

Introducing Ready-to-Dye and Knit *Sock Blanks*!!!

Our new double-stranded Sock Blanks are ready to be dyed, giving you the freedom to create your own patterns and color combinations. The options are endless. By varying lines, stripes, dots, swirls and gradients you can make a sock for every outfit, mood, occasion or friend. We demonstrate just a few options here, showing you the dyed blank and the finished knitted sock together.



Create your very own self-stripping socks with your choice of thin stripes, wide stripes or a combination of both. By using a condiment bottle or sponge brush to apply the dye to the yarn, you can easily achieve unique self-stripping socks. Visit us online to watch our how-to video on sock blank dyeing and learn more details on how these designs were created.

For gentle, gradated stripes that melt into one another, do not put any vinegar into the dye stock. Choose two or three colors that are related—yellow, orange and red are a good example. Using a condiment bottle, apply the dye in widely-spaced stripes and then, using gloved hands, “massage” the colors together so that they intermix a bit. After you’re finished dyeing your sock blank, spray it liberally with vinegar.

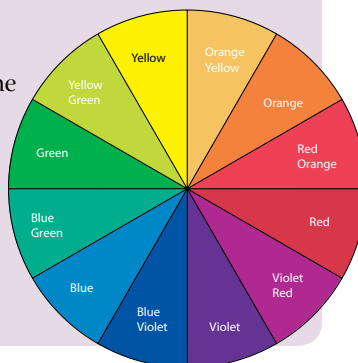
If you’d like clearly defined, Felici-style stripes, add the vinegar directly to the dye stock. Choose highly-contrasting colors, and apply the dye precisely with a sponge brush or pipette.



Choose a from a variety of color palettes, bright oranges to refreshing blues to earthy greens and browns, or go beyond the everyday and experiment with some of the more vibrant colors offered with our Jacquard® acid dyes. You may want to begin by limiting your color selection to two or three choices to avoid getting a muddy, mixed result. Feel free to experiment, though—there’s no “right” way to plan your design!

Standard dye stock is $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of dye for each cup of water. For light, pastel colors, use a ratio of 1 part dye stock to 1 part water. For bright, vivid colors, use the dye stock without diluting it. For darker colors, use a ratio of 4 parts dye stock to 1 part black or brown dye stock.

To make a stock color more muted, mix it with a color opposite from it on the color wheel. For example, if you’d like to tone down the vivid color of your scarlet dye stock, add a little green dye stock. If your blue is too bright, add a small amount orange dye stock.





Laying your color down in horizontal stripes creates subtle changes between the colors. This would be a very good pattern to use for socks for men or boys.

The zig-zag design allows your accent color to appear regularly throughout your design. Having this consistent color lets you be more bold with your contrasting color sections.



You can paint blotches, dots, and different odd shapes onto your blank, too. Let your imagination and spontaneity rule! The end results will be determined by gauge and placement of the color. Try using an eyedropper to make polka-dots or a spray bottle to mist all-over coverage for a speckled look in the knit fabric.



Want a sock that slowly moves from deep, saturated color to a barely-there tint? You can get this effect by slowly lowering your sock blank into a dye bath in timed intervals. If you'd like to try gradated dyeing, check out our [gradated tutorial](#) at the Knitting Community library.



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