams.
 - *Note: The sample was knitted in size M, using a total of 70g (280m/306 yards). You may need two skeins of yarn for the largest size, or if you decide to knit your lace border longer.*
- Gauge: 32 stitches and 45 rows per 10 cm/ 4 inches with 2.5 mm needle in stockinette stitch.
- Notions: Tapestry Needle, Scissors, Stitch Markers, Two Buttons (1 cm / .4 in ø)

Construction:

Lace Border:

The lace border is quite flexible, allowing for adjustments when knitting it for children's socks. For instance, for a child's sock sized EU 28-30 (US 10-12), you can cast on fewer stitches. As an example, I cast on 53 stitches. After casting on, I worked rows 3 through 6 of the lace pattern four times, achieving a height of 5 cm/2 in. Following this, I worked rows 17 through 19 once. In row 17, I decreased by 1 stitch to reach the final stitch count of 52 stitches for the sock.

Start with the largest needle size and cast on 70 (70, 70) stitches using the cable cast on method.

In the chart, instructions for both the right and wrong sides are provided. Knit rows 1 through 6 once, and then repeat rows 3 through 6 three more times. Adjust the height of your lace border by knitting rows 3 through 6 as many times as necessary to reach your desired height (sample border is 7 cm/ 2.76 inches). Knit rows 7 through 16 once. To mark pattern repeats, place a stitch marker in row 1 after every 17 stitches (**do not count your edge stitches**).

Written Instructions for the Lace Pattern: *(You can find the chart on page 9)*

In the pattern, you can find the stitch key on page 8

← **Row 1 [RS]:** k all st *(Place your stitch markers in this row)*

→ **Row 2 [WS]:** k all st

← **Row 3 [RS]:** k1, *(k2tog) x 3, [yo, k1] x 5, yo, (k2tog) x 3, rep from * to last st, k1

→ **Row 4 [WS]:** k1, p all st, k1

← **Row 5 [RS]:** k all st

→ **Row 6 [WS]:** k all st

(Repeat rows 3 through 6 three more times or until you have reached the desired height)

← **Row 7 [RS]:** k1, *k4, [(k2tog), yo] x 2, k1, [yo, pssso] x 2, k4, rep from * to last st, k1

→ **Row 8 [WS]:** k1, p all st, k1

← **Row 9 [RS]:** k1, *k3, [(k2tog), yo] x 2, k3, [yo, pssso] x 2, k3, rep from * to last st, k1

- **Row 10 [WS]:** k1, p all st, k1
- ← **Row 11 [RS]:** k1, *k2, [(k2tog), yo] x 3, k1, [yo, pssso] x 3, k2, rep from * to last st, k1
- **Row 12 [WS]:** k1, p all st, k1
- ← **Row 13 [RS]:** k1, *k1, [(k2tog), yo] x 3, k3, [yo, pssso] x 3, k1, rep from * to last st, k1
- **Row 14 [WS]:** k1, p all st, k1
- ← **Row 15 [RS]:** k1, *[(k2tog), yo] x 4, k1, [yo, pssso] x 4, rep from * to last st, k1
- **Row 16 [WS]:** k1, p all st, k1

After you have finished repeating rows 3 through 6 as many times as needed, knit rows 7 through 16 once. After completing row 16, remove all your stitch markers. Proceed to knit rows 17 through 19 as follows:

Only for double-pointed needles:

Row 17: Knit all stitches and evenly decrease by 10 (6, 0) stitches.

Row 18: Knit 1 stitch, purl all stitches until the last stitch, then knit the last stitch.

Row 19: Purl all stitches. *(There are no edge stitches anymore because in the next round we will be closing to join in the round.)*

If you are using the Magic Loop technique, knit rows 17 through 18 as follows:

Magic Loop method:

Row 17: Knit all stitches and evenly decrease by 10 (6, 0) stitches.

Row 18: Knit all stitches to create the purl ridge for folding later. *(After row 18, we will be closing to join our work into the round.)*



Finished lace border



Lace border rows 3 through 6
Children's Version

Joining to the Round

After completing the lace border, switch to the smallest needle size and join in the round with the wrong side facing you, either by switching to DPNs or using the magic loop technique. Begin knitting on the wrong side of your work, evenly knitting your stitches in ribbing pattern onto the needles. Once you've finished knitting your stitches onto the needles, close it into a round with the right side facing you. Continue knitting in the ribbing pattern. As you can see, now the wrong side is facing you. Later on, as you knit your sock a bit longer, you can fold the lace border over, revealing the right side. [Video](#)

When you are knitting with the Magic Loop method, close the round after row 18. With the right side facing you, divide the stitches in half and close it to the round. After closing it to the round, the wrong side of the lace border should face you.

Cuff

Begin knitting the cuff in a 2x2 ribbing pattern. Ensure the cuff is shorter than the lace border, but ultimately, it's up to you and your preference. If you prefer to knit a ribbing for the entire sock, feel free to do so. *(The cuff from the sample is 4 cm / 1.5 in)*

Leg

Switch to the middle size needles and continue knitting the leg in stockinette stitch until you reach the desired length. *(Sample was knitted to 7 cm / 2.7 inches)*

Heel Flap

The heel is knitted on half the stitches: 30 (32, 35).

Row 1: k2, *sl1, k1, sl1; repeat from * until the last two stitches, then knit those two stitches.

Row 2: k2, purl all stitches until two stitches remain on the needle, then knit those two stitches

Repeat these rows 15 (16, 17) times for a total of 30 (32, 34) rows. [Video](#)

Heel turn

Row 1: *sl1, k1, sl1; repeat from * until there are 11 (10, 10) stitches remaining, then ssk, turn

Row 2: sl1, p8 (7, 9), p2tog, turn

Row 3: sl1, knit in pattern *sl1, k1* to one stitch before the gap, then ssk, turn

Row 4: sl1, purl to one stitch before the gap, then p2tog, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches from both sides have been worked. [Video](#)

Gusset pickup:

Knit across and pick up 15 (16, 17) gusset stitches, ensuring to pick up an extra stitch on the ladder between the stitches on the row below to close any gaps. Then, knit across to the other side and pick up another 15 (16, 17) stitches for the second gusset, again picking up an extra stitch on the ladder between the stitches on the row below to close any gaps. Finally, knit to needle one. Before we start with the decreasing, knit one round in Stockinette stitch. [Video](#)

Gusset Decrease

Round 1:

- Needle 1: Knit until 2 stitches remain, then k2tog.
- Needle 2: Knit all stitches.
- Needle 3: Knit all stitches.
- Needle 4: slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch.(pssso)

Round 2:

- Knit all stitches.

Repeat these two rounds until you've reached your original stitch count for your size. Continue knitting the foot in stockinette stitch until you reach your desired length. You can find an approximate size chart for the length of your foot on page 10. [Video](#)

Wedge Toe:

Round 1:

- Needle 1: Knit until 3 stitches before marker, then k2tog, k1.
- Needle 2: K1, ssk, knit to end of needle.
- Needle 3: Knit until 3 stitches before marker, then k2tog, k1.
- Needle 4: K1, ssk, knit to end of needle.

Round 2:

- Knit all stitches.

Repeat these two rounds until you have reduced the number of stitches on each needle by half. Then work round 1 only until you have approximately 3 or 4 stitches on each of the four needles (6 or 8 stitches left on each of the two needles). [Video](#)
Graft the remaining stitches together with the Kitchener stitch. [Video](#)

Weave in all ends, block your work and sew on your buttons.



Stitch Key:

- k: Knit
- p: Purl
- sl1: Slip 1 stitch purlwise with the yarn in the back
- k2tog: Knit 2 stitches together (decrease)

Insert the right needle into the next two stitches on the left needle at the same time, from left to right. Wrap the yarn around the right needle as usual and draw it through both stitches on the left needle, effectively knitting them together as one stitch on the right needle.

- ssk: Slip, slip, knit (left-leaning decrease)

Insert your right needle into the first stitch on the left needle as if to knit, but instead of knitting it, simply slide it off the left needle and onto the right needle without knitting it. Insert the right needle into the second stitch as if to knit, then slide it off onto the right needle without knitting it. Insert the left needle into the front loops of the two slipped stitches on the right needle. Then, knit them together through the back loops.

- yo: Yarn over
- rep: Repeat
- st: Stitches
- pssso: Pass Slipped Stitch Over

Slip one stitch knitwise from your working needle to your left needle. Then, knit a stitch off your working needle. Finally, take the slipped stitch on your right needle and pass it over the knitted stitch.

- **Red borders** indicate row repeats

Chart for lace border

	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
16	●	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	●
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	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- RS: Knit
WS: Knit
- ↘ Pass Slipped Stitch Over (Slip one stitch knitwise from your working needle to your left needle. Then, knit a stitch off your working needle. Finally, take the slipped stitch on your right needle and pass it over the knitted stitch.)
- / Knit 2 together
- Purl
- | Knit
- Yarn over

Size chart for lace border

Shoe size (EU)	Cast-on stitches for sock	Cast-on stitches for lace border	Additional edge stitches for lace border	Decreases in row 17 for lace border
20-21	40	40	6 (3 st. on both sides)	---
22-23	44	53	---	9
24-27	48	53	---	5
28-31	52	53	---	1
32-35	56	56	5 (2 st. on one side, 3 on the other)	---
36-39	60	70	---	10
40-43	64	70	---	6
44-45	68	70	---	2
46-47	72	72	4 (2 st. on both sides)	---

Sock chart for foot length

Sock Size	Foot Length (inches)	Foot Length (cm)
Infant	3-4	7.5-10
Toddler	4-5	10-12.5
Child	6-7	15-17.5
Youth	7-8	17.5-20
Adult S	8-9	20-22.5
Adult M	9-10	22.5-25
Adult L	10-11	25-27.5
Adult XL	11-12	27.5-30

