

# loumms year of socks

## court line

**size:** to fit men's size 8–9 UK/10–11 US

**finished**

**measurements:** foot circumference (flat): 7 7/8 inches

leg circumference (flat): 8 inches

**materials:**

**yarn:** Pagewood Farms St Elias (80% Bluefaced Leicester wool, 20% Nylon; 450 yds/142 g)

**needles:** 2.5 mm DPNs, set of 5; 2.25 mm DPNs, set of 5

**notions:** cable needle; tapestry needle

**gauge:** 16 sts/2 inches over twisted cable rib

**note:** My dad has short, wide feet; if you're knitting for a larger size, add another column of the textured rib or equal extra stitches on either side of the central panel.

*Many years ago, in those heady days when flying to exotic locales was something only for the selected few, my dad scored a job working for one of Britain's largest airlines, Court Line. It was the late Sixties, he was a mere lad of 20. Keen to take advantage of the possibilities working in an airline offered, he flew wherever and whenever he could.*

*These socks are inspired by those adventures. By the sight of the Alps sweeping past, by the silver gleam of the sun hitting the Mediterranean. Mixing clean industrial lines with the organic texture of a cabled rib, they pay tribute to the rush of excitement as a plane takes off, to soar over landscapes waiting to be discovered.*



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## cuff

Cast on 68 sts using 2.5 mm needles. Join in the round and arrange stitches so there are 34 sts on needle 1; 16 sts on needle 2; 18 sts on needle 3.

round 1: p all sts

round 2: k all sts

round 3: p all sts

round 4-11: [ktbl1, p1] to end

rounds 12-14: repeat rounds 1-3

## leg

To add shaping in the ankle, work the first diamond using 2.5 mm needles, then switch and continue using 2.25 mm needles.

Work charts as follows: needle 1: Textured Side Panel–Central Diamond Strip–Textured Side Panel (34 sts); needles 2 and 3: Main Textured Cable (worked 8 ½ times – 34 sts)

Continue working in pattern for a total of 2 ½ repeats of the Central Diamond Strip, ending on round 15 (75 rounds).

## heel flap

Switch back to 2.5 mm to add ease for extra comfort. Note: the heel flap is worked over needles 2 and 3.

Turn work.

row 1 [WS]: sl1, p1 [k2, p2] to end

row 2 [RS]: sl1, k1, [p2, k2] to end

Repeat these 2 rows 13 times. There will be 14 garter ridges along each side of the heel flap.

## turn heel

row 1: sl1, k19, ssk, k1, turn

row 2: sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

row 3: sl1, k to gap, ssk, k1, turn

row 4: sl1, p to gap, p2tog, k1, turn

Repeat row 3 and 4 until 20 sts remain.

## heel gusset

Start with the needle holding the heel stitches – this will now be needle 1.

round 1: needle 1: sl1, k19, pick up and knit 16 sts up the left selvedge edge; needle 2: Textured Side Panel (6 sts)–p1, [cb2] 4 times, k1, ktbl2, k1, [cf2] 4 times, p1 (22 sts)–Textured Side Panel (6 sts); with a new needle (number 3), pick up and knit 14 sts along the right selvedge edge, k10 sts from needle 1

round 2: needle 1: k to 3 sts from end of needle, k2tog, k1; needle 2: Textured Side Panel–Runway Strip–Textured Side Panel (34 sts); needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end of needle

round 3: needle 1: k all sts; needle 2: work pattern; needle 3: k all sts

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until 68 sts remain.

## foot

Continue as follows: needle 1: k all sts; needle 2: continue in established pattern; needle 3: knit all sts

Work in established pattern until 2 inches before desired length of foot.

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## toe

*You might find the toe decreases easier to keep track of by transferring the first 17 sts of needle 2 onto a fourth needle and using a fifth to work the round. If you want the toes to mirror each other on either foot, place the decrease (ssk instead) before the knit stitches.*

round 1: knit all sts  
round 2: [k16, k2tog] to end  
round 3: knit all sts  
round 4: [k15, k2tog] to end  
round 5: knit all sts  
round 6: [k14, k2tog] to end  
round 7: knit all sts  
round 8: [k13, k2tog] to end  
round 9: knit all sts

round 10: [k12, k2tog] to end  
round 11: knit all sts  
round 12: [k11, k2tog] to end  
round 13: knit all sts  
round 14: [k10, k2tog] to end  
round 15: knit all sts  
round 16: [k9, k2tog] to end  
round 17: knit all sts  
round 18: [k8, k2tog] to end  
round 19: knit all sts

round 20: [k7, k2tog] to end  
round 21: knit all sts  
round 22: [k6, k2tog] to end  
round 23: [k5, k2tog] to end  
round 24: [k4, k2tog] to end  
round 25: [k3, k2tog] to end  
round 26: [k2, k2tog] to end  
round 27: [k1, k2tog] to end

## finishing

Break yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail. Thread tail through remaining sts, pull tight and fasten off.

Weave in ends, then block lightly under a damp towel or on sock blockers.

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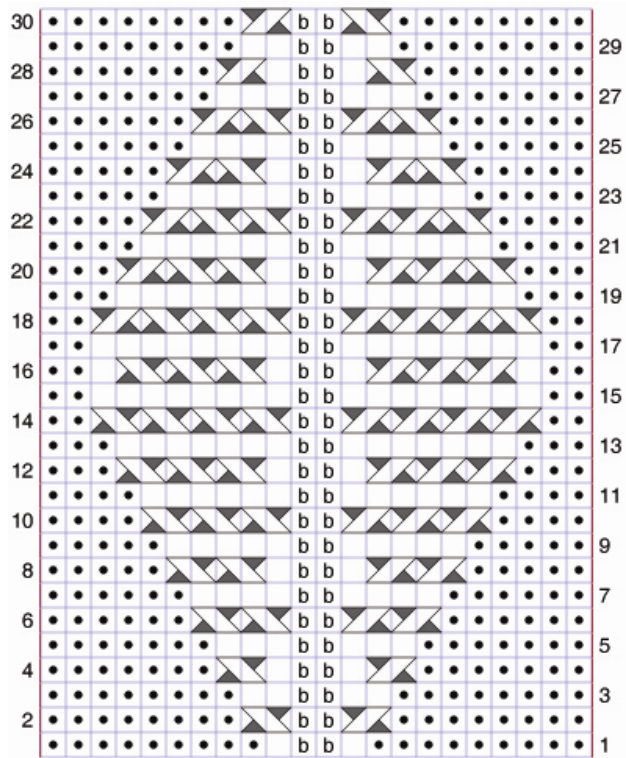
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



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[charts and abbreviations](#)

[central diamond strip](#)



-  = knit (k)
-  = purl (p)
-  = knit through back loop (ktbl)
-  = slip next stitch to cable needle and hold at front, k1, k1 from cable needle (cf2)
-  = slip one stitch to cable needle and hold at back, k1, k1 from cable needle (cb2)

