



Self-Striping & Reverse Tabbies

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From left to right: Self-striping Regular Tabbies in Alegria Superpool kit Size 3, Reverse Tabbies (left partial and right total) in Chocolate amagro + Alegria kit Size 3, and Kutsushita version Size 2 in same combination

YARDAGE ESTIMATION

Please note that the color distribution is different from the original Tabbies.

MC (leg and foot): 115 (130, 136, 152)[170, 177, 195] m / 125 (142, 149, 16)[186, 193, 213] yds

CC (ribbing, heel & toe): 68 (77, 80, 89)[100, 104, 115] m / 74 (84, 88, 98)[110, 114, 126] yds

Shown in

CC red: Manos del Uruguay Alegria Superpool kit, color Circus (see photo on last page)

CC brown: leftover of Alegria kit's large skein for MC and Malabrigo Sock Chocolate amargo

This document only provides tips to knit the longer version of Tabbies with self-striping yarn. You need to refer to the original Tabbies pattern to follow the instructions below. No inquiries from knitters not having the original Tabbies pattern in possession are accepted. Print only p.2 to knit your tabbies!

SELF-STRIPING REGULAR TABBIES

Work cuff with CC. After p rnd change to MC (cut CC) and work leg as directed (do not cut MC).

Heel is worked in CC and the "Next rnd" after W&T short rows is worked with CC on the right foot.

Tip: If your CC is highly contrasting and you don't wish to use it for this rnd (visible on the front side), pick up wraps on the left side of the heel with CC, leave it there and turn work. With WS facing, slide all CC heel sts to right needle and with MC, purl MC sts until you reach the heel, cross MC with CC you have left there and with CC, purl heel sts and pick up wraps on the other side of the heel (lift wrap on left needle and purl it with st). Then, turn work and start working German short rows (I recommend working 1 less turn on either side). After the last DS, work to the other side of the heel where your MC is waiting.

After last DS (cut CC), foot is worked in MC, 1 less rnd than directed (cut MC). Switch to CC and knit 1 rnd.

Purl 1 rnd and finish toe as directed.

REVERSE TABBIES

In both versions, the "Next rnd" after W&T short rows is worked with CC in the samples. If you don't wish to use it for this rnd (visible on the front side), see Tip in "Self-striping Regular Tabbies" above.

Version 1: Partially reversed tabbies - regular stockinette heel and toe

They are worked with the knit side (WS!) facing down to the end of the foot, then turned inside out to work the toe in regular stockinette st (no purling).

With CC, CO sts and work cuff as directed (German twisted CO is reversible, yey!). Then knit 1 rnd instead of purling. Switch to MC (cut CC) to work the leg.

With CC (do not cut MC), work the heel, starting the RS row of SR1 so that it's in regular stockinette seen from the knit side, then the remainder in reverse stockinette st (purl when you see knit and vice versa). The working yarn should be placed on the purl side when you slip sts.

Switch to MC after last DS (cut CC) and work foot as directed. Switch to CC (cut MC) and knit 1 rnd, then turn your work inside out. Now your right foot sock is your left foot sock! Work toe in regular stockinette st.

Version 2: Totally reversed tabbies (all purls)

They are knit with WS (knit side) facing all the way down and turned inside out at the end. Your right foot sock becomes your left sock! All ends should be placed on the knit side.

Work cuff with CC and knit 1 rnd (instead of p) (cut CC). Switch to MC and work leg as directed.

Switch to CC (do not cut MC) and work heel short rows as directed except that the yarn should be placed **on the knit side** when you slip st after each turn. Keep this in mind because it is not very instinctive.

In the "Next rnd", pick up wraps on both sides of heel (with the knit side facing) as follows: insert your right needle into the wrap from the bottom at the back of work and place it on your left needle, k together the wrap and the st. The wrap is on the knit side now.

German short rows are worked as directed except for the yarn placed on the knit side when you slip sts.

After last DS (cut CC), switch to MC and work foot as directed (cut MC).

Switch to CC, knit the purl rnd. For CDD, work as follows so the decreases are centered once the sock turned out: slip 1 knitwise, k2tog and pass slipped st over.

For big toe, pick up and PURL sts at CO edge sts and knit the remainder as directed. Turn your tabbies RS out!



Manos del Uruguay Alegria Superpool Kit, Circus



Self-striping regular Tabbies size 3 with the kit
Left foot worked according to the "Tip".



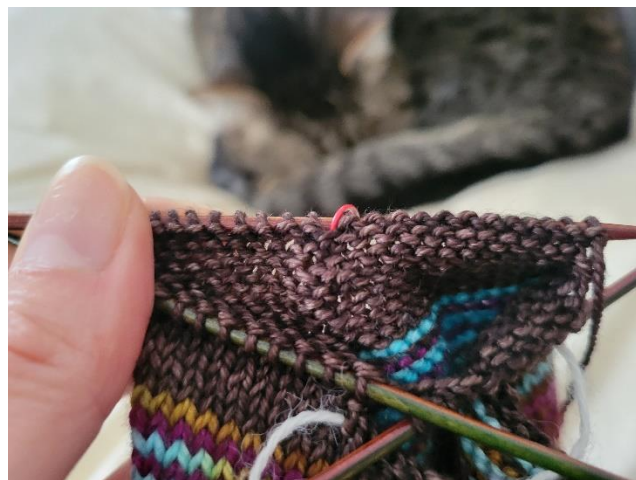
Reverse Tabbies, partial at left and total at right



Kutsushita version size 2 and its perfect circumference



SK2P becomes...



centered double decrease on the purl side!