

SAMPLE COVER PAGE

HeartStrings Supplement: A80P - 5327
(use in conjunction with #A80 Peppermint Sticks 2)

— Patriotic Socks —

This red-white-blue variation of the HeartStrings sock pattern #A80 "Peppermint Sticks 2" is worked in 3 colors instead of 2, and has optional embroidered 5-point stars on the heel flap. The cuff is worked side-to-side in a simple knit and purl welted ribbing of red and white stripes. The jag and swirl of the striped cuff suggests the U.S. flag proudly waving in the breeze.



You may use these instructions in either of these ways:

- By themselves to get inspiration and broad guidance on color placement of the red, white and blue theme on socks, ideas for variations, and detailed instructions for the embroidered 5-point stars.
- In conjunction with the #A80 "Peppermint Sticks 2" for a complete sock pattern, available wherever HeartStrings patterns are sold.

I hope you enjoy this write-up of how I made my Patriot Socks. God bless America, Jackie E-S

Overview —

The colors on the socks are planned as follows:

- * Red and white striped cuff/leg.
- * Navy blue heel and toe.
- * White with red stripe on one foot; red with white stripe on the other foot of the pair.
- * Embroidered white stars on heel flap

Yarn —

I used Heirloom Breeze yarn just because that is what I had available in my studio for the colors and yarn weight needed. But any sport/DK weight yarn suitable for sock wear could be used.

Heirloom Breeze, a cotton/merino/lycra yarn - 50g ball/ 105 yards. For the size I made (the 8" foot circumference size in the A80 pattern and 9" long feet), I used one ball each of Heirloom Cotton Breeze in red and white, and a partial ball of navy blue. I just barely got by with a single ball each of red and white, so plan accordingly. For wider widths and longer feet, allow additional yarn.

The A80 pattern instructions are specified to work with 2 colors – A and B. For those who like detailed guidance, I've included instructions below of exactly how to incorporate the 3rd color C in the pattern instructions. Before beginning, I suggest you read through this write-up and note those sections on your pattern where modifications will be made.

Assign color A = red and color B = white.

Additional color: Color C = navy blue

Heel Flap section

Attach color C (navy blue) at the point you finished using color A. Note: On first sock, you can cut color A as you won't be using it again until the stripe just before the toe. On second sock, to avoid an extra set of ends to finish later, don't cut A to as you will be using it for the main foot.

Follow original instructions using color C (navy blue) for heel instead of color A.