



# Castle Walk Socks

by FiberFrosting Designs

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## ABOUT

Take a stroll around the castle in these cozy toe-up socks. This two-tone pattern takes you through some relaxing stockinette stretches with a little bit of slip-stitch mosaic colorwork to keep things interesting. These socks also feature the "Fleegle" heel that is not only comfortable but also super easy to work. It is a great fit for high-insteps.

## SUPPLIES

### Needles:

US 1 [2.25 mm], 36-40" [91-101 cm] circular (for magic loop), or size needed to get gauge (your "gauge needle").  
US 0 [2.0 mm], 36-40" [91-101 cm] circular for cuff (or 1 size smaller than your gauge needle).

**Yarn:** Fingering weight sock yarn in two colors.

Color 1: 144 (186, 239, 291) yds, 133 (170, 218, 266) m,  
48 (62, 80, 97) g

Color 2: 97 (124, 159, 194) yds, 88 (114, 146, 177) m,  
32 (42, 53, 65) g

### Other:

Begin/end-of-round marker, tape-measure or ruler for measuring sock, and darning needle for weaving in ends.

## GAUGE

Worked in stockinette, in the round, with the larger needle:  
9 stitches/inch [2.5 cm], 12 rows/inch [2.5 cm].

**IMPORTANT:** Check gauge on both color yarns being used (esp. if different brands or fiber content).

## SIZES

Women's **small (medium, large, extra-large)**.

## TECHNIQUES AND DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Intermediate-level knitters as well as adventurous beginners will enjoy this combination of stockinette and colorwork.

The knitter should be comfortable working in the round, doing increasing and decreasing, and basic colorwork (using only one color at a time).

## ABOUT THE DESIGNER

*Hi my name is Naomi Frost, the person behind FiberFrosting Designs. I am a retired software developer that loves family, nature, science, and the fiber arts. Thank you so much for your interest in my pattern. I sincerely hope it brings you joy. Feel free to contact me through IG direct message, email, or Ravelry message if you have questions about this design. If you love it, please consider showing your appreciation by leaving me a small donation on Ko-Fi: <https://ko-fi.com/fiberfrosting>. Donations go toward costs for materials and tech editing. Thank you so much!*

*Naomi*



## INSTRUCTIONS

### TOE

Toes are slightly rounded, worked in stockinette. The round toe shaping is done by increasing every round for first 5-7 rounds (depending on size) and then increasing every other round until all increases for the foot are complete.

With Color 1 (C1) yarn and gauge needle:

Cast on **20 (22, 24, 26)** stitches per sock using the Turkish cast-on. Place begin/end-of-round marker.

Rounds 1 - 5 (**6, 6, 7**):

Top of sock (instep): K1, M1L, k to last stitch of top, M1R, k1.

Bottom of sock (sole): K1, M1L, k to last stitch, M1R, k1.

Round 6 (**7, 7, 8**): Knit even (knit all stitches, no increases).

At this point you should have **40 (46, 48, 54)** stitches per sock.

Repeat last 2 rounds until there are **60 (66, 72, 78)** stitches per sock.

### FOOT

The foot starts out with C1 (continuing from toe) and then transitions to C2 using some slip-stitch colorwork.

Knit even until entire sock measures **3.5" (4", 4.5", 5")** [**9 (10, 11.5, 12.5)** cm].

Work the Castle Fade pattern from instructions below or from the chart →  
(remember to do all slips with yarn in back).

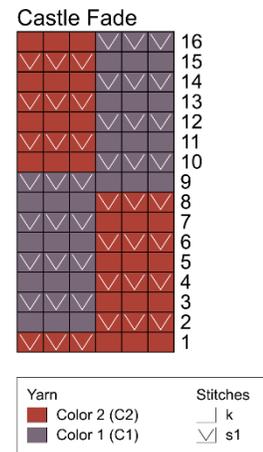
Rounds 1, 3, 5, 7 (with C2): \*K3, s3; repeat from \* to end of round.

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8 (with C1): \*S3, k3; repeat from \* to end of round.

Rounds 9, 11, 13, 15 (with C1): \*K3, s3; repeat from \* to end of round.

Rounds 10, 12, 14, 16 (with C2): \*S3, k3; repeat from \* to end of round.

Cut C1 yarn, and knit even with C2 until sock measures **5.5" (6.25", 7", 7.25")**  
[**14 (16, 18, 18.5)** cm].



## HEEL

The Fleegle heel is a little bit different than other heel constructions and is a very simple and nice-looking heel. I did make a minor adjustment to the original Fleegle heel design to give it a smoother appearance. This has become one of my favorite heels, especially for high-insteps. I hope you enjoy it too.

Continue with C2 and begin doing increases on both ends of the sole stitches as follows:

Round 1: Instep: Knit. Sole: K1, M1L, knit to last stitch, M1R, k1.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 & 2 until there are **58 (65, 70, 77)** sole stitches; **14 (16, 17, 19)** increases made on each side;

The heel turn will be worked back and forth in short-rows, from the center working outward, after knitting across the instep stitches and past the center point of heel stitches.

Set up: Knit across instep stitches.

Work heel turn as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K**31 (34, 37, 40)**, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 2 (WS): S1, p**5 (4, 5, 4)**, ssp, p1, turn.

Row 3: S1, knit to 1 stitch before gap, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 4: S1, purl to 1 stitch before gap, ssp, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4, ending on Row 3 when you knit the last stitch on the right-side row (do not turn).

Finishing up the heel, working in the round:

Round 1: Knit across instep stitches. Heel: K1, ssk to close the final gap, knit to end of round.

Round 2: Instep: Knit even. Heel: Ssk, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog; **60 (66, 72, 78)** stitches.

## ANKLE/LEG

Rounds 1-**16 (19, 22, 25)**: With C2, knit even. ←

Next, work the Castle Fade pattern as worked for the foot, **EXCEPT**: start with Round 9 and end with Round 8.

Cut C2 yarn.

With C1, knit even, for another **2.5" (3", 3.5", 4") [6.5 (7.5, 9, 10) cm]**.

 Length from heel-tip to final round here should match length from heel-tip to start of fade pattern on foot.

## CUFF

With smaller needle, work cuff in k1, p1 ribbing for 1" [2.5 cm] (or more, if desired).

Bind off in pattern, using a **stretchy** bind-off. Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-Off is my favorite. There is a link to a tutorial on the next page if you want to give it a try.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Roam about the castle in you cozy new socks!

## STITCH GLOSSARY

C1	Color 1: used for toe, 1st half of foot, 2nd half of leg, cuff, and transitions.
C2	Color 2: used for 2nd half of foot, heel, 1st half of leg, and transitions.
gap	Visible gap where work was turned on previous row.
k	Knit.
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together.
M1L	Make 1 Left: From the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle. Knit through the back loop.
M1R	Make 1 Right: From the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle. Knit.
p	Purl.
RS	Right side (public side) of work.
s	Slip: With the yarn held in back of work, insert the working needle into the next stitch as if to purl and transfer the stitch onto the working needle.
ssk	Slip-Slip-Knit: Slip 2 stitches knit-wise (one at a time), then knit 2 together through the back loops.
ssp	Slip-Slip-Purl: Slip 2 stitches knit-wise (one at a time), then purl those 2 stitches together through the back loops.
WS	Wrong side of work

Turkish Cast-On: <https://fiberfrostingdesigns.com/skill-center/turkish-cast-on-tutorial/>

Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off: <https://fiberfrostingdesigns.com/skill-center/jssbo-tutorial/>

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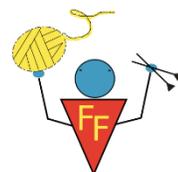
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