

Jack Sparrow's Favorite Socks



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Okay, so maybe I'm taking some liberties with assuming they would be his *favorite* socks. Kind of tempting to make some and mail them to Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom, though, just to see how grateful they would be for fabulous handknit socks...

Where was I? Oh yeah, the **Pirate Socks**:

Materials:

MC - Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock in Black Purl - 2 skeins

CC1 - Knit Picks Essential in Black - less than 1 skein

CC2 - Patons Kroy Sock in Muslin - less than 1 skein

Size US2 needles (or size needed for gauge)- I use the 2-circ method,

but if you prefer DPNs or Magic Loop, go for it!

Size C crochet hook

Waste yarn for provisional cast-on

Gauge: 28sts=4" in Stockinette stitch

Short-row Toe:

Using crochet hook and waste yarn, cast 32 stitches onto needle. Change to CC1 and knit across all stitches. Then, following the great Short-Row Toe instructions [here](#), work short rows until you have 8 live stitches in the middle, and 12 wrapped stitches on either side. At this point, go on to the "Now work the second half of the toe" section of the instructions until your toe is complete.

Foot:

Once you have the toe complete and have placed your provisional cast-on back on your needles, work one round with CC1, and then switch to the MC. Work in the MC in stockinette until the sock is about 2" shorter than the intended wearer's foot.

Heel:

Change to CC1 again, and work the short-row heel exactly the same way you worked the toe, leaving the instep stitches on a holder or another needle.

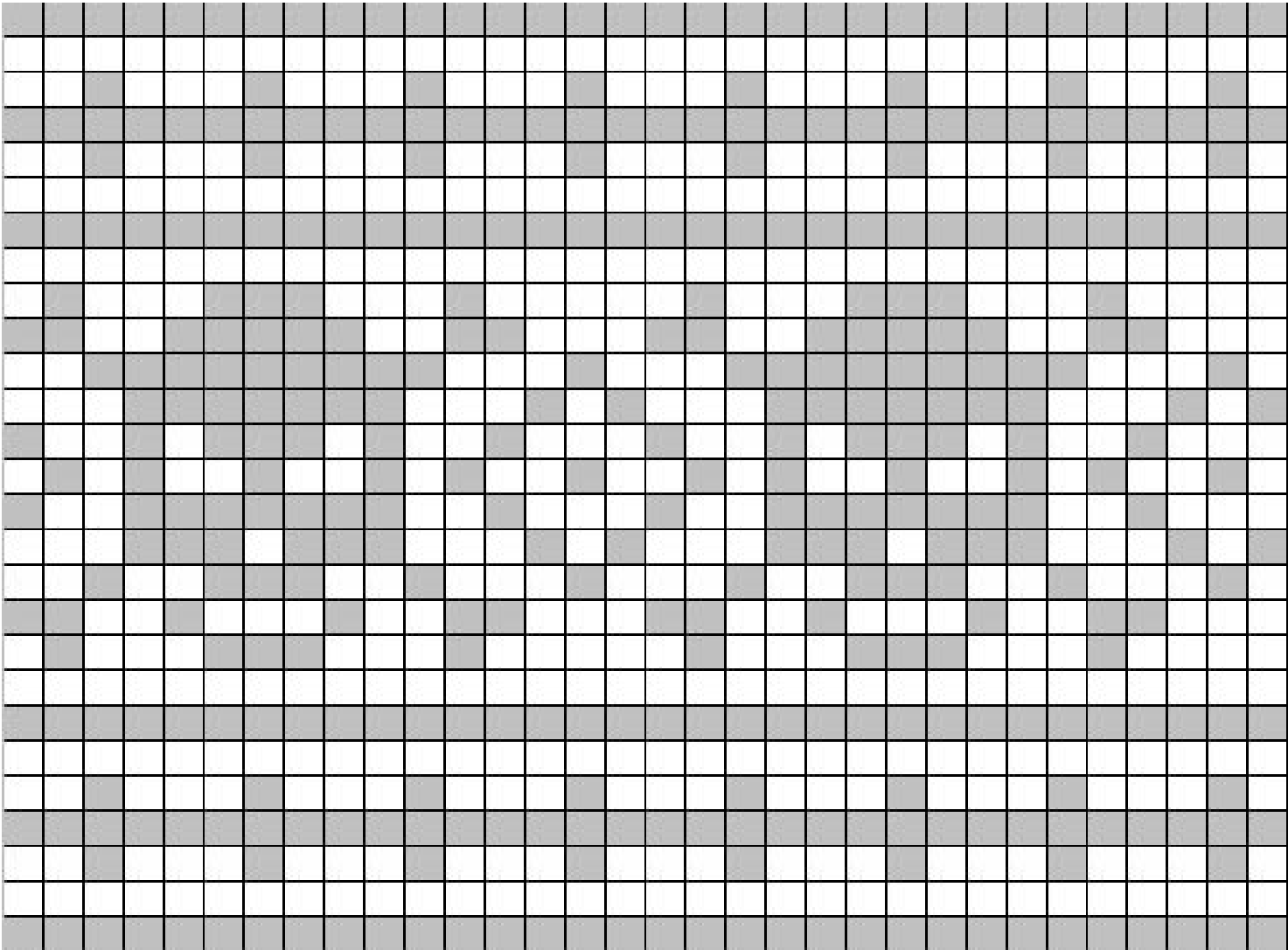
Cuff:

Once the heel is complete, change back to the MC and work 5 rounds in stockinette. Join CC2 and work the pirate motif chart. Be sure to keep the floats nice and loose so that the cuff will stretch over a heel. The entire chart will repeat twice around the top of the sock. Once the chart is complete, work another 5 rounds in stockinette in the MC. Change to CC1 and work 5 rounds of K2P2 rib. Bind off loosely. (I like EZ's sewn bind off, personally. Loose, but not sloppy.)



Repeat for second sock, unless you are like me and do both at once. Now, go sail the high seas and plunder a village or two!

Pirate motif chart: (Adapted from the ["We Call Them Pirates" hat pattern](#) at helloyarn.com)



MC (Black Fur)
 CC (Muslin)