



## ¡Los Monos Locos! – The Crazy Monkeys! (v0.1 BETA, May 2007)

A toe-up, sock pattern adapted from Cookie A.'s Monkey Socks (Knitty.com, Winter 2006) by Jennifer O'Sullivan (<http://akaijen.typepad.com>).

### What's Different About Los Monos Locos Socks?

- Knit socks toe-up
- Changes to lace pattern: no purl stitches
- Traditional heel flap using "no pick-up gusset" method
- Eye of Partridge stitch on the heel

### Back Story & Credits

My interest in knitting Monkey socks was peaked when I saw fiberjinx's (<http://fiberjinx.wordpress.com/>) pattern modifications. With just a few simple changes, Cookie A.'s pattern takes on a life of its own. One major difference is working the heel toe-up. I incorporated the fabulous "no pick-up gusset" method found at Lara B's Toes and Heels Web site (<http://mysite.verizon.net/vze8mnnp/toesheels.html>).

I didn't design this pattern; I just pieced it together. I think of this as more of a blueprint on how to reverse great top-down sock patterns. You can plug in just about any stitch pattern using this blueprint. I offer this to you because I spent countless hours researching the different ways to knit these socks. Because the online knitting community has been invaluable to my knitting, I share these fruits of my labor as a way of giving back.

You may redistribute this pattern if you like, but please include this information so that credit is given where credit is due. ¡Viva monos locos!

### Pattern Version

This pattern is in BETA, meaning that it's still being tested and may contain errors. I relish feedback, especially if you find bugs. To report bugs or send pleas for help, leave a comment on my Web site at: <http://akaijen.typepad.com>.

### Finished Size

Women's size medium

### Materials

- 1 skein Lucy Neatby Celestial Merino, Fiesta colorway (100 g)
- 1 2.5mm circular needle or size for gauge, 100-120cm chord (the longer the chord, the better when you work the gusset)
- 5 Split-ring stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

### Gauge

36 sts/44 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

### Skills Required

- Knitting socks toe-up, 2 socks on 2 circs or magic loop
- Casting off at the cuff

### Stitch Notes

**m1** = make 1 stitch: pick up horizontal bar between sts with left needle, knit through the back loop

**yo2** = yarn over twice

**tbl** = through back loop

**pm** = place marker

**sl** = slip stitch purl-wise, except ssk

**ssk** = slip two stitches knit-wise, then knit together

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## Stitch Patterns

### Lace Pattern

*Round 1:* Knit all sts.

*Round 2:* [K3, k2tog, k3, yo2, k3, ssk, k3] to end.

*Round 3:* [K8, k1 tbl, k7] to end.

*Round 4:* [K2, k2tog, k3, yo, k2, yo, k3, ssk, k2] to end.

*Round 5:* Knit all sts.

*Round 6:* [K1, k2tog, k3, yo, k4, yo, k3, ssk, k1] to end.

*Round 7:* Knit all sts.

*Round 8:* [K2tog, k3, yo, k6, yo, k3, ssk] to end.

### Eye of Partridge Pattern (in the round)

*Round 1:* [K1, sl 1] repeat to end of pattern section.

*Round 2:* Knit all sts in pattern section.

*Round 3:* [Sl 1, k1] repeat to end of pattern section.

*Round 4:* Knit all sts in pattern section.

Repeat Rounds 1-4 as needed.

*When knitting Eye of Partridge pattern back and forth across rows, purl Rounds 2 and 4.*

### Twisted Rib Pattern

*All Rounds:* [K1 tbl, p1] to end of each round.

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## Toe

Using figure 8 cast on, CO 16 sts (8 sts on each needle).

Add a stitch marker to the right edge of the first sock to keep track of each round of knitting. You know you've finished a round when the stitch marker is on the right again.

### Round 1

*Needle 1:* K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1.

*Needle 2:* K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1.

### Round 2

Knit all sts.

**Repeat rounds 1 & 2** until you have 64 total sts (32 sts per needle).

### Round 3 (optional)

Knit all sts.

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## Foot

### All Rounds

*Needle 1 (sole):* Knit all sts.

*Needle 2 (top):* Begin lace pattern.

Continue in stockinette on needle 1 and lace pattern on needle 2 until your sock reaches the point where your foot and heel connect.

## Begin Heel & “No Pick-Up Gusset”

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With the “no pick-up gusset” method, the heel flap appears on the bottom of the foot, instead of the back of the heel (don’t worry, we’ll reinforce the heel). The gusset increases are created along side the heel flap. When it comes time to turn the heel, the gusset sts are worked into the decreases, hence no need to “pick up” sts to connect the flap to the gusset. When you’re finished with the heel, you just return to knitting in the round as before. When knitting two socks at once, work both socks while you create the gussets.

The Eye of Partridge st pattern is worked across 30 sts. Each m1 creates the gussets along the sides of the sock.

*(Slip markers whenever you encounter them.)*

### Round 1

*Needle 1 (sole):* K1, m1, pm, knit to last st, pm, m1, k1.

(The Eye of Partridge pattern will be worked between the markers.)

*Needle 2 (top):* Continue with lace pattern.

### Round 2

*Needle 1:* Knit to first marker, [k1 sl 1] to second marker, knit remaining sts.

*Needle 2:* Continue with lace pattern.

### Round 3

*Needle 1:* K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1.

*Needle 2:* Continue with lace pattern.

### Round 4

*Needle 1:* Knit to first marker, [sl 1, k1] to second marker, knit remaining sts.

*Needle 2:* Continue with lace pattern.

**Repeat Rounds 1 – 4** (except placing stitch markers) until you have **60** sts on needle 1, ending after Round 3. Mark your place in the lace pattern because you’ll pick it back up later.

## Heel Turn

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The heel is turned on needle 1 only, so you will now work one sock at a time.

If you follow the pattern as written, you will continue to work the Eye of Partridge stitch through the heel turn. If you want a plain stockinette heel, knit the sts between the brackets.

The Eye of Partridge stitch continues up the back of the heel. You can “grow” the heel stitch (follow pattern as written), or knit a narrower heel by working the stitch pattern between the stitch markers only.

*Row 1:* Sl 1, k14, [sl 1, k1] 8 times, ssk, k1, turn.

*Row 2:* Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

*Row 3:* Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 3 times, ssk, k1, turn.

*Row 4:* Sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn.

*Row 5:* Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 4 times, ssk, k1, turn.

*Row 6:* Sl 1, p9, p2tog, p1, turn.

*Row 7:* Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 5 times, ssk, k1, turn.

*Row 8:* Sl 1, p11, p2tog, p1, turn.

*Row 9:* Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 6 times, ssk, k1, turn.

*Row 10:* Sl 1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn.

*Row 11:* Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 7 times, ssk, k1, turn.

*Row 12:* Sl 1, p15, p2tog, p1, turn.

*Row 13:* Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 8 times, ssk, k1, turn.

*Row 14:* Sl 1, p17, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 15: Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 9 times, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 16: Sl 1, p19, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 17: Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 10 times, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 18: Sl 1, p21, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 19: Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 11 times, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 20: Sl 1, p23, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 21: Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 12 times, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 22: Sl 1, p25, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 23: Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 13 times, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 24: Sl 1, p27, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 25: Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 14 times, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 26: Sl 1, p29, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 27: Sl 1, [sl 1, k1] 15 times, ssk, k1.

You should now have 33 stitches on needle 1. Repeat heel turn on second sock.

When you have finished the heel turn on both socks, continuing the lace pattern where you left off on needle 2.

## Finish Heel & Prepare for Leg

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*Needle 1:* K1, k2tog, knit all remaining sts. You now have 32 sts on needle 1.

*Needle 2:* Continue lace pattern.

Now you have options.

If you want a little extra cushion on your heel and/or you are in the middle of a pattern repeat on needle 2, continue with the Eye of Partridge st on needle 1 and the lace pattern on needle 2 until you can start a whole new round of the lace pattern on both needles.

OR

Start the lace pattern needle 1, starting the pattern in the same spot as where you left off on needle 2.

## Leg

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Work 6 rounds of the lace pattern, ending with Row 8, working 48 rows.

Row 49: Knit all sts in next round to prepare for the cuff.

## Cuff

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Work cuff in Twisted Rib pattern until it measures 1 inch, or desired length. Bind off using your preferred method.

**Congratulations, you're done!**