

Midnight Walk

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The Midnight Walk socks – a little love project from both of us

We – Melanie Berg and Tanja Steinbach – teamed up for this design to bring you something truly special: a free sock pattern that pairs perfectly with Melanie’s Midnight Drive sweater. Two designers, one shared intention: to gift you a project that’s fun to knit, wonderfully cozy to wear, and brings a spark of knitting joy to your day.

The Midnight Walk Socks echo the signature motif of the Midnight Drive cuff — a subtle play of texture and rhythm that gives these socks their gentle, modern charm. Soft, comforting, and made for everyday life: just right for long evenings on the couch or quiet walks out in the fresh air.

To make sure as many knitters as possible can enjoy them, the pattern includes instructions for both classic 4-ply sock yarn and a snug, warm 6-ply version. Two options, two different feels — and you’ll find both inside the pattern.

Please note: this pattern requires basic knowledge of sock knitting. We guide you through clear, easy-to-follow steps, but a bit of experience is needed so you can enjoy the knitting without stress.

Midnight Walk is a true collaboration — born from many conversations, shared excitement, and the idea of gently weaving our designs together. We hope you’ll have just as much joy knitting your pair as we had creating them.

Wishing you lots of warmth and happy stitches on your own Midnight Walks.



Yarn

4-ply

Lana Grossa Meilenweit Merino Extrafine Shades (75% Merino, 25% Nylon/Polyamide; 100 g / 459 yds / 420 m)

- shown in colors 7228 and 7229

6-ply

Lana Grossa Meilenweit 6-fach 150 Alpaca (50% Alpaca, 30% Polyamide, 20% Wool; 150 g / 390 yds / 427 m)

- shown in color 1005

Notes

- The *Midnight Walk* socks are worked in the round, from the cuff all the way down to the toe.
- The pattern assumes basic knowledge of sock knitting. We love recommending the short-row heel and the classic wedge toe for this design — though of course you're free to use any techniques you enjoy. You can find the basic sock instructions here:

<https://www.tanjasteinbach.de/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Basic-Sock-Pattern.pdf>

- It's a good idea to take a moment to read through the entire pattern before you cast on. That way you'll get a clear sense of how everything is constructed and how all the steps fit together.

Abbreviations

k / p – knit / purl

k2tog – k 2 sts together

rd – round(s)

RS / WS – right side / wrong side

st st – in der Rd alle M re str. In Reihen die HR re, die RR li str

sts – stich(e)s

tbl – through the back loop(s)

yo – yarn over

Needles

for 4-ply

- US 0 - 1.5 / 2.00 - 2.50 mm circular needles
- or size to obtain gauge

for 6-ply

- US 2.5 - 4 / 3.00 - 3.50 mm circular needles
- or size to obtain gauge

Sizes

European (36-37 / 38-39)

Blocked Gauge

for 4-ply

30 sts x 42 rds = 4" / 10 cm in stockinette stitch

for 6-ply

22 sts x 28 - 30 rds = 4" / 10 cm in stockinette stitch

Our tip for adjusting to other shoe sizes

With the help of the size chart for 4-ply or 6-ply sock yarn — and a bit of sock-knitting experience — you can easily adapt the pattern to different sizes. Simply look up the recommended stitch count for your size, then add a few stitches if needed so the total number is divisible by 6, and off you go.

Adjust the leg length according to your preferred sock height or the size you're aiming for, and work the foot to the measurements given in the chart.

And don't forget: if you added extra stitches to accommodate the textured pattern, decrease them again as described once the pattern section is complete.

You'll find the size charts here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4plysocks>

<https://tinyurl.com/6plysocks>



Texture Pattern "Midnight Drive"

Rds 1-2 (RS): (k1-tbl, p1) repeat to end

Rd 3: (knot, p1, k1-tbl, p1) repeat to 6 sts before the end, knot, p1. This is the new beginning of the rd. Shift marker to here. Repeat Rounds 1-3 throughout.

Special Technique "knot"

knot: pass third st on left needle over second and first st; k1, yo, k1

Instructions for 4-ply Cast-on

Cast on 66 sts in your chosen yarn, join to work in the round, and continue in the Midnight Drive texture pattern, repeating rds 1-3 throughout. Please make sure to follow the shift of the round beginning as noted in the instructions.

Version A (shown in the foreground in the photo), color 7228 – 9 cm short leg in the texture pattern:

After working 9 cm in the texture pattern (measured from the cast-on), switch to st st in the round. In the first round, k2tog every 11th st with the st before it, = 60 sts.

Work 4 more rounds in st st.

OR

Version B (shown in the background of the photo), color 7229 – texture pattern as the cuff:

After working 6 cm in the texture pattern (measured from the cast-on), switch to stockinette in the round. In the first round, k2tog every 11th stitch with the stitch before it, = 60 sts.

For the leg, continue knitting in stockinette for another 12 cm in the round.

Then work the short-row heel and the foot in st st as described in the basic instructions. When the foot measures the required length before the toe – about 18.5 cm from the center of the heel for size 36/37 or around 20 cm for size 38/39 – it's time to begin the wedge toe.

Finishing

Weave in and secure all yarn ends, then wash the sock and block it to its final measurements.

Work the second sock in the same way.



Instructions for 6-ply Cast-on

Cast on 54 sts, join to work in the round, and continue in the Midnight Drive texture pattern, repeating Rounds 1-3 throughout. Please make sure to follow the shift of the round beginning as noted in the pattern.

After working 7 cm in the texture pattern (measured from the cast-on), switch to stockinette in the round. In the first round, k2tog every 9th stitch with the stitch before it, = 48 sts.

For the leg, continue working 9 cm in stockinette in the round.

Then work the short-row heel and the foot in stockinette as described in the basic instructions. When the foot measures the length needed before the toe – roughly 18 cm from the center of the heel for size 36/37, or about 20 cm for size 38/39 – begin working the wedge toe.

