Candy cane socks

Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 9½ in (24 cm) long from heel to toe and about 8½ in (21.5 cm) round the foot. The cuff is about 6 in (15 cm) tall and about 9½ in (24 cm) round at the top, measured from the top of the heel seam; its leg, in the stripes, is about 9¾ in (25 cm) round

To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: candy red, one of the two stripes	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: snow white, the other stripe	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: holly green, the toe, the heel, the ribbing and the tab	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, the bell	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Foot	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child, foot 7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm) long, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) round	about 230 yd (210 m)
Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm) long, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) round	about 280 yd (256 m)
Women's small, foot 9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round	about 365 yd (334 m)
Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm) (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round**	**about 385 yd (352 m)**
Women's large, foot 10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round	about 405 yd (370 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

sc2tog (Single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog)): Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

hdc2tog (Half double crochet 2 together (UK htr2tog)): Yarn over, insert the hook in the next st and draw up a loop, yarn over, insert the hook in the st after it and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

dc2tog (Double crochet 2 together (UK tr2tog)): Yarn over, insert the hook in the next st, draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops; do the same in the st after it; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

FPdc (Front post double crochet (UK raised treble at the front)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post (the upright part) of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next row or round.

BPdc (Back post double crochet (UK raised treble at the back)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again round the post of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 BPdc for the next row or round.

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet, over the stripes: 20 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After the toe, when there are 42 stitches, the piece is about 8½ in (21.5 cm) round.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Measure the foot from the back of the heel to the tip of the longest toe and choose the size with the nearest foot length.
- The pattern makes a pair, and left and right are alike. Each sock is worked in a spiral from the toe to the instep; then a heel is worked in rows and closed at the back; then the cuff and the leg are worked up from the opening, again in a spiral.
- In a spiral the rounds are not joined: the first stitch of a round goes into the first stitch of the round before. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.

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- The right side faces you in every round. The rows of the heel are turned: the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The two colors of the stripes are never begun anew within the foot or within the leg: 3 hdc in A, 3 hdc in B, over and over, from one round into the next. Because the number of stitches is 1 more than a multiple of 6, every stripe moves 1 stitch to the right in each round. The lines below tell where each round stands in it.
- Carry the color that rests along the top of the round before and work over it, so that it lies inside the stitches. Do not draw it tight: the sock has to stretch.
- To change color, work the last stitch before the change until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. A color that rests for 4 rounds or fewer can wait on the inside and be drawn up again; cut one that rests longer, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Crocheted soles slip on smooth floors: wear the socks on carpet or in shoes.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers to make a loop, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.

Instructions

Chosen: Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, hdc is half treble, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Sock: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, holly green; A, candy red; B, snow white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 11.	

Toe

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 8 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**

Foot

The stripes begin: 3 stitches of A and 3 of B, by turns, and the first stitch of the round takes 2 hdc, so that there are 43 stitches.

☐ **Rnd 8**	With A, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next st	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 2 sts	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Hdc in next st, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(43 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**With B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, hdc in next st	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 2 sts	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Hdc in next st, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**With A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, hdc in next st	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 2 sts	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Hdc in next st, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**With B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, hdc in next st	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 2 sts	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Hdc in next st, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**With A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, hdc in next st	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 2 sts	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Hdc in next st, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**With B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, hdc in next st	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 2 sts	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Hdc in next st, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**With A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, hdc in next st	**(43 hdc)**

The next round loses one stitch at its end; the stripes go on.

☐ **Rnd 27**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc2tog	**(42 hdc)**
☐ **End**	The foot is now about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long, from the tip of the toe. Sl st in the next st to level the round (the sl st does not count as a stitch) and fasten off.	

Heel: make 2

Yarn C, holly green.

☐ **Foundation**	Flatten the foot so that the increases of the toe lie at its two side edges: one layer of 21 stitches is the sole, the other is the top. Leave the middle 17 stitches of the top free for the front of the opening. The heel is worked back and forth in rows over the other 25 stitches: the 21 of the sole and 2 at each end of the top. With the wrong side (the inside) facing you, join C with a sl st in the first of these 25 stitches: the one from which they all lie ahead of you and the free ones lie behind.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 24 sts, leave remaining 17 sts unworked	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	The heel has 22 rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm). Fold the last row in half with the right sides together, so that its first stitch meets its last, and sew the 10 pairs of stitches together, through both loops of each; the one stitch at the fold stays single. The fold lies under the heel and the two ends of the row at the top of the seam. Turn the heel right side out.	

Cuff: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, holly green; A, candy red; B, snow white.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join C with a sl st at the top of the heel seam. The first sc goes into the end of the last row of the heel, beside the seam, and the last sc into the same row end on the other side of the seam; the stitches between the row ends are those left free at the front. The cuff is worked in a spiral.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in end of each of next 22 rows, sc in next 17 sts, sc in end of each of next 22 rows	**(61 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**	**(49 sc)**

Leg

The stripes begin again; now they run over 49 stitches.

☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**With A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, with A, hdc in next st	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 2 sts	**(49 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Hdc in next st, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**With B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, with B, hdc in next st	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 2 sts	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Hdc in next st, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**With A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, with A, hdc in next st	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 2 sts	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Hdc in next st, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**With B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, with B, hdc in next st	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 2 sts	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Hdc in next st, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**With A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, with A, hdc in next st	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 2 sts	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Hdc in next st, **[**with B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**With B, hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, with B, hdc in next st	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Hdc in next 2 sts, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 2 sts	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Hdc in next st, **[**with A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**With A, hdc in next 3 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, with A, hdc in next st	**(49 hdc)**

Ribbing

Sl st in the next st to level the round, drawing C through the st and the loop on the hook, and cut A and B. From here the rounds are joined. The ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; the first stitch goes into the stitch the ch 2 stands on (a post stitch goes round its post), and the sl st that closes the round goes into the top of that first stitch.

☐ **Rnd 23**	With C, ch 2, dc in next 47 sts, dc2tog, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(24 FPdc, 24 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(24 FPdc, 24 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(24 FPdc, 24 BPdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Bell: make 2

Yarn D, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
	Begin this ring with a long tail, 8 in (20.5 cm): it will hang the bell.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in each st around	**(12 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off;. Hide this tail on the inside. Pull the ring closed with the long tail, thread that tail on the needle and bring it from the inside out through the middle of the ring, so that it stands up out of the top of the bell. The other end, with the 12 stitches, is the open mouth of the bell.	

Tab: make 2

Yarn C, holly green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 9, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Tab and bell: fold each tab in half, right side out, so that its short ends lie one on the other. The bell hangs at the middle of the front. The middle is found from the heel seam and not from the join, which a spiral carries to one side: fold the leg flat with the heel seam in the fold at the back; the other fold is the middle of the front, and it lies between two stitches of the last round. Lay the two ends of the tab, one on the other, on the outside of the ribbing there, with the middle of the tab on the fold, the ends level with the top edge of the sock and the folded end of the tab hanging down, and with the tail of the tab sew both ends down together over the last 2 rounds. Draw the long tail of a bell, which stands out of its top, through the folded end of the tab from one side to the other, take it back down through the middle of the top of the bell to the inside, draw it up until the bell hangs close below the tab, and fasten it inside the bell.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 6 pieces.

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