

snakes on a sock

**A LIME & VIOLET DOWNLOADABLE
PATTERN OF GOODNESS
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This sock was inspired by the Lime & Violet podcast of a similar name and by the fact that after listening to that episode, so many of our listeners had run-ins with snakes actually in their house.

Miss Lime would like to thank Miss Violet for her technical input and Grumperina for her Jaywalker inspiration. The heel flap and heel gussets are designed after Grumperina's Jaywalker pattern, mostly because it works so well and Miss Lime is just too wrapped up in the fancy pattern to "fix" something that isn't broken.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Beginner/Intermediate

MATERIALS

Approximately 400 yards of sock yarn of choice (more or less depending on how long you want the leg of the sock to be). For this pattern, I used Socks That Rock light weight in the Fred Flintstone colorway.

US 1 set of 5 double pointed needles (or the size needed to get gauge)

1 darning needle

GAUGE

26 stitches over 4 inches, over the stockinette part of pattern

ABBREVIATIONS

ssk: slip slip knit – slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit, then knit them together through the back loop

Sl2, k1, pss0 – slip 2 stitches as if to purl, knit 1, pass 2 slipped stitches over new stitch.

LEG

Cast on 56 stitches. Divide stitches onto 4 needles (14 stitches on each needle). Join the end of the last needle with the beginning of the first needle, being careful not to twist stitches. This join will be the back of the leg and the needles will be numbered in relationship to this join (i.e., the first needle worked after joining is needles 1, etc).

WORK RIBBING

Round 1: Knit all the way around

Round 2: Purl all the way around

Rounds 3-5: K2, P2 all the way around

Round 6: Purl all the way around

Round 7-8: Knit all the way around

BEGIN LEG PATTERN:

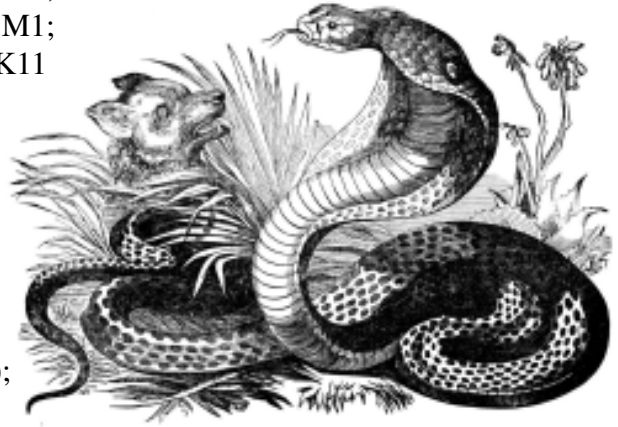
Repeat # 1

Round 1: Needle 1 (N1): K11, P2, M1, K1, M1;
Needle 2 (N2): M1, K1, M1, P2, K11;
Needle 3 (N3): K11, P2, M1, K1, M1;
Needle 4 (N4): M1, K1, M1, P2, K11

Round 2: (N1): K11, P2, K3;
(N2): K3, P2, K11;
(N3): K11, P2, K3;
(N4): K3, P2, K11

Round 3: Repeat round 2

Round 4: (N1): K11, P2, (Sl2, k1, pss0);
(N2): (Sl2, k1, pss0), P2, K11;
(N3): K11, P2, K1, (Sl2, k1, pss0);
(N4): (Sl2, k1, pss0), P2, K11



Repeat # 2

Round 1: (N1): K8, P2, M1, K1, M1, K3;
(N2): K3, M1, K1, M1, P2, K8;
(N3): K8, P2, M1, K1, M1, K3;
(N4): K3, M1, K1, M1, P2, K8

Round 2: (N1): K8, P2, K6;
(N2): K6, P2, K8;
(N3): K8, P2, K6;
(N4): K6, P2, K8

Round 3: Repeat round 2

Round 4: (N1): K8, P2, (Sl2, k1, pss0), K3
(N2): K3, (Sl2, k1, pss0), P2, K8;
(N3): K8, P2, (Sl2, k1, pss0), K3;
(N4): K3, (Sl2, k1, pss0), P2, K8

Repeat # 3

Round 1: (N1): K5, P2, M1, K1, M1, K6;
(N2): K6, M1, K1, M1, P2, K5;
(N3): K5, P2, M1, K1, M1, K6;
(N4): K6, M1, K1, M1, P2, K5

Round 2: (N1): K5, P2, K9;
(N2): K9, P2, K5;
(N3): K5, P2, K9;
(N4): K9, P2, K5
(N4): K9, (Sl2, k1, pss0), P2, K2



Repeat # 4

- Round 1: (N1): K2, P2, M1, K1, M1, K9;
(N2): K9, M1, K1, M1, P2, K2;
(N3): K2, P2, M1, K1, M1, K9;
(N4): K9, M1, K1, M1, P2, K2
- Round 2: (N1): K2, P2, K12;
(N2): K12, P2, K2;
(N3): K2, P2, K12;
(N4): K12, P2, K2
- Round 3: Repeat round 2
- Round 4: (N1): K2, P2, (Sl2, k1, pss0), K9
(N2): K9, (Sl2, k1, pss0), P2, K2;
(N3): K2, P2, (Sl2, k1, pss0), K9;
(N4): K9, (Sl2, k1, pss0), P2, K2

Repeat # 5

- Round 1: (N1): P1, M1, K1, M1, K12;
(N2): K12, M1, K1, M1, P1;
(N3): P1, M1, K1, M1, K12;
(N4): K12, M1, K1, M1, P1
- Round 2: (N1): P1, K15;
(N2): K15, P1;
(N3): P1, K15;
(N4): K15, P1
- Round 3: Repeat round 2
- Round 4: (N1): P1, (Sl2, k1, pss0), K12
(N2): K12, (Sl2, k1, pss0), P1;
(N3): P1, (Sl2, k1, pss0), K12;
(N4): K12, (Sl2, k1, pss0), P1

Complete *Repeat # 4*

Complete *Repeat # 3*

Complete *Repeat # 2*

Complete *Repeat # 1*

Complete *Repeat # 2*

Complete *Repeat # 3*

Complete *Repeat # 4*

Complete *Repeat # 5*



HEEL

Heel flap:

K14 stitches on needle 1; turn. S11, p 27, turn. The 28 stitches on needles 1 and 4 form the heel flap. Work heel back and forth, turning after every row.

Row 1: *S11, k1, repeat from * to end of needle 3, turn.

Row 2: S11, p 27, turn.

Repeat these 2 rows 12 more times.

Turn heel:

Row 1: S11, k17, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2: S11, p 8, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: S11, knit within 1 stitch of gap, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 4: S11, purl to within 1 stitch of gap, p2tog, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have one unworked stitch on each needle.

Row 5: s11, knit within one stitch of gap, ssk, turn.

Row 6: S11, purl to within 1 stitch of gap, p2tog, turn.

You will have 18 stitches total on needles 1 and 4.

Heel gussets:

S11, k17 heel stitches. Pick up and k16 stitches along the side of the heel flap. Pick up 2 stitches (look for the horizontal threads) in between gusset and instep (see page 25 of [Sensational Knitted Socks](#) by Charlene Schurch for detailed explanation). Work across needles 2 and 3 in established pattern (for those respective needles). With empty needle, pick up 2 stitches in between gusset and instep, and then pick up 16 stitches along side of heel flap. K9 stitches on needle 4. You will end at the back of the leg. You will have 26 stitches on needles 1 and 4, and 16 stitches on needles 2 and 3.

Round 1: Work to 3 stchs from end of N1, k2tog, k1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. At beginning of N4, K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2: Knit all on needle 1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. Knit all on N4.

Round 3: Work to 3 stchs from end of N1, k2tog, k1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. At beginning of N4, K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 4: Work to 3 stchs from end of N1, k2tog, k1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. At beginning of N4, K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 5: Knit all on needle 1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. Knit all on N4.

Round 6: Work to 3 stchs from end of N1, k2tog, k1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. At beginning of N4, K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 7: Knit all on needle 1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. Knit all on N4.

Round 8: Work to 3 stchs from end of N1, k2tog, k1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. At beginning of N4, K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 9: Work to 3 stchs from end of N1, k2tog, k1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. At beginning of N4, K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 10: Knit all on needle 1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. Knit all on N4.

Repeat rounds 9 and 10 until you have 14 stitches each on each needle.

FOOT

Round 1: Knit all on needle 1. Work instep stitches on N2 and N3 in established pattern. Knit all on N4.

Repeat round 1 until you are 2 inches from the tip of your largest toe. Make sure you end it with round 4 of whatever repeat you are on.

TOE

Round 1: On needle 1, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1. On needle 2, k1, ssk, knit end. On needle 3, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1. On needle 4, k1, ssk, knit to end of needle.

Round 2: Knit straight all the way around.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 20 stitches total (5 stchs on each needle).

Knit to end of needle 1. Move stitches from needle 1 onto needle 4. Move stitches from needle 2 onto needle 3. Kitchner stitch these stitches together.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Put on your feet and
yell loudly,
“Snakes
on a
sock!”



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BONUS!

Some tags for you:

When you're done with your socks, and want to give them to everyone you know as gifts this holiday season because you're sooooo in love with them that you must share, feel free to copy these tags onto cardstock at your local photocopier, color them in as you'd like, and use them for the Powers of Good, not Evil. (The top one's for friends. The bottom one might be a little better for your Mom. Then again, we don't know your Mom. She might well be the type who'd appreciate the top tag.) Let them know that Lime & Violet say hi!

