



THE FREE FRIDAY PATTERN

YARN: Bice by Borgo de' Pazzi Firenze

"Bat" Socks

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These funny socks are worked from the toeup with a short row heel and a little gusset to increase ease. Heel and toe are realized in a contrasting color which is also used for the stranded colorwork and for the ribbed hem.

SIZES:

35/36 (37/38, 39/40, 41/42) European size, foot length 21.5 (22.5, 24, 25) cm, foot circumference 18 (19, 20.5, 22) cm.

MATERIALS:

- 200g of **Bice** by Borgo de' Pazzi (100g = 420m): 100g of color 305 (color A) and 100g of color 308 (color B)
- 2.25 mm and 2.5 mm needles (you can use a long circular needle and magic loop, two circular needles or a set of double pointed needles)
- 2 stitch markers, a darning needle to weave in ends.

GAUGE:

10 cm = 30 stitches and 40 rounds worked in stockinette stitch, in round, with one color and with 2.25mm needles. The same gauge is obtained working from chart with two colors and 2.5mm needles.

STITCHES & ABBREVIATIONS:

k = knit.

p = purl.

M = stitch marker.

RS = right side.

WS = wrong side.

ktb = knit trough back loop.

M1R = make 1 increase right (with left needle lift up the horizontal strand between the last stitch and the next stitch from back to front and knit it through the front loop).

M1L = make 1 increase left (with left needle lift up the horizontal strand between the last stitch and the next stitch from front to back and knit it through the back loop).

kf&b = knit into the front of the stitch, leaving the stitch on left needle; then knit into the back of the same stitch dropping it from needle.

double stitch = slip first stitch purlwise with yarn in front, pull yarn over needle and to the back as if you were making a yarn over. If next stitch is a purl one, bring yarn back to the front passing under the needle.

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together.

SkP = slip 1 stitch as if to knit, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over the knitted one.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Toe

For all sizes: with 2.25mm needles and yarn B cast on 8 stitches using "[Judy's Magic Cast On](#)". Alternatively you can use a circular cast on or your preferred cast on method and use the yarn tail to close the initial hole.

Round 1: k8.

Round 2: (kf&b) 8 times. [16 stitches]

Round 3: k.

Round 4: (k1, kf&b) 8 times. [24 stitches]

Rounds 5 e 6: k.

Round 7: (k2, kf&b) 8 times. [32 stitches]

Rounds 8, 9: k.

Round 10: (k3, kf&b) 8 times. [40 stitches]

Rounds 11, 12, 13: k.

Round 14: (k4, kf&b) 8 times. [48 stitches]

Rounds 15, 16, 17: k.

Only for size 35/36:

Round 18: (k11, kf&b) 4 times. [52 stitches]

Rounds 19, 20: k.

Cut yarn B and go to Foot paragraph.

Only for size 37/38:

Round 18: (k5, kf&b) 8 times. [56 stitches]

Rounds 19, 20: k.

Cut yarn B and go to Foot paragraph.

Only for size 39/40:

Round 18: (k5, kf&b) 8 times. [56 stitches]

Rounds 19, 20, 21: k.

Round 22: (k13, kf&b) 4 times. [60 stitches]

Rounds 23, 24: k.

Cut yarn B and go to Foot paragraph.

Only for size 41/42:

Round 18: (k5, kf&b) 8 times. [56 stitches]

Rounds 19, 20, 21: k.

Round 22: (k6, kf&b) 8 times. [64 stitches]

Rounds 23, 24: k.

Cut yarn B and go to Foot paragraph.



2. Foot

With yarn **col. A** k all the 52 (56, 60, 64) stitches for 37 (41, 38, 42) rounds or until work measures 13.5 (14.5, 15, 16) cm.

Start gusset increases. The first 26 (28, 30, 32) stitches correspond to front of leg/instep, the last 26 (28, 30, 32) stitches correspond to back leg/heel. Place gusset increases on heel needle if you are working with magic loop (or two circular needles) or on heel needles if you are working with double pointed needles.

The number of stitches of instep/front leg is not modified in this section.

Round 1: k26 (28, 30, 32), M1L, place M, K26 (28, 30, 32), place M, M1R.

Rounds 2 and 3: k.

Round 4: k to first M, M1L, slip M, k to second M, slip M, M1R, k to end of round.

Rounds 5 and 6: k.

Repeat rounds 4, 5 and 6 two (two, three, three) more times. At the end you must have 60 (64, 70, 74) total stitches: 26 (28, 30, 32) front stitches and 34 (36, 40, 42) back stitches.

3. Heel

With **yarn col A** k to last 4 (4, 5, 5) stitches, where the second M is placed, leave yarn A and slip again to left needle the 26 (28, 30, 32) stitches just worked (the stitches between the two M). From this position start working with **yarn col. B**. This step is important to obtain a tail of yarn B at both ends of heel. You can use these tails to close holes at heel sides.

Row 1.A: k26 (28, 30, 32), turn.

Row 2.A: make a double stitch, p25 (27, 29, 31), turn.

Row 3.A: make a double stitch, k to one stitch before the double stitch made in previous row, turn.

Row 4.A: make a double stitch, p to one stitch before the double stitch made in previous row, turn.

Repeat rows 3.A and 4.A seven (seven, eight, eight) more times.

Row 1.B: make a double stitch, k to M, slip M, k1, turn. When you come to a double stitch, knit the two strands together as it were a single stitch.

Row 2.B: make a double stitch, slip first M, p to second M, slip M, p1, turn. When you come to a double stitch, purl the two strands together as it were a single stitch.

Row 3.B: make a double stitch, slip M, k18 (20, 21, 23), turn.

Row 4.B: make a double stitch, p9 (11, 11, 13), turn.

Row 5.B: make a double stitch, k to the double stitch made in previous row, k the two strands of the double stitch together, k1, turn.

Row 6.B: make a double stitch, p to the double stitch made in previous row, p the two strands of the double stitch together, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 5.B and 6.B seven (seven, eight, eight) more times.

Last row (RS): make a double stitch, k to the double stitch made in previous row, k the two strands of the double stitch together, cut yarn B. You are in the position marked by the second M, where yarn A is hanging.



4. LEG

Take **yarn col. A** and work in rounds on all stitches. Round starts with instep stitches.

Round 1: k to end of round. When you come to a double stitch, knit the two strands together as it were a single stitch.

Round 2: k. At the end of this round move the position of the two M of 1 stitch toward center back. Now there are 24 (26, 28, 30) stitches between first and second M.

Round 3: k to 2 stitches before first M, k2tog, slip M, k to second M, slip M, SkP, k to end of round.

Rounds 4 and 5: k.

Repeat rounds 3, 4 and 5 two (two, three, three) more times, then repeat round 3 once more. Remove both M. Now there are 52 (56, 60, 64) stitches: the first half corresponds to front leg, while the second half corresponds to back leg. Knit 24 rounds with yarn A. In the last round make 8 increases (M1L) evenly distributed. You have 60 (64, 68, 72) total stitches.

Change to 2.5mm needles and work from chart. Each sock (right or left) has its chart and each chart must be worked twice every round (once for front leg and once for back leg). Pay attention to the exact section of both charts corresponding to your size (see legend).

At the end of round 23 of chart cut yarn A and continue with yarn B and 2.25mm needles.

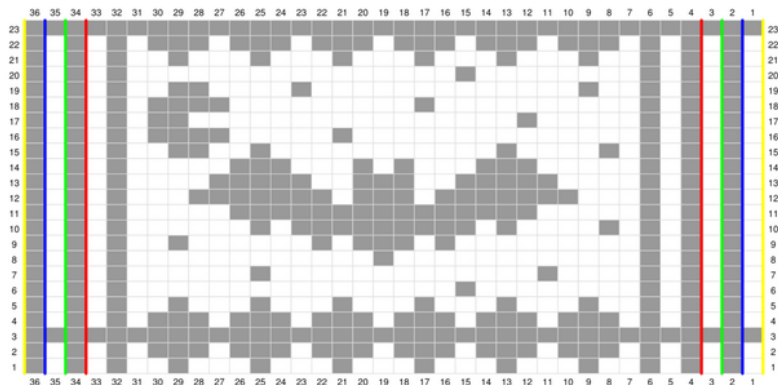
Knit one round decreasing 8 stitches (to make a decrease knit two stitches together) evenly distributed. Now there are 52 (56, 60, 64) total stitches.

Knit one more round, then work 15 rounds in twisted rib: (k1tbl, p1) repeat to end of round.

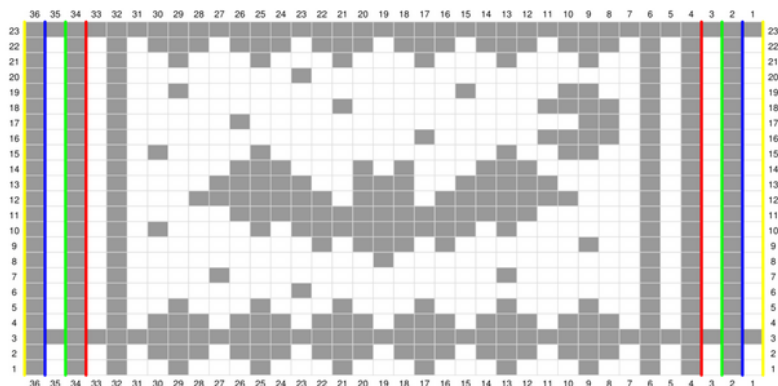
Bind off with "[lenny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off](#)" or use the traditional bind off, working stitches loosely and following ribbing.



Right leg chart



Left leg chart



- Colour A
- Colour B
- size 35/36
- size 37/38
- size 39/40
- size 41/42

Work the section of each chart included between the two lines of the same colour corresponding to your size. Charts must be read from the bottom and from right to left. Each square represents a k stitch. Work in stranded knitting with the exception of rows 3 and 23, where I suggest to leave colour A. When the distance between two sections of the same colour is more than 3 stitches weave yarns on wrong side.

