



Christmas Stocking



Materials. 16 inch circular needles in size 8 (you could also use magic loop or double pointed needles, if you prefer). Worsted weight yarn in colors of your choice.

General overview of steps. For this pattern, you will knit a cuff (knit in stockinette and doubled over for a cuff of double-thickness). This is nice because if you personalize the cuff with a name, you can hide the back of the stitches inside the cuff. After the cuff, you will make a sock leg, mark your afterthought heel placement, knit the foot, knit the toe, and then you will circle back and finish the afterthought heel.

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Cuff

Cast on 56 stitches. Join to work in the round. Place marker. Knit 18 rows. Purl 1 row. Then knit 18 more rows. Pick up the bottom of the cuff and hold the cuff doubled. The purled row will now be the top of your stocking. It should create a nice sharp folded edge. To join the cuff, you will knit through two stitches at once - the bottom row of stitches plus your live stitches. Do this all the way around.

Sock Leg

Knit 50 rows. Using waste yarn, knit 28 stitches for the afterthought heel. Move the 28 stitches back to the left needle. Then continue with the foot.

Foot

Knit 25 rows.

Toe

Row 1. Knit 28 stitches, pm, knit 28 stitches. 56 stitches total.

Row 2. *SSK, knit until two stitches before marker, K2tog. *Repeat. You should know have 52 stitches.

Row 3. Knit all stitches.

Row 4. *SSK, knit until two stitches before marker, K2tog. *Repeat.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 28 stitches total (i.e., you will have knit 14 rows total). Kitchener stitch the toe together.

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Afterthought Heel

Pick up 28 stitches below the waste yarn and 28 stitches above the waste yarn. Update: I have decided it works best if you pick up two stitches on each side of the heel. Use a long tail when you start the heel so that you can stitch up any gaps.

Row 1. Knit 30 stitches, pm, knit 30 stitches.

Row 2. *SSK, knit until two stitches before marker, K2tog. *Repeat. You should know have 52 stitches.

Row 3. Knit all stitches.

Row 4. *SSK, knit until two stitches before marker, K2tog. *Repeat.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 28 stitches total (i.e., you will have knit 16 rows total). Kitchener stitch the heel together.

To personalize the cuff, I used capital letters that were 4 stitches wide, 8 stitches tall, and lower case letters that were 3 stitches wide and 5 - 8 stitches tall (depending on the letter). I pinned (<https://www.pinterest.com/Saltycrafts/>) some knitting alphabet charts, in case that might be helpful. I also pinned some color ideas.

A huge thank you for the Christmas stocking pattern taken from;
<http://saltycrafts.blogspot.com/2016/11/my-new-favorite-christmas-socking.html>

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