

Storm Chaser Socks

by Laura Keiken

EXPERIENCE LEVEL
Intermediate Beginner

Keep feet toasty & warm with a pair of richly textured socks designed by sock expert Laura Keiken. The design, reminiscent of a vortex, is simple, yet fun & interesting to knit.



MATERIALS

100 gram skein of fingering weight yarn containing at least 15% nylon and 400 yards

Sample knit with 1 skein Leading Men Show Stopper, Storm Chaser colorway

US 1 needles (or size needed to obtain gauge) in your preferred method for knitting in the round (double points, 9" circular or 32" for magic loop)

Ring stitch marker

Tapestry needle

GAUGE

8 stitches = 1", in pattern

TECHNIQUES

Cuff down sock construction

Kitchener stitch

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Work the following 2 Rows 16 times (32 rows total)

Row 1: *Sl 1, K1 * repeat across 32 stitches

Row 2: Sl 1, purl across heel stitches

HEEL TURN

Row 1: Sl 1, K 18, SSK, K1, turn work to wrong side

Row 2: Sl 1, P7, P2tog, P1, turn work to right side

Row 3: Sl 1, Knit to one stitch before gap, SSK, K1, turn work to wrong side

Row 4: Sl 1, Purl to one stitch before the gap, P2tog, P1, turn work to right side

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 until all stitches have been worked (18 stitches remain)

Knit 9 stitches, place BOR marker, knit across remaining 9 stitches.

Pick up 17 gusset stitches (picking up one stitch for every row worked and one extra in the corner to help close up the gap.

Work Row 1 of Chaser Pattern over the 31 instep stitches. Place markers the beginning and end of your instep stitches if desired.

Pick up 17 gusset stitches along 2nd edge of heel flap (picking up one stitch for every row worked and one extra in the corner at the very beginning of this step).

Knit to end of Round

GUSSET

Work the following gusset decreases until you have a total stitch count of 63, continuing to work the Chaser Pattern on the 31 instep stitches only beginning with Row 2 as Row 1 was worked while picking up the gusset stitches.

Row 1: Knit to 3 stitches before instep stitches, K2tog, K1, Knit across 32 instep stitches in pattern, K1, SSK, knit to end of round.

Row 2: Knit to instep stitches, work Chaser Pattern over 31 stitches, Knit to end of round.

Continue knitting the instep stitches in pattern and keep the rest of the sock in stockinette (knitting every stitch) until the foot measures approximately 2 inches shorter than your desired finished length.

Discontinue Chaser Pattern, all remaining stitches will be in stockinette.

TOE

Row 1: Knit 13 stitches, place marker A, K2tog, K2, SSK, Knit 26 stitches, place marker B, K2tog, K2, SSK, knit to end of round

Row 2: Knit all stitches

Row 3: Knit to marker a, slip marker, K2tog, K2, SSK, Knit to marker B, slip marker, K2tog, K2, SSK, knit to end of round

Row 4: Knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 until 11 stitches remain in instep and 12 stitches remain on bottom of sock

Row 5: Knit to marker, slip marker, K2tog, K2, SSK, Knit to marker B, slip marker, K2, knit to end of round (skip last K2tog)

Knit last 4 stitches to prepare for grafting the last 20 stitches together using Kitchener stitch.

Weave in ends. Repeat for 2nd sock.

FINISHING

Weave in ends, block & enjoy!

CUFF

Cast on 64 stitches using your stretchy cast on of choice. Place BOR stitch marker. I prefer long-tail. Repeat Row 1 below until your cuff measures 1 ½ inches or desired length.

Row 1: K2, P2 to end of Row

Row 2: Knit 2, Purl 2 to last 4 stitches, Knit 2, P2tog

CHASER PATTERN

For Cuff: Repeat the following Rows 8 times total or to desired length ending with Row 8.

Row 1: *K4, P4 * repeat across row until the last 7 stitches, K4, P3

Row 2: P1, *K4, P4 * repeat across row until the last 6 stitches, K4, P2

Row 3: P2, *K4, P4 * repeat across row until the last 5 stitches, K4, P1

Row 4: P3, *K4, P4 * repeat across row until the last 4 stitches, K4

Row 5: P4, *K4, P4 * repeat across row until the last 3 stitches, K3

Row 6: K1, *P4, K4 * repeat across row until the last 2 stitches, K2

Row 7: K2, *P4, K4 * repeat across row until the last stitch, K1

Row 8: K3, *P4, K4 * repeat across row until the last 4 stitches, P4

HEEL FLAP

Work the heel flap over 32 stitches. Leave the remaining 32 instep stitches on separate needle.

Notes

K: Knit

P: Purl

K2tog: Knit 2 together

P2tog: Purl 2 together

SSK: slip 2 stitches together knit-wise and knit them together through the front loops.

Sl: slip 1 stitch purl-wise

BOR: beginning of round

“Remember to play after every storm.”

