



STASHBUSTERS!

Designed specifically for our variegated yarns, this simple slip-stitch pattern yields an impressive pair of socks to wear or give as gifts! With toe-up construction and a yarn over short-row heel, this pattern is written for *either* the Two Circular Needle or Magic Loop method (and it could easily be converted for DPNs for those of you who like to work with lots of sticks!) Although designed for two colors, this pattern is also uniquely attractive when knit from one skein of variegated yarn. Or, expand the pattern to include as many colors as you like!

Our Mixologist named this design the **STASHBUSTERS!** because this pattern is great for using up partial skeins from your stash! Combine colors that you wouldn't ever dream to combine – it works! Seriously.

YARN: Knitters Brewing Co: **sock-aholic™**, 75% Washable Wool / 25% Nylon, Fingering Weight, 385 yards
Any two colors (designated A and B), approximately 175 yards of each

SIZING: Width: Written for three widths: Narrow (Medium, Wide)
Narrow: circumference at ball of foot 7" - 8"
Medium: circumference at ball of foot 8.5" - 9.5"
Wide: circumference at ball of foot 10" - 11"
Foot Length: Determined by knitter

NEEDLES: US Size 1. Directions as written work for the Magic Loop or Two Circular Needle method.

GAUGE: 36 sts and 46 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch



One-color Stashbusters! in **sock-aholic™** Rob Roy



Two-color Stashbusters! in **sock-aholic™** Rob Roy and Raspberry Mojito

ABBREVIATIONS:

k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 together
k3tog	knit 3 together
M1	make 1
p	purl
p2tog tbl	purl 2 together though the back loops
pss0	pass slipped stitch over
RS	right side
sl1	slip 1
ssk	slip, slip, knit
SSP	slip, slip, purl. Sl1 k-wise, slip another k-wise. Return slipped sts to left needle. Insert right needle up into back loops of the two stitches and purl them together from this position (p2tog tbl).
S SSP	slip, slip, slip, purl. Same as SSP, with three sts instead of two.
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side
WYIB	with yarn in back
YO	yarn over

STITCH PATTERNS:

Slip Stitch Pattern¹: (all rows worked from RS)

Round 1: (Color A) *K1, k1 wrapping yarn around needle twice; repeat from * to end.

Round 2: (Color B) *K1, sl1 purlwise WYIB; repeat from * to end.

Round 3: (Color B) *K1, sl1 purlwise WYIB, k2; repeat from * to end.

Round 4: (Color B) *K1, drop slip-stitch off needle to front of work, k2, pick up dropped stitch and knit; repeat from * to end.

Round 5: (Color B) *K1, k1 wrapping yarn around needle twice; repeat from * to end.

Round 6: (Color A) *K1, sl1 purlwise WYIB; repeat from * to end.

Round 7: (Color A) *K1, sl1 purlwise WYIB, k2; repeat from * to end.

Round 8: (Color A) *K1, drop slip-stitch off needle to front of work, k2, pick up dropped stitch and knit; repeat from * to end.

Stockinette Stitch: Knit all RS rows. Purl all WS rows.

INSTRUCTIONS:

With Color A, **cast on** 14 (16, 18) sts to each needle using Judy's Magic Cast On².

Toe:

Round 1: Knit sts on first needle. Knit in back of sts on second needle.

Round 2: K1, M1, k to within one st from end of Needle 1, M1, k1. Repeat for Needle 2.

Round 3: Knit

Repeat rounds 2-3 eight (nine, ten) more times. [32 (36, 40) sts on each needle]

Foot:

Needle 1: Work sole in stockinette pattern on first needle beginning with Color A, and change colors along with the pattern stitch being worked on the top of the foot.

Needle 2: Work slip stitch pattern on second needle for top of foot.

Work until sock measures 2 inches less than measured foot length.

End foot with pattern row 4 or 8.

Shape Heel:

Redistribute sts on needles in a toe-centered manner by slipping 3 (3, 4) sts from each end of Needle 2 to Needle 1. Needle 1 (sole) now holds 38 (42, 48) sts for heel, and Needle 2 now holds 26 (30, 32) sts for the top of the foot. Work Needle 1 sts only for heel.

Work heel in Color A.

Row 1 (RS): K37 (41, 47), leaving final st on left needle. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): Work YO at beg of row by placing working yarn under right needle, purl first st. (There are now three loops on right needle.) Purl to the last st, leaving it on the needle. Turn.

Row 3: Work YO at beg of row by placing working yarn over right needle, knit first st. (There are now three loops on right needle). Knit to the YO/st pair. Turn.

Row 4: Work YO at beg of row by placing working yarn under right needle, purl to the YO/st pair. Turn.

Repeat rows 3-4 until there are 13 (17, 23) st between YO/st pairs. End with a purl row.

Turn Heel:

Row 1 (RS): YO, k14 (18, 24) (up to first YO on needle). Adjust mount of YO. K2tog. Turn.

Row 2: YO, p15 (19, 25) (to first YO on needle). SSP. Turn.

Row 3: YO, k16 (20, 26). Adjust mount of two YOs one at a time. K3tog. Turn.

Row 4: YO, p17 (21, 27). SSSP. Turn.

Repeat rows 3-4, knitting or purling up to the first YO on the needle before doing the decrease. Continue until all YOs have been worked. [38 (42, 48) sts on heel needle]

Leg:

Redistribute sts on needles in a toe-centered manner by slipping 3 (3, 4) sts from each end of Needle 1 to Needle 2. Each needle now holds 32 (36, 40) sts.

Work in two-color Slip Stitch Pattern on both needles for approximately 6 inches, beginning with Color B.

End leg with pattern row 8.

Cuff:

Using color B, work cuff in k1, p1 ribbing for 8 rows. Attach color A, and work cuff in k1, p1 ribbing for an additional 6 rows. Bind off loosely.

PATTERN NOTES

¹ Modified version of Holiday Stripes by Barbara G. Walker as published in *Charted Knitting Designs: A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, Schoolhouse Press, Pittsville, WI, 1998, page 56. Design has been modified to increase vertical gauge and to be worked in the round.

² Any "figure-eight" style cast on may be substituted here. For instructions for Judy's Magic Cast On, go to the Knitty.com link below for an excellent tutorial.
<http://knitty.com/ISSUEspring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>