

SIGNS TO RECOGNIZE ALONG THE PATHWAY



Acorn explanations are short and friendly descriptions of something more complex.

From how to turn a heel, to tips for sending designs along new sock pathways, these explanations encourage you to understand what you are doing and take matters into your own hands. Children in Waldorf schools learn this little poem: *In the heart of a seed, so deep, so deep, / a dear little tree lies fast asleep.* I hope my acorn explanations grow to become mighty oak trees inside you, with branches of understanding, skill, confidence, and inspiration.

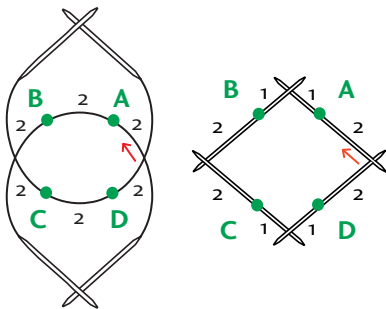


Master Numbers

The large sock circle reminds you to collect your master numbers, like **A**, which allow you to knit along any of the sock pathways, creating a custom-fit sock! You can keep a notebook of master numbers for yourself and other favorite feet. You'll find a reproducible form on page 27.

GREEN capital letters like **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, or **E**, represent individual stitch markers.

"Knit to **A**" means, "knit to marker **A**." These named markers make it easy to navigate around your sock. You can buy or make letter stitch markers, like those shown to the left. (see resources). Alternatively, you could use different color markers, assigning letters to colors.



Choose to knit with 2 circular needles, 5 double-pointed needles, or 1 long circular needle. Instructions and schematics are given for 2 circs and dpn's. If you'd like to use 1 long circular needle (Sarah Hauschka's Magic Loop method), simply follow the 2 circ directions, with the cable loops located at the needle intersections.

A small **red arrow** identifies the starting needle.

Words that look like this **are designed to catch your attention and ensure you won't skip a step.**

For example, they make it easier to see the next row or round:

Rnd 3: Knit to end.

Sometimes a few words at the start of a sentence are highlighted, to signal you to do something:

Knit until you reach the first wrapped stitch.

Companion rows or rounds **stay together like good friends, and are repeated as a pair.** For example:

Companion rounds:

Rnd 2: K to **A**, k1, LLinc, k until 1 st rem before **B**, LRinc, k to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: K to **A**, k1, p until 1 st rem before **B**, k to end of rnd.

Repeat companion rnds 2-4 again, then rnds 2-3 once more.