

# STRIPEY NORO SOCKS

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We all know about the fantastic colors of Noro yarns, and now we can enjoy them in socks! I bought myself a skein of Kureyon sock as a treat, and after much deliberation decided that the best thing to do would be a simple stripe pattern to show off the gorgeous hues of the yarn.

This pattern is written for one size (to fit my size 10 clodhoppers), but is easily adjustable by changing needle size or stitch counts. Since the “pattern repeat” is just four rows, there is no penalty for adjusting the number of stitches to suit your foot size. This pair was made with Kureyon Sock, with quite a bit leftover – if you have smaller feet or like shorter socks, you could probably get a pair out of one skein of Silk Garden sock as well.

Size: Women's large (size 10 US/42 UK), 8.5 inches around ball of foot (unstretched)

Yarn: Noro Kureyon sock yarn, 1 skein (462 yds/100 g) – please note: Sock Garden silk yarn comes in a 330 yd/100 g put up, so you may need two skeins of Sock Garden if you have larger feet.

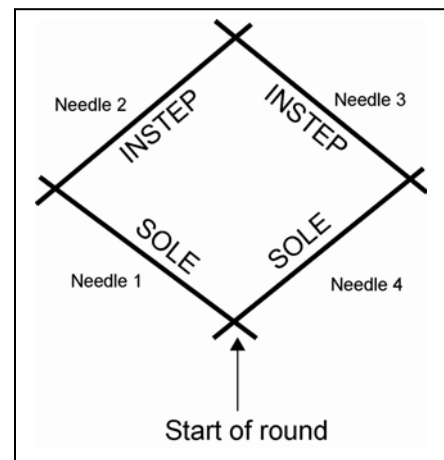
Needles: US 1/2.25 mm, or size needed to get gauge

Gauge: 32 sts/48 rows per 4 inch/10 cm

Stripe pattern: To generate the stripe pattern you can split your skein into two 50 g balls and work from those, or you can knit from the inside and outside ends of the skein.

Work 4 rows from one ball/end, carrying the alternating color along the inside of the sock. Work 4 rows with other ball/end, carrying the first color along the inside of the sock.

Repeat for continuing stripe pattern. The start of each round is in the center of the sole (see diagram) and continues up the back of the sock. I found that the 4 row stripes didn't show much in the way of a jog when I switched colors, but your mileage may vary.



### Toe:

Cast on 16 st using [Judy's Magic Cast-On](#). Knit one round. On next round, redistribute stitches to 4 needles. Start of round will be in the center of the sole.

Increase row: knit 2, m1, knit to end of needle. Repeat on next three needles – total of 4 stitches increased in round.

Repeat the increase round every row 5 times (40 sts total).

Repeat increase round every other row 5 times (60 sts total).

**AT THE SAME TIME:** Work first four rows of the toe with first ball of yarn, then work 4 rows with other ball. Continue working in stripe pattern until foot length is approximately 4 inches. Begin heel increases when the sock reaches the middle of your arch.



### Heel increases:

Place a marker two stitches from the beginning of needle 1 and a marker two stitches from the end of needle four. On next round, knit to marker, pass marker, m1, knit to end of needle 1. Work needles 2 and 3 as normal. On needle 4, knit to marker, m1, pass marker, knit to end of needle 4 – 2 stitches increased. Work two rounds.

Repeat these three rounds until you have increased 30 stitches total, ending with row 4 of the current stripe. You will have 15 stitches on

needles 2 and 3, and 30 stitches on needles 1 and 4. Make sure that you end on round 4 of a stripe to maintain the stripe pattern through the heel.

### Heel:

Transfer 15 stitches from the end of needle 1 to the beginning of needle 2, placing a marker in between the two groups of stitches. Do the same on needles 3 and 4, transferring 15 stitches from the beginning of needle 4 to the end of needle 3. You will now have 15 stitches each on needles 1 and 4, and 30 stitches on needles 2 and 3.

Work one round, increasing 6 stitches evenly within the 15 transferred stitches on needles 2 and 3 – 36 stitches on each of needles 2 and 3. You will end up with the original 15 instep stitches on one side of the marker, and 21 stitches from the sole marker on both needles 2 and 3. These 21 stitches will form the sides of the heel flap.

Place all of the remaining heel stitches on one needle to work the heel turn and heel flap.

### Heel turn:

Starting from the beginning of the round (center of sole), knit to 2 st before the end of needle 1, wrap and turn.

Slip one and purl back to 2 stitches before the end of needle 1. Wrap and turn.

Slip 1, knit to one stitch before gap, wrap and turn.  
Slip 1, purl to one stitch before gap, wrap and turn.

Repeat these two rows until you have 8 wrapped stitches on either side. Continue to alternate colors every 4 rows, switching in the middle of the heel (the original break between needles 1 and 4).



Next row (RS): slip 1, knit to first wrapped stitch, pick up and knit the wrap together with the stitch, wrap and turn.

Next row (WS): Slip 1, purl to first wrapped stitch, pick up and purl the wrap together with the stitch, wrap and turn.

Repeat these two rows until all of the wrapped stitches have been worked. You should be at the start of the heel flap on the right side.

### Heel flap:

Slip 1, knit to last stitch, ssk with one stitch from needle 2. Turn.

Slip 1, purl to last stitch, p2tog with one stitch from needle 3. Turn.

Repeat these two rows 19 more times, or until you have 1 unworked stitch left between the markers and the heel flap stitches on needles 2 and 3.



### Leg:

Next row (RS): slip 1, knit to last stitch, ssk with one stitch from needle 2. Remove marker and continue working stitches on needle 2 as previously. Needle 3: knit to marker and remove. Take needle 4 and k2tog with one stitch from heel flap. Work 14 more stitches from heel flap onto needle 4.

You should now have the stitches redistributed with 15 stitches per needle, and the start of the round between needles 1 and 4, at the back of the leg.

Continue in stripe pattern until leg is desired length, ending at the end of a 4 row stripe.

Work 6 rows of k1, p1 ribbing and bind off loosely. Weave in ends and block as desired.