



BE FIFTY THREE

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Birthday means: Birthday socks. This became a good old tradition meanwhile.

This year I brought some with stranded colorwork for you.

Hearts, clover and a fat „Happy Birthday“ is not supposed to be missing. The pattern comes with instructions for numbers from 0-9. So, you can put your individual birthday socks together.

Of course, you can only knit hearts and/or clover and omit the written parts. Just do, whatever strikes your fancy.

The socks are knitted cuff town with heel flap and gusset. The pattern comes with instructions for DPNs or magic loop. In sizing the pattern offers two widths. But feel free to change needle sizes to work up what fits your feet best.

Abbreviations on page 10

Sizes (lengths): 36/37 (38/39, 40/41, 42/43) 44/45, 46/47 [US: 5/5,5 (6/7, 7,5/8,5, 9/10) 10,5/11,5, 12/13]

Gauge: 28 sts x 64 Rds in Stockinette stitch, after washing and blocking.

Materials:

Yarns:

Each 50g Lang Yarns “JaWoll” (75% Wolle, 25% Polyamid; 210 Meter/50 Gramm)

Main color: 83.0226 Beige

Motive color: 83.0119 Rosa, 83.0184 Azalee, 83.0003 Dark Grey Melange, 83.0273 Jade

Needles: DPNs size 2,25 mm (US 1) or circular needle 80-100cm (32-40”).

DPNs size 2,5mm (US 1,5) or circular needle 80-100cm (32-40”) for colorwork. Or needle size to obtain gauge.

Notions: 1-3 Marker optional; tapestry needle.

A word on sizing

Socks are described for 64 (68) stitches. Is the instruction valid for all sizes, there will only be one number given. Otherwise, the second size numbers are given in asterisk. The motives cover the leg of the sock across a total stitch count of 72 sts for all sizes. With going up or down in needle sizes you can adjust the width of the leg.

Right after finishing the cuff, you will increase to 72 stitches. After finishing the colorwork and before starting the heel flap, you will again decrease to the total stitch count of 64 or 68 stitches. Of course, you can decide to reduce the stitch count for the foot while working the gusset to i.e. 60 stitches, if you like a snug fit around the foot. But Attention! If you reduce stitches and it comes to work the toes. Toes' instructions are given for 64 (68) stitches.

Pattern

Cuff

With needle size 2,25mm (US 1) and yarn in main color 83.0226: CO 64 (68) sts. I recommend an elastic cast on as the German twisted cast on or the Norwegian cast on. Divide the sts evenly on the needles. Join to work in the round, avoid twisting the sts. PM for beg of Rd. Beg of Rd is located on one side of the sock for now.

Magic Loop: N 1: 32 (34) sts.
N 2: 32 (34) sts. End of Rd

DPNs: N 1, N2, N3, N4 each: 16 (17) sts
(End of Rd at end of N 4)

1-Rd-rep: *ktbl, p1; rep from * in Rd. Work 15 Rds total.

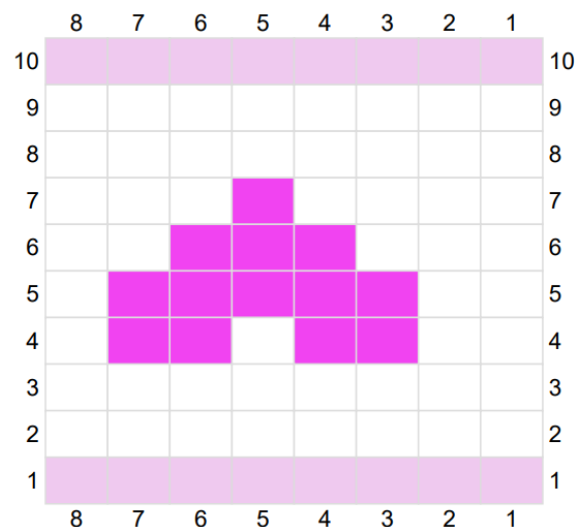
Leg

Still with main color work an increase Rd: *k7 (16), kfb; rep from * in Rd (+ 8/4 sts = 72 sts)

Change to needle size 2,5mm (US 1,5) and knit all sts for another Rd.

Hearts

Use the motive colors as given in the chart (83.0119 Rosa and 83.0184 Azalee). Rep 8-sts-chart „Hearts“ in the Rd and work Rds 1-10. Catch the floats every 3-4 sts. Not needed yarns can be carried up on the inside of the sock, if they are needed later in the progress.

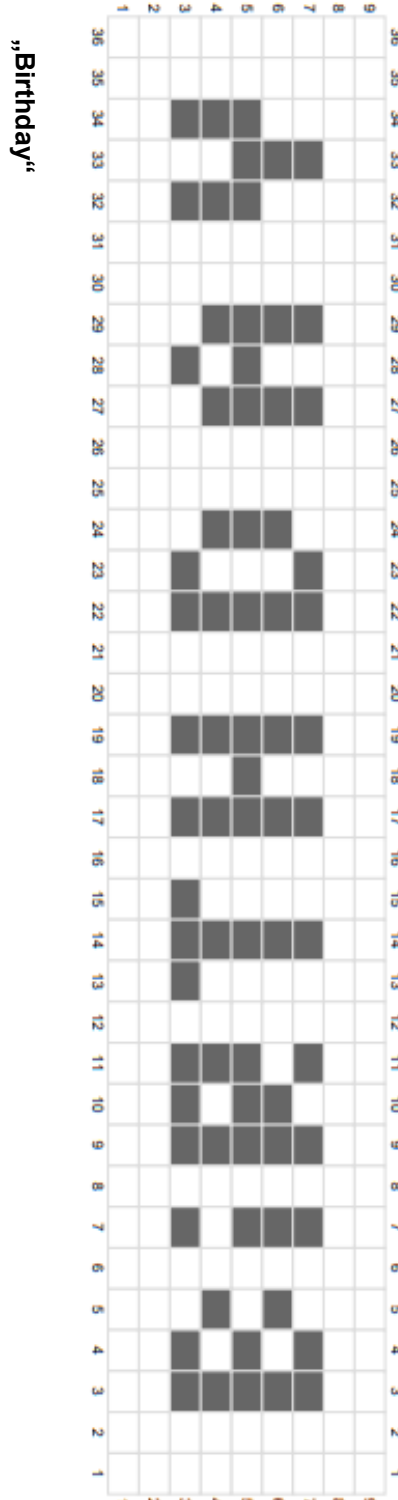
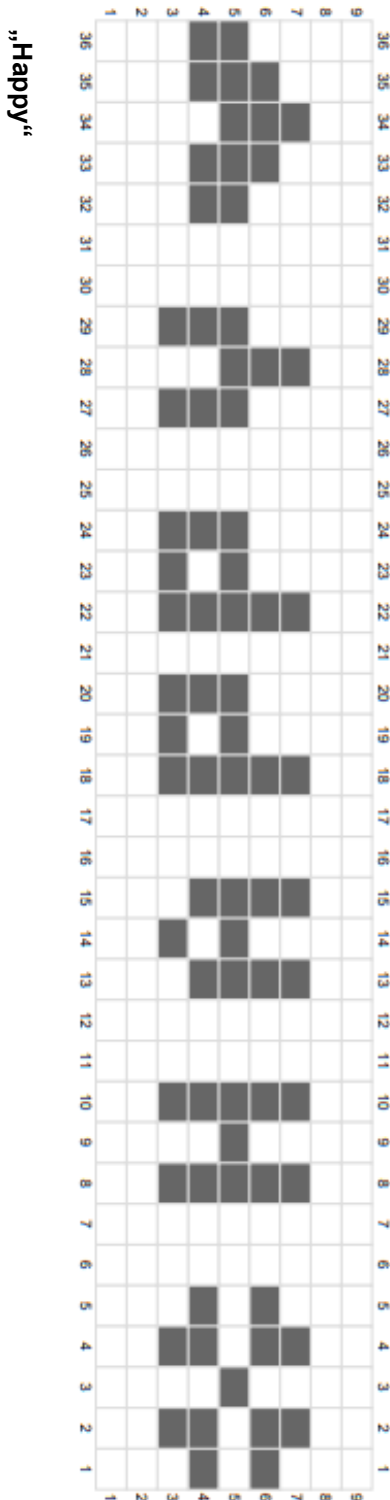


Happy Birthday

With motive color (83.0003 Dark Grey Melange) work chart „Happy Birthday“ in the round. I recommend to work one socks as follows: Work from chart „Happy“ across sts 1-36, then work sts 1-36 of chart „Birthday“ across remaining sts. Work Rds 1-9 once.

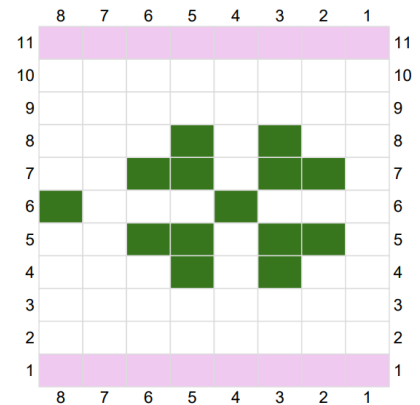
On the second sock work sts 1-36 starting with chart „Birthday“, then work sts 1-36 of chart „Happy“ across remaining stitches. So, you will see on the front of your socks once the word “Happy”, once the work “Birthday”.

Catch the floats every 3-4 sts. Not needed yarns can be carried up on the inside of the sock, if they are needed later in the progress



Clover

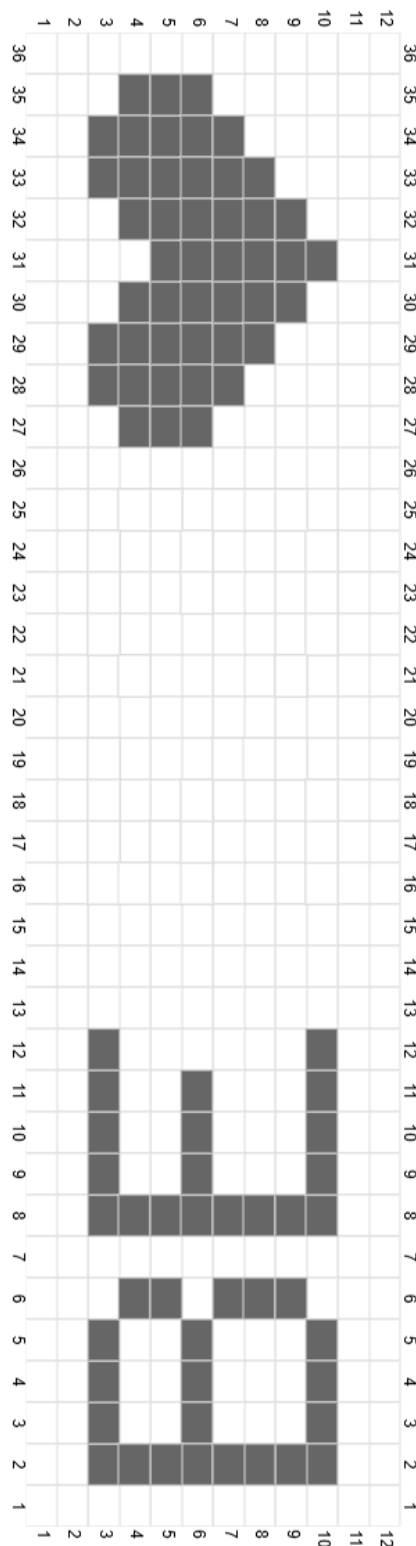
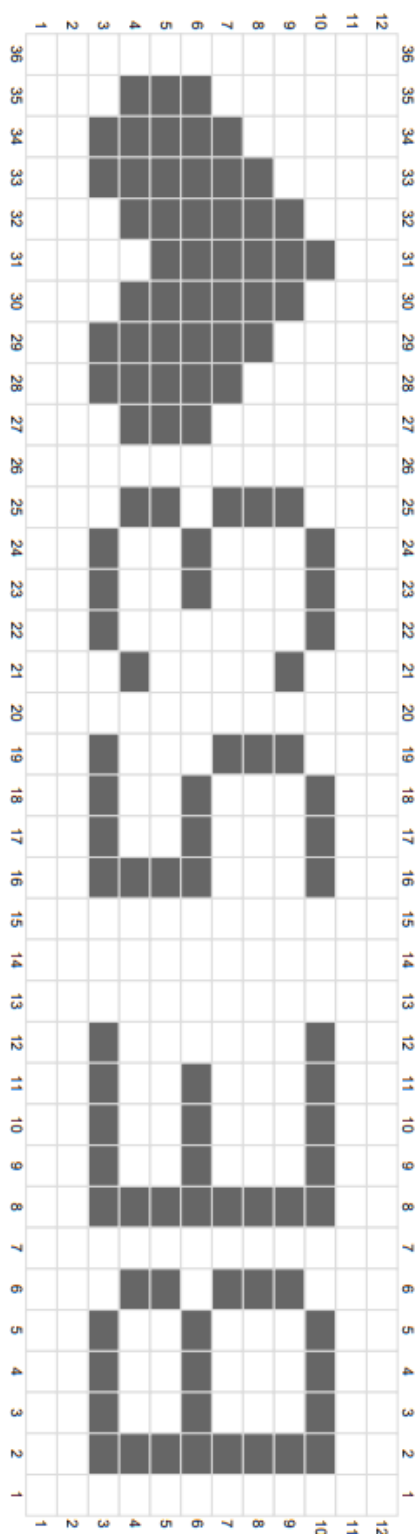
With motive colors (83.0119 Rosa und 83.0273 Jade) Rep 8-sts-chart „Clover“ in the Rd and work Rds 1-11. Catch the floats every 3-4 sts. Not needed yarns can be carried up on the inside of the sock, if they are needed later in the progress.



BE 53

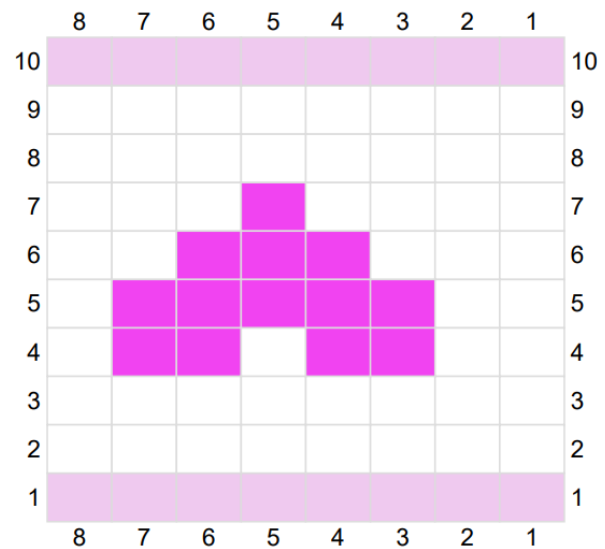
With motive color (83.0003 Dark Grey Melange) work chart „BE 53“ in the round. Work 36-sts chart starting from Rd 1 two times in the round. Work Rds 1-9. Catch the floats every 3-4 sts. Not needed yarns can be carried up on the inside of the sock, if they are needed later in the progress.

You need to use other numbers? Just fill in your numbers at sts 15-25 of chart. All numbers from 0-9 (and the 100) can be found on page 9. Just color them into the blank space of the chart and you can congratulate to any birthday from 1 up to 100.



Hearts

Use the motive colors as given in the chart (83.0119 Rosa and 83.0184 Azalee). Rep 8-sts-chart „Hearts“ in the Rd and work Rds 1-10. Catch the floats every 3-4 sts. Not needed yarns can be carried up on the inside of the sock, if they are needed later in the progress.



End at end of Rd. With main color (83.0226 Beige) work a decrease Rd as follows: *K7 (16), k2tog.; rep from * in Rd (- 8/-4 sts = 64/68 sts)

Work in Stockinette stitch for another 4 Rds.

Heel flap

The heel flap is worked in color 83.0003 Dark Grey Melange in Stockinette stitch in Rs.

After working the heel turn, beg of Rd will be shifted to the center of the heel turn and runs down the center of your sole for the ongoing process.

Magic Loop: The heel flap is worked across the stitches of the back (N 1).

DPNs: The heel flap is worked across the sts from N 1 and 2. Place sts from both needles onto one needle.

Both methods:

Set-up R (RS) (when working with DPNs, knit sts from N2 using N1 to place all heel flap sts onto one needle):

K16 (17) sts. Turn work. P all 32 (34) sts.

① **RS-R:** K32 (34).

② **WS-R:** P32 (34).

Work Rs ① and ② a total of 14 (15)-times.

[hight of heel flap in total: 30 (32) Rs]

Alternative: You can knit the first and the last st of every R (or the first and last 2 sts).

Maybe you find it easier to pick up sts for the heel later from a garter stitch bump.

Heel turn

The heel turn is worked using short rows.

- ① **RS-R:** K19 (21), skp, k1, turn work.
- ② **WS-R:** S1 pw yif, p7 (9), p2tog, p1, turn work.
- ③ **RS-R:** S1 pw yib, k to 1st bef gap from previous R, skp (the st from bef and after the gap), k1, turn work.
- ④ **WS-R:** S1 pw yif, p to 1st bef gap from previous R, p2tog (the st from bef and after the gap), p1, turn work.

Work Rs ③ and ④ until all sts are worked. Stitch count: 20 (22) sts.

Gusset

Pick up sts from the heel flap selvedge to join to work in Rds again. The beg of Rd remains middle of heel turn, in the center under the foot.

You can work the stripes on the foot just as your heart desires. For my first sock I worked 5-Rd-stripes, for the second sock I worked 2-Rd-stripes in same color order. I worked the toes in different colors.

Work stripes across complete foot.

Magic Loop Set-up-Rd:

K10 (11), PM for new beg of Rd, k10 (11), from selvedge of heel flap pick up and knit 16 (17) sts. K32 (34) instep sts. When reaching the right heel flap selvedge, pick up and knit 16 (17) sts, k to end of Rd.

Divide the sts on the needles as follows.

N 1 (Sole): 52 (56) sts.
N 2 (Instep): 32 (34) sts.
Total: 84 (90) sts.

Alternative: Divide the sts on the needles, that the picked up sts from the left heel flap selvedge and the instep sts are located on one N (I suggest dividing them by stitch marker), and the picked up sts from the right heel flap selvedge plus the sole sts are located on next N (I suggest dividing them by stitch marker). Make sure to leave the beg of Rd marker in the center of your sole sts.

DPNs Set-up-Rd:

N 4: K10 (11), end of Rd.
N 1: K10 (11), with same N pick up and knit from left heel flap selvedge 16 (17) sts.
N 2 and N 3: K32 (34) instep sts.
N 4: With 5. N pick up and knit from right heel flap selvedge 16 (17) sts, k10 (11), end of Rd.

Stitches are divided on the needles as follows:

N 1: 26 (28) sts.
N 2: 16 (17) sts.
N 3: 16 (17) sts.
N 4: 26 (28) sts.
Total: 84 (90) sts.

Work the gusset

- ① **Rd:** K all sts.
- ② **Dec-Rd Magic Loop:** K to 3 sts bef instep, k2tog, k1, k all instep sts, on sole: k1, skp, k sole sts to end of Rd.

② **Dec-Rd DPNs:** N 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1, k instep sts on N 2 and 3, N 4: k1, skp, k to end of N4, end of Rd.

Work Rs ① and ② according to your method (Magic Loop or DPNs) a total of 10 (11)-times.
 [Stitch count total: 64 (68) sts]

Foot

Work foot in your stripe order until it meas 18,5 (20, 21, 22) 23, 24 cm [7,25" (7,75", 8,25", 8,5") 9", 9,5"].

Toe - Magic Loop

Knit in your desired color. Divide sts evenly on N1 and N2.

Attention! End of Rd is located center of N1.

Dec-Rd Magic Loop: K to last 3 sts on N 1 (sole), k2tog, k1, end of N 1; now up to N2: k1, skp, k to last 3 sts on N2 (instep), k2tog, k1, now up to N1 again: k1, skp, k to end of Rd (middle of N1), End of Rd.

Next Rd: K all sts.

Work last two Rds a total of 8 (9) -times.
[Stitch count total: 32 (34) sts]

Now work **Dec-Rd Magic Loop** in every Rd for another 6 (7) -times. Cut working yarn, feed it through remaining 8 sts, pull tight and secure. If you like it better, you can of course close the 8 sts by grafting them together.

Work second sock following same instructions.

**Tos – DPNs**

Knit in your desired color.

Dec-Rd DPNs: K to last 3 sts of N 1, k2tog, k1; N 2+3: k1, skp, k to last 3 sts on N 3, k2tog, k1; N4: k1, skp, k to end of Rd.

Next Rd: K all sts.

Work last two Rds a total of 8 (9) -times.
[Stitch count total: 32 (34) sts]

Now work **Dec-Rd DPNs** in every Rd for another 6 (7) -times. Cut working yarn, feed it through remaining 8 sts, pull tight and secure. If you like it better, you can of course close the 8 sts by grafting them together.

Work second sock following same instructions.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Soak in luke warm water, press gently and roll into towels, to remove water. Dry on sock blockers or pinned to an appropriate surface until dried completely.

Numbers from 0-9/100, to put together your Birthday.





ABBREVIATIONS

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

bef	before	PM	place marker
beg	begin	R(s)	row(s)
CO	cast on	Rd(s)	round(s)
Dec	decrease	rep	repeat
DPNs	double pointed needles	RS	right side
meas	measures	st(s)	stitch(es)
N	needle	WS	wrong side

KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

k	knit a st
kfb	knit front and back of a st (+1 st)
k2tog	knit 2 sts together (-1 st)
ktbl	knit through the back loop
p	purl a st
p2tog	purl 2 sts together (-1 st)
skp	slip st kw, k1, pass slipped st over knitted st (-1 st)
s1 pw wyib	slip 1 st purlwise, holding the working yarn behind work
s1 pw wyif	slip 1 st purlwise, holding the working yarn in front of work



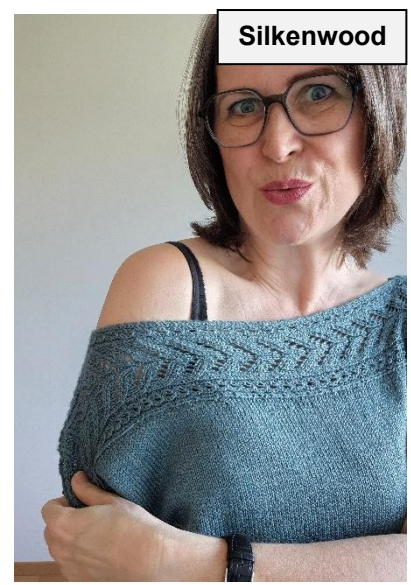
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