

Zigzag Cloverleaf Socks

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Simple 6-row repeat cloverleaf pattern that zigs on one sock and zags on the other. If you have serious second sock syndrome, maybe this pattern will stave it off? Try it. It's very simple, with a three-stitch pattern over six rows that shifts over three stitches, to the left in one sock and to the right in the other. Best in a mildly variegated sock yarn. Knit it toe-up (as written below) or cuff-down, whichever you prefer.



For these cloverleaf patterned socks, I followed Wendy's generic toe-up sock pattern with short row toes and heels, which can be found [here](http://www.wendyjohnson.net/blog/sockpattern.htm). (<http://www.wendyjohnson.net/blog/sockpattern.htm>)

My pattern below assumes familiarity with toe-up construction, so I haven't included detailed instructions on knitting the toes and heels; you may consult Wendy's excellent directions or use whichever toe-up construction you prefer. A good introduction to toe-ups with pictures may be found [here](http://knitty.com/ISSUEwinter02/FEATtiptoptoes.html). (<http://knitty.com/ISSUEwinter02/FEATtiptoptoes.html>)

Cuff down alternative: You can also make them cuff-down if you prefer: start by casting on 60 stitches, do a 3x 3 (K3, p3) ribbing for 15 rows, and then start with the cuff charts (B and D for each sock respectively). Once you've turned the heel using your preferred method, knit the foot charts (A and C respectively).

- Gauge: 8 stitches and 12 rows per inch in stockinette stitch.
- Materials: Two skeins of Koigu Merino 100% (or approx 400 yards of any other sock-weight yarn that gives you this gauge).

- 4 DPNs, or two circular needles. I used size 0s but you might need a different sized needle to get the same gauge.
- Crochet needle for chain cast on, and some waste yarn.

The Left-leaning Sock:

1. Begin by crochet-casting on 30 stitches. Knit the toe using the short-row method or any other you prefer. At the end of the toe, you should have 60 stitches. Divide them evenly on three DPNs and mark. Mark the beginning of the round. Knit 4 rows in stockinette, then begin the pattern in **Chart A**.

Note:

For the feet of both socks (Charts A & C), only the top half of the stitches (30 stitches) is charted. Knit all the remaining 30 stitches for the bottom half.

Read all the charts from right to left on ALL rows (since this is in the round!), beginning at the bottom right corner.

Also, if you want the foot of the socks to be longer or shorter, add or eliminate one 6-row repeat. After you've turned the heel, you will need to start your pattern from the point where you ended the foot in the 24-row cycle. For ex: if you ended the foot pattern at row 18, start the cuff at row 19. If you knitted an extra 6 rows after a 24-row repeat, start the cuff at row 7. This will keep the pattern zig-zagging evenly.

2. Now turn the heel, using Wendy's short row method (or any other, if you prefer), and once you're done, with 60 stitches back on the 4 needles, make sure your round is beginning at the same point you began the cuff, and start the pattern in **Chart B**.

Note: As for foot, If you want the cuff of the sock to be longer or shorter, eliminate or add as many 6-row repeats as you like.

3. Once the cuff is long enough, begin the ribbing: K3, p3 all around, for as long as you want the ribbing to be. (I did 15 rows, which was plenty).

4. Bind off very loosely. I use the following "Russian" bind-off, which is very quick and stretchy: P1, slip purled stitch back on to left needle, purl this stitch and the next stitch together. Slip this resulting stitch back to left needle, purl it and the next stitch together. Continue till all stitches have been bound off. Weave loose ends in.

The Right-leaning Sock:

1. As for left sock, begin with the toe using your preferred toe-up method. Once you have 60 stitches on four needles, knit 4 rows in stockinette. Mark the beginning of the round, then begin **Chart C**. Increase or eliminate 6 row repeats as needed for the length you want for the foot.

2. Turn the heel, and once you're done, with 60 stitches back on the 4 needles, make sure your round is beginning at the same point you began the cuff, and start **Chart D**. If you did extra 6-row repeats for the foot, be sure to start this chart at the right row to keep the zig-zag pattern even.

Repeat 3. and 4. as for first sock. Weave in all loose ends. Enjoy!

Key for all charts:







	Knit
	Knit 2 together
	SSK (Slip, Slip, Knit)
	Sl 1, K 2tog, Pass slipped st over
	SSK, sl st back to left needle, pass next st over
	Yarn over needle



Chart C:

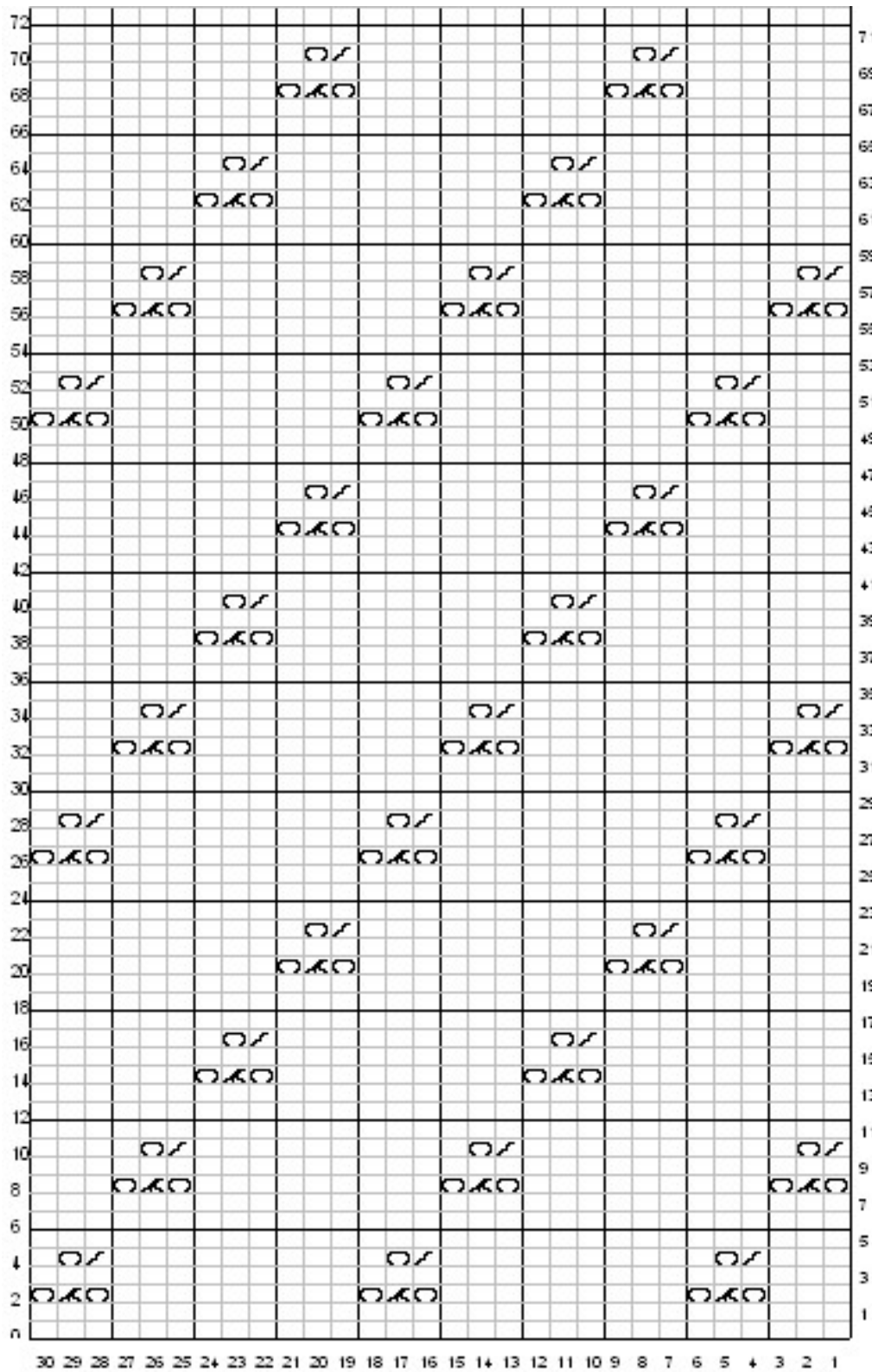
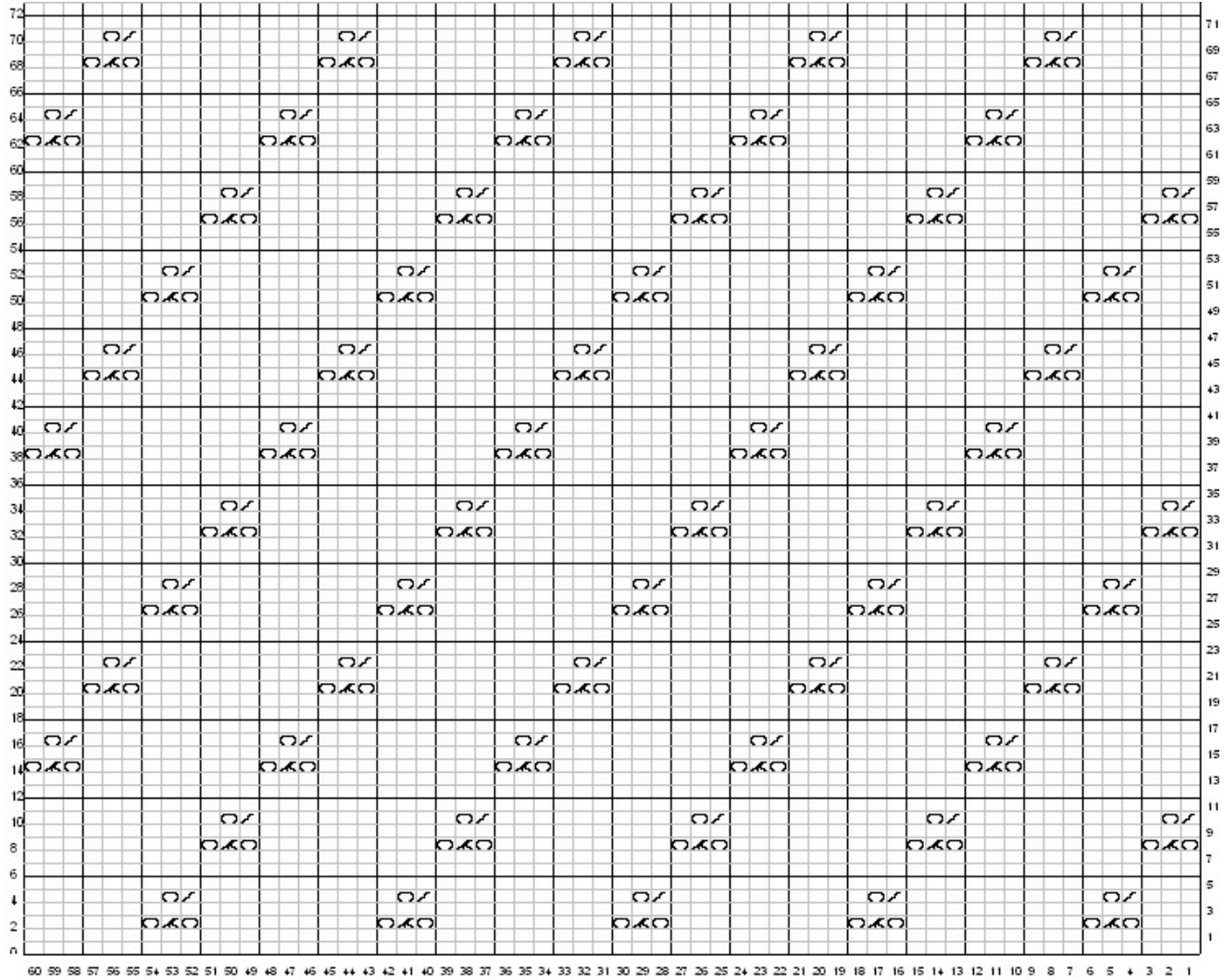


Chart D:



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