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Fixation Carnival Socks

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Skill Level:

INTERMEDIATE

Size:
Women's shoe size S, M, L

Finished Measurements:
7 (7.25, 7.75)" around foot (circumference),
8.5 (8.75, 9.25)" around ankle,
8.5 (9, 9.5)" long from corner of heel to tip of toe,
7" tall from corner of heel to top edge of ribbing.

Socks are very stretchy (lengthwise and widthwise) and are meant to be worn with .5–1" of negative ease through length of foot.

Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® Fixation 98.3% Cotton / 1.7% Elastic
- 50 g (1.76 oz) / 100 yds (3.25 mm)
- A-1 skein of color #3628 (Yankee Red)
- B-1 skein of color #1430 (Marigold)
- C-1 skein of color #2501 (Turkish Sea)
- Crochet hook size D/3 (3.25 mm)
- Yarn needle
- 2 Stitch markers

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Gauge:
18 sts x 17 rounds = 4” (10 cm) in esc st pattern

Abbreviations:

blo	= back loop only
ch	= chain stitch
esc	= extended single crochet: Insert hook into next st, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through just one loop, yo and pull through two loops.
esc2tog	= extended crochet two stitches together: This is worked over the next 2 stitches, and decreases your stitch count by 1 stitch. Insert hook into next st, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through just one loop, insert hook into following st, yo and pull up loop, yo and pull through just one loop, yo and pull through all three loops.
FPdc	= Front post Double crochet. yo, insert the end of your hook (from the front side of your work through to the back) into the space just before the post of the next stitch, you will then insert the end of your hook (from the back of your work to the front) into the space just after the post of the same stitch, yo, bring the loop back through (around the back of the post) to the front, yarn over and pull through two loops, yarn over and pull through last two loops.
PM	= place marker
RS	= right side
Sc	= single crochet
sl st	= slip stitch
WS	= wrong side
YO	= yarn over

Notes:
Sock is worked in the round from toe up, leaving heel open to be worked later. Afterthought heel is added when body of sock is complete.
The size S and L socks have a slightly longer section of Color A at toe compared to the size M. This is to accommodate the stripes.

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Joins: In this pattern you will join at the end of each round of the toe and body of the sock. This is to avoid a jog in color when making the stripes. When you get to the top ribbed edge, you will not join, but you will work in continuous rounds (in a spiral). Also note that the first round of heel (which is worked in Color C- NOT Color A as it might appear) is joined while changing to Color A and then the remainder of heel is not joined, but worked in continuous rounds (in a spiral). To minimize the appearance of the joins, I found it best to make a slip stitch into just the back loop of the first stitch of the round. After making a beginning ch-1 (which never counts as a stitch in this pattern), we make the 1st esc stitch under BOTH loops of the 1st st of the round.

Changing color: In order to change to a new color simply yo with new color when working sl st join at the end of old-color round. As you change back and forth between Color B and Color C do not cut yarn, but leave it hanging on the WS of work. This will create small floats between stripes, but it will keep you from weaving in all of those ends!

Customizing loot length:
Notes about customizing foot length for size S or L sock:
For a sock that is ¼" longer, add 1 more repeat of Round 9 of toe.
For a sock that is ½" longer, sk Rounds 8–9 of Toe AND repeat Rounds 5–8 of Body of Sock an additional time.
For a sock that is ¾" longer, sk Round 9 of Toe AND repeat Rounds 5–8 of Body of Sock an additional time.
For a sock that is 1" longer, repeat Rounds 5–8 of Body of Sock an additional time.
For a sock that is ¼" shorter, sk Round 9 of Toe.
For a sock that is ½" shorter, sk rounds 8–9 of Toe.
For a sock that is ¾" shorter, repeat Round 9 of Toe 1 more time AND sk Rounds 5–8 of Body of Sock.
For a sock that is 1" shorter, sk Rounds 5–8 of Body of sock.

Notes about customizing foot length for size M sock:
For a sock that is ¼" longer, add 1 more repeat of Round 7 of toe.
For a sock that is ½" longer, add 2 more repeats of Round 7 of Toe.
For a sock that is ¾" longer, sk Round 7 of Toe AND repeat Rounds 5–8 of Body of Sock an additional time.
For a sock that is 1" longer, repeat Rounds 5–8 of Body of Sock an additional time.
For a sock that is ¼" shorter, sk Round 7 of Toe.
For a sock that is ½" shorter, repeat Round 7 of Toe 2 more times AND sk Rounds 5–8 of Body of sock.
For a sock that is ¾" shorter, repeat Round 7 of Toe 1 more time AND sk Rounds 5–8 of Body of sock.
For a sock that is 1" shorter, sk Rounds 5–8 of Body of sock.

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Begin pattern:

Toe:

With Color A ch 8 (9, 10). Do not join.

Round 1: Beginning with the 2nd ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, 2 esc into the next st, pm into top of 1st st of round to help keep track of beginning of rounds, 1 esc into each of the next 5 (6, 7) sts, 2 esc into the next st. Keeping the RS facing, rotate work 180 degrees (as if you were turning a steering wheel) so that you can work into the opposite side of the foundation chain. 2 esc into the 1st st (this is the same stitch as the one that you just worked the previous 2 esc into), 1 esc into each of the next 5 (6, 7) sts, 2 esc into the last st, sl st into back loop of 1st st (the marked st) of round to join (see notes about joining)—18 (20, 22) sts.

Round 2: Ch 1, beginning with same st as join (now and throughout pattern), [2 esc into the next st, 1 esc into each of the next 7 (8, 9) sts, 2 esc into the next st] twice, sl st blo to join—22 (24, 26) sts.

Round 3: Ch 1, beginning with same st as join [2 esc into the next st, 1 esc into each of the next 9 (10, 11) sts, 2 esc into the next st] twice, sl st blo to join—26 (28, 30) sts.

Round 4: Ch 1, [2 esc into the next st, 1 esc into each of the next 11 (12, 13) sts, 2 esc into the next st] twice, sl st blo to join—30 (32, 34) sts.

For sizes S and L:

Rounds 5–9: Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join. (See notes about customizing foot length for size S and L sock.)

For size M:

Rounds 5–7: Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join. (See notes about customizing foot length for size M sock.)

For all sizes:

Round 10 (8, 10): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color B (see notes)—30 (32, 34) sts.

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Body of Sock (Striped section)

Round 1: Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join—30 (32, 34) sts.

Round 2: Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color C—30 (32, 34)sts.

Round 3: Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join—30 (32, 34) sts.

Round 4: Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color B—30 (32, 34) sts.

Rounds 5–8 (5–12, 5–12): Repeat Rounds 1–4 once (twice, twice) more. (See notes about customizing foot length.)

Round 9 (13, 13): Ch 1, 2 esc into next st, 1 esc into each of next 13 (14, 15) sts, 2 esc into next st, 1 esc into each of next 15 (16, 17) sts, sl st blo to join—32 (34, 36) sts.

Round 10 (14, 14): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color C—32 (34, 36) sts.

Round 11 (15, 15): Ch 1, 1 esc into each of next 17 (18, 19) sts, 2 esc into the next st, 1 esc into each of next 13 (14, 15) sts, 2 esc into next st, sl st blo to join—34 (36, 38) sts.

Round 12 (16, 16): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color B—34 (36, 38) sts.

Round 12 (16, 16): Ch 1, 2 esc into next st, 1 esc into each of next 15 (16, 17) sts, 2 esc into next st, 1 esc into each of next 17 (18, 19) sts, sl st blo to join—36 (38, 40) sts.

Round 13 (17, 17): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color C—36 (38, 40) sts.

Round 14 (18, 18): Ch 1, 1 esc into each of next 19 (20, 21) sts, 2 esc into the next st, 1 esc into each of next 15 (16, 17) sts, 2 esc into next st, sl st blo to join—38 (40, 42) sts.

Round 15 (19, 19): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color B—38 (40, 42) sts.

Round 16 (20, 20): Ch 1, 2 esc into next st, 1 esc into each of next 17 (18, 19) sts, 2 esc into next st, 1 esc into each of next 19 (20, 21) sts, sl st blo to join—40 (42, 44) sts.

Round 17 (21, 21): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color C—40 (42, 44) sts.

Round 18 (22, 22): Ch 1, 1 esc into each of next 21 (22, 23) sts, place marker in top of 21st (23rd , 23rd) stitch, ch 19 (20, 21), skip next 19 (20, 21) sts (for heel), sl st blo into 1st st of round to join, place stitch marker in 1st st of round—40 (42, 44) sts.

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Note: the stitch markers should be oriented sideways: they should be inserted through the top of each designated stitch but should also go through the hole for the heel that was created by the chain. This will keep them out of the way when you work the following round. These markers indicate the "corners" of the heel. Leave them in place until you work the heel.

Round 19 (23, 23): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color B—40 (42, 44) sts.
Round 20 (24, 24): Ch 1, esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 17 (18, 19) sts, esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 19 (20, 21) sts, sl st blo to join—38 (40, 42) sts.
Round 21 (25, 25): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color C—38 (40, 42) sts.
Round 22 (26, 26): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join—38 (40, 42) sts.
Round 23 (27, 27): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color B—38 (40, 42) sts.
Round 24 (28, 28): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join—38 (40, 42) sts.
Rounds 25–32 (29–36, 29–36): Repeat Rounds 21–24 (25–28, 25–28) twice more.
Rounds 33–34 (37–38, 37–38): Work Rounds 21–22 (25–26, 25–26).
Round 35 (39, 39): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, sl st blo to join changing to Color A—38 (40, 42) sts.
Round 36 (40, 40): Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, do not join but continue to work in a spiral—38 (40, 42) sts.
Rounds 37–40 (41—44, 41–44): [1 esc into next st, 1 FPdc into next st] 19 (20, 21) times—38 (40, 42) sts.
1 sc into next st, sl st to fasten off.

Heel:

Hold sock with RS facing and heel opening toward you, ready to work across the underside of foot. The toe should be pointing downward (toward your lap), and ankle opening pointing away from you. Pull up loop of Color C from marked corner of heel opening at right if you crochet right-handed (or at left if you crochet left-handed).

Round 1: Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), 1 esc into the same marked corner of heel (where you just pulled up loop), place stitch marker in this esc st to keep track of the beginning of rounds, 1 esc into each of the 19 (20, 21) sts across

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bottom of heel opening, 2 esc into the next corner of heel opening, 1 esc into each of the 19 (20, 21) sts across the top of heel opening (across back of ankle), 1 esc into original corner of heel opening (right next to the very 1st esc of round, sl st blo to join changing to Color A—42 (44, 46) sts around heel opening.

Round 2: Ch 1, 1 esc into each st, do not join but continue to work in a spiral—42 (44, 46) sts.

Round 3: Ch 1, [esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 17 (18, 19) sts, esc2tog] twice, from this point on, do not join but continue to work in a spiral—38 (40, 42) sts.
Round 4: [Esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 15 (16, 17) sts, esc2tog] twice—34 (36, 38) sts.
Round 5: [Esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 13 (14, 15) sts, esc2tog] twice—30 (32, 34) sts.
Round 6: [Esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 11 (12, 13) sts, esc2tog] twice—26 (28, 30) sts.
Round 7: [Esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 9 (10, 11) sts, esc2tog] twice—22 (24. 26) sts.
Round 8: [Esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 7 (8, 9) sts, esc2tog] twice—18 (20, 22) sts.
Round 9: [Esc2tog, 1 esc into each of next 5 (6, 7) sts, esc2tog] twice—14 (16, 18) sts.
Sl st to fasten off leaving long tail for sewing heel closed.

Finishing

Using yarn needle and yarn tail, sew heel closed with a whip stitch. Weave in all ends.

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