

loumms year of socks

dawn of the dead

size: to fit women's size 4-7 UK/7-9.5 US

finished measurements:
foot circumference (flat): 7 inches
leg length: 9.25 inches

materials:

yarn: Nimu Superwash BFL (400 m/100 g) in Zombie

needles: 2.5 mm DPNs, set of 5

notions: cable needle; tapestry needle

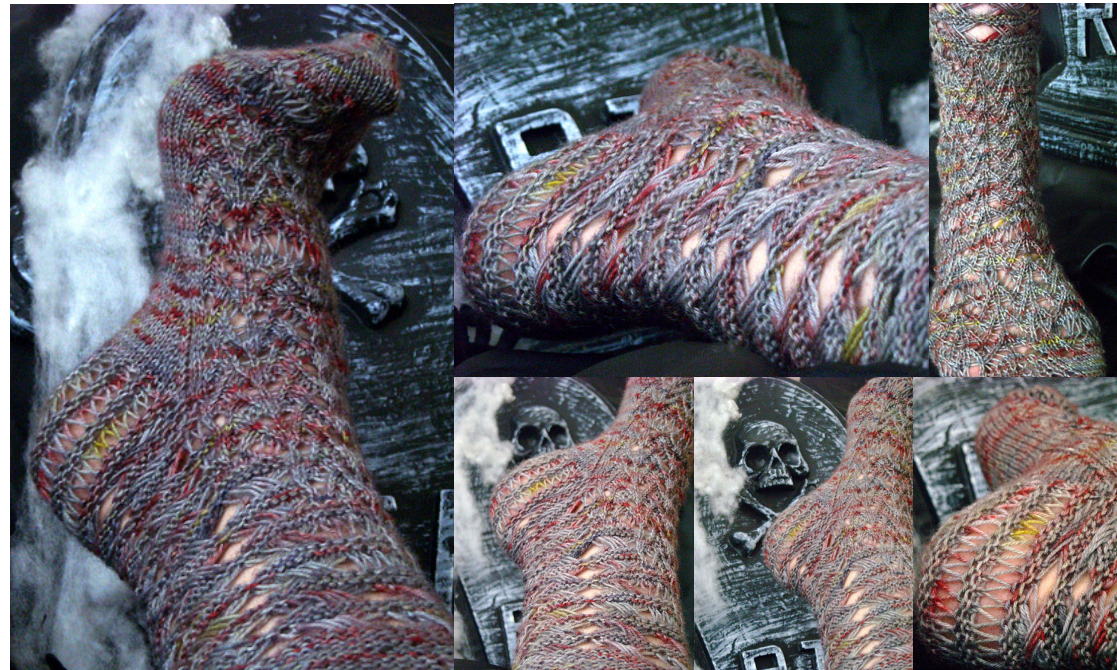
gauge: 14 sts over garter stitch
15 sts over Shredded Tendon
20 sts Dripping Flesh

note: These are perhaps an impractical knit for the zombie apocalypse, but they nonetheless provide enough interest to keep you entertained should you find yourself barricaded in a mall somewhere.

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Just in time to celebrate George A Romero's remarkable and frank documentary films of the daily threat of a zombie uprising, this sock, the last entry in the Loumms Year of Socks, pays homage to the unrelenting undead hordes.

The elongated cross-over stitch pattern, which tapers down the leg to the heel, gives a lot of stretch without losing any elasticity in hugging the curve of your calf and ankle. These cross-overs are reflected in the dropped stitches that scuttle down the foot between the lace, to give enough ease to comfortably accommodate narrow and wider feet alike.



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cuff

Cast on 56 sts. Join in the round and arrange stitches as follows: Needle 1: 32 sts; Needle 2: 12 sts; Needle 3 12 sts.

round 1: k all sts
round 2: p all sts

Repeat 1 and 2 for 1 inch, end on a purl row.

leg

Dripping Flesh and Tendon Lace charts are worked at the same time. Take care not to twist the stitches once they are dropped. The Shredded Tendon Lace is best achieved if knit deliberately quite tight.

round 1: Needle 1: work

Decomposing Tissue chart once;
Needles 2 and 3: work Shredded Tendon Chart A

Continue until Decomposing Tissue is complete.

Now k2 from Needle 1 with Needle 3 and sl2 from Needle 1 to Needle 2.

round 1: Needle 1: begin working Slow Putrefaction; Needles 2 and 3: begin working Shredded Tendon Chart B

Continue until Slow Putrefaction is completed.

There are now 64 sts. 46 on the Needle 1 and 14 each on Needles 2 and 3.

Turn work.

heel flap

The heel is worked back and forth over 28 sts, across Needles 2 and 3.

row 1 (WS): sl1, p1, p8wy4 twice, k2wy3, k1
row 2 (RS): sl1, k1, cf8 twice, k1
rows 3-6: sl1, k to end
row 7: sl1, pwy3 to last 2 sts, p2
row 8: sl1, k-drop to last 2 sts, k2
rows 9-12: sl1, k to end

Repeat rows 7-12 twice.

There are now 12 sl sts down each side of the heel flap.

Turn work.

turn heel

row 1 (WS): sl1, p19, p2tog, turn
row 2 (RS): sl1, k9, ssk, turn
row 3: p to gap, p2tog, turn
row 4: k to gap, ssk, turn
Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 16 sts remain. Last row (RS) **do not** turn.

heel gusset

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

round 1: Needle 1: pick up and knit 14 sts up the left selvage edge; needle 2: begin working Dripping Flesh; Needle 3: pick up and knit 14 sts along the right selvage edge, k8 sts from Needle 1

round 2: Needle 1: k to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1; Needle 2: continue working Dripping Flesh; Needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end of needle

round 3: Needle 1: k all sts; Needle 2: continue in established pattern; Needle 3: k all sts

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until 24 sts remain over Needles 2 and 3.

foot

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

toe

Arrange sts as follows: 15 sts on Needle 1; 30 sts on Needles 2; 15 sts on 3 Needle.

round 1: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: k1, k2tog, k10, k3wy3, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; needle 3: k1, k2tog, k to end

round 2: k all sts, k-drop as needed
round 3: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; needle 3: k1, k2tog, k to end

round 4: k all sts

round 5: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: k1, k2tog, k9, k3wy3, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; needle 3: k1, k2tog, k to end

round 6: k all sts, k-drop as needed

round 7: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: k1, k2tog, k to last 3

sts, ssk, k1; Needle 3: k1, k2tog, k to end

round 8: k all sts

round 9: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: k1, k2tog, k7, k5wy3, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; nNeedle 3: k1, k2tog, k to end

round 10: k all sts, k-drop as needed

round 11: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 3: k1, k2tog, k to end

round 12: k all sts

round 13: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 2: k1, k2tog, k7, k5wy3, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1; Needle 3: k1, k2tog, k to end

round 14: k all sts, k-drop as needed
rounds 15-18 repeat rounds 3 and 4.

Continue until 24 sts remain: 6 on Needle 1; 12 on Needle 2; 6 on Needle 3

finishing

Graft toe using Kitchener stitch.

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

abbreviations and legend



k = knit

p = purl

yo = yarn over

m = make 1 st

k2tog = knit two together

ssk = sl 2 sts p-wise, knit tog

wy3 = wy around ndl 3 times

wy4 = wy around ndl 4 times

k-drop = k1, letting yo's drop



cf8 = sl4 on cn, letting yo's drop,

hold forward; k4 sts from right ndl, letting yo's drop; k4 from cn

cn = cable needle

ndle = needle

p-wise = as if to purl

sl = slip st p-wise

st(s) = stitch(es)

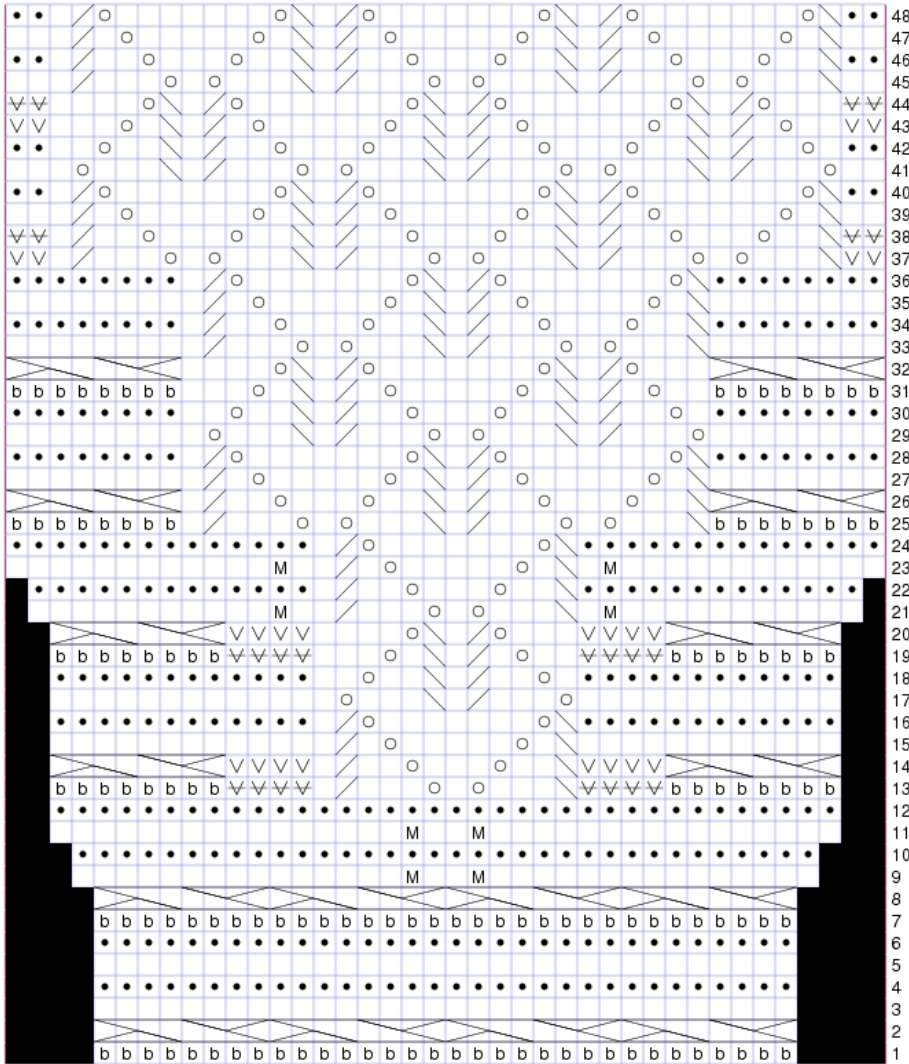
wy = wrap yarn

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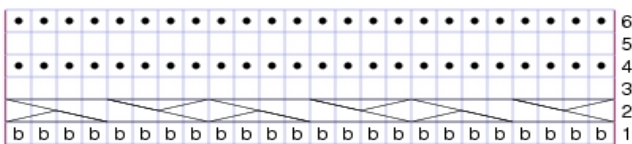
charts

See legend and abbreviations above.

Decomposing Tissue



Shredded Tendon Chart A



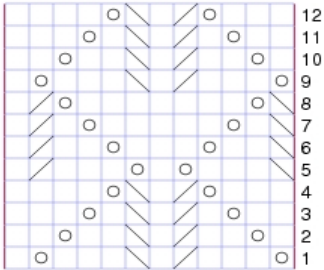
loutheperson and erqsome knits are Louisa Sisson and Emma Haigh. They both live in South London, where their healthy respect for the undead of all kinds has them at the ready with survival plans in place and well-supplied with tinned baked beans and lots of yarn.

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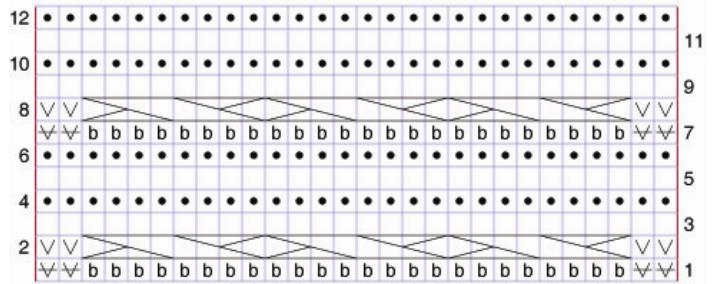
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Slow Putrefaction



Shredded Tendon Chart B



Dripping Flesh

