

## WHIMSICAL KNITTING DESIGNS



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### Stats

**Finished size:** Women's Size 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 9

**Yarn:** 1 - 50 gr. + approx. 10 - 15% of another skein of KnitPicks Dancing (253 yds); this yarn is discontinued, any variegated/multi-color sock yarn of choice will be fine: This will be the MC (Main Color); CC 1 (Contrast Color 1): Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  skein KnitPicks Essential Petunia (color discontinued - 231 yds - 50 gr. skein); CC2 (Contrast Color 2) approx. 70-100 yds of green Opal sock yarn; Sock yarns of choice may be substituted - leftover sock yarn is a great for the contrast colors.

**Needles:** Size 2 (2.75mm) set of 5 dpns (or sockknitting method of choice). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain gauge.

**Gauge:** 8 sts per inch; 12 rows per inch on size 2 (2.75 mm needles)

**Notions:** darning needle, stitch holder

### Stitch Patterns for Leg:

#### **Sarah's Zig A Zag Pattern:**

Note: All slip-sts are slipped (purlwise) wyif (with yarn in front)

**Round 1: (WS) and all ws/odd # rows:** knit.

**Round 2:** \*sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from \*

**Round 4:** k1, \*sl 3 wyif, k3 rep from \* to last 5 sts: sl 3 wyif, k2

**Round 6:** k2, \*sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from\* to last 4 sts: sl 3 wyif, k1.

**Round 8:** \*k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from\*.

**Round 10:** sl 1 wyif, \*k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from \* to last 5 sts: k3, sl 2 wyif

**Round 12:** sl 2 wyif, \*k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from \* to last 4 sts: k3, sl 1 wyif.

**Round 14:** \*sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from \*

**Round 16:** k2, sl 3 wyif, \* k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from \* to last st, k1

**Round 18:** k1, sl 3 wyif, \*k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2

**Round 20:** \*sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from \*

**Round 22:** sl 2 wyif, k3, \* sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from \* to last st, sl 1 wyif

**Round 24:** sl 1 wyif, k3, \*sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from 8 to last 2 sts, sl 2 wyif

See below for the last round of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Z-a-Z stitch pattern repeat for important instructions.

**\*\*Design Note\*\*** *Stitch pattern is from "A Treasury of Knitting Patterns" by Barbara Walker. Used by permission from Schoolhouse Press.*

**Ring A Ding Pattern:**

Round 1: knit

Rounds 2-5: purl

Round 6: knit

**Cuff:**

With MC yarn (multi-color yarn) loosely cast 66 sts onto 4 dpns, which are to be distributed as follows: *Needle 1: 16 sts (heel/sole sts); Needle 2: 17 sts (instep sts); Needle 3: 16 sts (instep sts); Needle 4: 17 sts (heel/sole sts)*

Rounds 1-6: knit (with MC)

Change to CC-1 yarn (contrast color 1 or pink) for:

**1 Ring A Ding Pattern**

Change to CC-2 yarn (contrast color 2 or green) for:

**Ribbing:**

Round 1: knit

Rounds 2-13: \*p1, k2; repeat from \*

Round 14: knit

**Leg:**

Change to CC-1 yarn (pink) for:

**1 Ring A Ding Pattern**

Change to MC yarn (multi-color) for

**Sarah's Zig A Zag Pattern** - repeat pattern 3 times (or more if you prefer a longer sock leg). Then,

**\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*** on the 3<sup>d</sup> (last) repeat of the Zig A Zag stitch pattern the next round is:

**Last Round after Zig A Zag Repeats:** k17, k2tog, k31, k2tog, k14;

this will decrease to 64 sts so that there will be 32 sts on the heel and instep needles for ease in transition to heel and toe shaping. (16 sts on each needle).

Change to CC-2 yarn (green) for:

**1 Ring a Ding Pattern**



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Change to CC-1 (pink) for:

### Heel Flap:

Place 32 sts on a stitch holder or leave the sts on 2 dpns. Work remaining 32 sts as follows, knitting back and forth on 1 needle.

**Row 1 (WS):** sl 1 (purlwise), purl remaining sts.

**Row 2:** sl 1 (purlwise), knit remaining sts

Repeat these 2 rows for 2.25 inches, ending with a RS row.

### Shape Heel:

**Row 1(WS):** p17, p2tog, p1, turn

**Row 2 (RS):** sl 1 (purlwise), k5, ssk, k1, turn

**Row 3:** sl 1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn

**Row 4:** sl 1, k7, ssk, k1, turn

**Row 5:** sl1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn

*Continue in this fashion, increasing by 1 the number of sts worked before the decrease in each row, until you have 18 sts, finishing with a right side row, ready to pick up gusset sts.*

Change to MC yarn (multi) for:

### Instep:

With RS facing and needle 1, pick up 16 sts along first side of heel flap;

then pick up another 2 sts @ the end of the gusset (this is to prevent a hole).

With needles 2 & 3 knit across instep. With needle 4 pick up 2 extra sts @ the beginning of the gusset, next pick up 16 sts along gusset, knit across 9 sts along the heel flap (this is needle #4).

Sts on needles are as follows:

**Needle #1:** 27 sts

**Needle #2:** 16 sts \* knit instep for Stockinette stitch foot

**Needle #3:** 16 sts \* knit instep for Stockinette stitch foot

**Needle #4:** 27 sts

Before beginning gusset decreasing knit one round, k tbl of the 18 picked up sts on needles #1 and #4, this will tighten these sts.



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### Gusset Decreases:

**Round 1:** *Needle 1:* knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

*Needles 2 & 3:* knit

*Needle 4:* k1, ssk, knit remaining sts

**Round 2:** knit all sts

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 16 sts on needles 1 & 4. You now have a total of 64 sts again.

### Foot of sock:

Continue to knit in rounds until sock measures 8 inches or 2 inches shorter than desired length of sock.

Change to CC-1 (pink) for:

### Toe

**Rounds 1-3:** knit (including color change round)

**Toe shaping:**

**Round 1:** \*k6, k2tog, k8; repeat from \* - 60 sts

**Rounds 2-3:** knit

**Round 4:** \*k6, k2tog, k7; repeat from \* - 56 sts

**Rounds 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17:** knit

**Round 6:** \*k6, k2tog, k6; repeat from \* - 52 sts

**Round 8:** \*k6, k2tog, k5; repeat from \* - 48 sts

**Round 10:** \*k6, k2tog, k4; repeat from \* - 44 sts

**Round 12:** \*k6, k2tog, k3; repeat from \* - 40 sts

**Round 14:** \*k6, k2tog, k2; repeat from \* - 36 sts

**Round 16:** \*k6, k2tog, k1; repeat from \* - 32 sts

**Round 18:** \*k6, k2tog; repeat from \* - 28 sts

**Round 19:** \*k5, k2tog; repeat from \* - 24 sts

**Round 20:** \*k4, k2tog; repeat from \* - 20sts

**Round 21:** \*k3, k2tog; repeat from \* - 16 sts

**Round 22:** \*k2, k2tog; repeat from \* - 12 sts

**Round 23:** \*k1, k2tog; repeat from \* - 8 sts

**Round 24:** \*k2tog; repeat from \* - 4 sts

Cut yarn, thread tail through all the stitches and pull to close and weave in ends.

*\*Helpful Hint\** I found that weaving the ends of the different color yarns in as I knit was far easier than waiting until the end to weave them all in!