

# Romantical Socks

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## Stitch Glossary:

beg - beginning  
 dec - decreased  
 k - knit  
 k2tog - knit two stitches together  
 p - purl  
 p2tog - purl 2 stitches together  
 rem - remain(s)  
 rep - repeat  
 Rnd(s) - round(s)  
 RS - Right side of work facing you  
 sl - slip st from left to right needle wyib  
 sl2kpsso - slip 2 sts, k1, pass slipped sts over the knit st  
 sm - slip marker  
 ssk- slip 1 st knitwise, slip a second st knitwise, move these 2  
   sts back to the left needle and k2tog tbl  
 st / sts - stitch / stitches  
 tbl - through back loop(s)  
 WS - Wrong side of work facing you  
 wyib - with yarn in back of work  
 yo - yarn over

## The Story:

Simply put - it's Valentine's Day and I have a beautiful skein of yarn so why not make something pretty? And, well, SOCKS!

## Materials:

Candy Skein "Yummy Fingering" (fingering weight; 75% Merino Wool, 25% Nylon Superwash; 465 yds/100g skein): 1 skein 'Candy Apple Crush' colorway  
 US 1 (2.25mm) 32" circular needle OR DPNs.  
 Stitch markers  
 Tapestry needle

## Finished Sizes:

Small (Medium and Large): 7¼ (8¼ and 9⅛) inches circumference  
 Recommended fit: 1-inch of negative ease

## Gauge:

35 sts and 47 rows = 4" in stockinette

## Notes:

These socks are worked one at a time, from the top down using the Magic Loop method and a modified Eye of Partridge gusset heel.

Written and charted instructions are provided.

Adjust needle size as necessary to match gauge

The chart only indicates the sts on the Front/Instep of the sock. All Back/Sole sts will be worked in stockinette.

These socks are identical to one another; knit two to make a pair.

In case of using DPNs, assume that the Front needle is synonymous with Needles 1 & 2, and that the Back needle is synonymous with Needles 3 & 4.

Slip all sts purlwise unless otherwise noted.

If you find any errors or have any questions please feel free to email me directly: [meaghan@unapologeticknitter.com](mailto:meaghan@unapologeticknitter.com)

### Cuff

Cast on 64 (72, 80) sts loosely using your preferred method. Divide the sts evenly; place the first 32 (36, 40) sts on the Front needle - these will be the Front/Instep sts. The last 32 (36, 40) sts will be the Back/Sole sts and will be worked on the Back needle.

Work in [k1, p1] rib for 1½ inches.

### Leg

Knit even for 3 rnds.

#### Begin “Romantical” pattern

**Rnd 1:** K0 (2, 4), \*k4, yo, sl2kpsso, yo, k3, yo, sl2kpsso, yo, k2; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 2 (and all even rnds):** Knit.

**Rnd 3:** K0 (2, 4), \*k3, yo, k2tog, k1, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k1, ssk, yo, k1; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 5:** K0 (2, 4), \*k2, ssk, yo, k3, ssk, yo, k4, yo, k2tog; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 7:** K0 (2, 4), \*k3, ssk, yo, k7, yo, k2tog, k1; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 9:** K0 (2, 4), \*k4, ssk, yo, k5, yo, k2tog, k2; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 11:** K0 (2, 4), \*k5, ssk, yo, k3, yo, k2tog, k3; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 13:** K0 (2, 4), \*k6, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k4; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

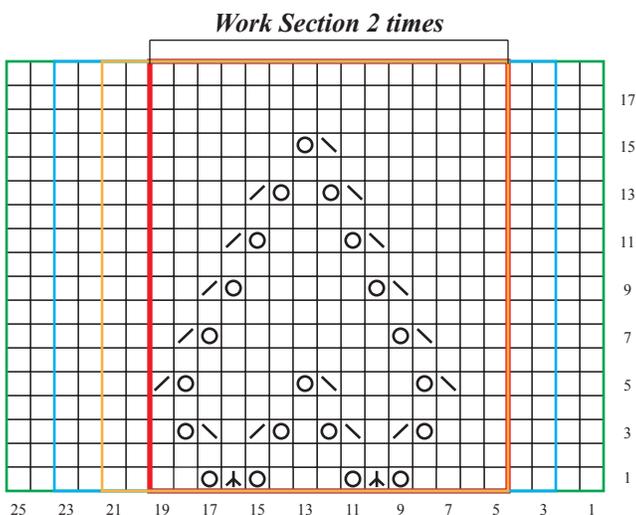
**Rnd 15:** K0 (2, 4), \*k7, ssk, yo, k6; rep from \* one more time, knit to end of rnd.

**Rnd 17:** Knit.

**Rnd 18:** Knit.

Rep [Rnds 1-18] 3 times, ending with Rnd 18.

### Romantical Pattern Chart



### Heel Flap

With WS facing, and knitting flat on the Back needle:

**Row 1 (WS):** K3, purl to end of row.

**Row 2 (RS):** P3, \*k1, sl 1; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k3.

**Row 3:** K3, purl to end of row.

**Row 4:** P3, \*sl 1, k1; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k3.

Rep [Rows 1-4] 8 (9, 10) times; there will be 16 (18, 20) garter edge sts for pickup after turning the heel.

### Turn the Heel

With WS facing, continuing to knit flat on the Back needle:

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl 1, p16 (18, 20), p2tog, p1. Turn work.

**Row 2 (RS):** Sl 1, k3, ssk, k1. Turn work.

**Row 3:** Sl 1, purl to 1 st before the gap, p2tog across the gap, p1. Turn work.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, knit to 1 st before the gap, ssk across the gap, k1. Turn work.

Rep [Rows 3 & 4] until all the heel sts have been worked, ending with Row 4; 18 (20, 22) sts rem on Back needle.

### Pick Up Stitches

Using the Back needle, pick up and knit 16 (18, 20) sts along the Heel Flap edge. Pick up and knit one additional st to close the gap. Place a marker. Beginning on Rnd 1 of the “Romantical” pattern, knit in pattern across the first 16 (18, 20) sts of the Front needle. This is now Needle 1.

Using the Front needle, work in established pattern across the next 16 (18, 20) sts. Place a marker. Pick up and knit one additional st to close the gap. Then pick up and knit 16 (18, 20) sts along the Heel Flap edge. Knit 9 (10, 11) heel stitches. This is now Needle 2.

There are now 42 (47, 52) sts on each needle.

#### Chart Legend

- Knit (k)
- Stitch repeat
- Size Small (64 sts)
- Size Medium (72 sts)
- Size Large (80 sts)
- Yarn over (yo)
- ⋈ Sl2kpsso
- / K2tog
- \ Ssk



### Work the Gusset

**Rnd 1** (Needle 1): Knit to 2 sts before marker, ssk, sm, work across 16 (18, 20) Instep sts in established pattern.

**Rnd 1** (Needle 2): Work across 16 (18, 20) Instep sts in established pattern, sm, k2tog, knit to end.

**Rnd 2** (Needle 1): Knit to 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1, sm, work across 16 (18, 20) Instep sts in established pattern.

**Rnd 2** (Needle 2): Work across 16 (18, 20) Instep sts in established pattern, sm, k1, ssk, knit to end.

**Rnd 3** (Needle 1): Knit to marker, sm, work across 16 (18, 20) Instep sts in established pattern.

**Rnd 3** (Needle 2): Work across 16 (18, 20) Instep sts in established pattern, sm, knit to end.

Rep [Rnds 2 & 3] until 32 (36, 40) sts rem on both needles. Redistribute sts, placing 32 (36, 40) Instep sts on the Front needle and 32 (36, 40) Sole sts on the Back needle.

### Instep

Continue working in established pattern across the Front needle and in stockinette across the Back needle until the foot measures 1½ (1¾, 2) inches short of the desired length.

### Toe Decreases

Begin decreasing for toe shaping as follows:

**Rnd 1** (Front needle): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

**Rnd 1** (Back needle): Work as per front needle [4 sts dec on round]

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

Rep [Rnds 1 & 2] until 32 sts rem, ending with Rnd 2 (16 sts each on Front and Back needles).

### Finishing:

Break yarn leaving a 10-inch tail. Using the Kitchener Stitch, close the toe of your sock. Weave in the ends. Rock your new socks!