

Christmas Stocking Ornament

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This miniature Christmas stocking is worked flat then sewn closed up the top of the foot when finished. This makes it great for anyone not wanting to work in the round. Also, due to so few stitches used it makes for a faster knit than working in the round.

The pattern is easily adaptable to whatever yarn you have, if choosing a different combo than the one listed just keep in mind that a tighter fabric will keep the ornament's shape best. I have provided information on what I used to make the samples show.

Finished size: 5 inches tall by 2 inches across.

Yarn: Cascade 220 Fingering weight yarn held double.

Needle: US #2 needles (2.75mm).

Gauge measured on ornament: 7 stitches & 11 rows per inch.

Gauge is not critical but a firmer fabric will work better.



Abbreviations:

K: knit **P:** purl **Sl1:** slip 1 stitch purlwise
RS: right side **WS:** wrong side **sts:** stitches
skp: slip the next stitch purl wise, knit the next stitch then pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch, 1 stitch decreased. You can also use any decrease you like.

Row counts reset for each section so that you can adapt as you like.

Using Long Tail Cast-on: Cast on 27 stitches with WHITE.

Cuff: Cuff can be made longer or shorter as you like, end by finishing a WS row.

Rows 1-4: Knit all stitches.

Row 5: Purl all stitches (this will create a fold line to roll the top edge of the stocking over after seaming).

Rows 6-9: Knit all stitches.

Leg: The leg section can be made longer or shorter as you like, end by finishing a WS row. This section can also be striped, patterned with fair isle, or you can use duplicate stitch to add decoration before or after seaming the stocking.

Row 1 (RS): Change colors and Knit all stitches. NOTE: When changing colors leave a longer tail of the old yarn so that you can use it later to seam the stocking closed.

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Row 3 and all RS rows to Row 19: Knit all stitches.

Row 4 and all WS rows to Row 20: Purl all stitches.

Heel:

The heel is just a hint of a sock heel and serves only to add a little bend and visual change. Remember it's just an ornament. The heel is made in the middle of the row by a series of turns and half worked rows.

Construction is similar to a short row heel but without wraps (you can always throw them in if you know how) and only half a heel is worked.

Pull the yarn extra tight for the first few stitches of each heel row worked to help reduce holes in the heel. If you end up with too large of holes after the heel is made you can leave them... remember it's just an ornament, or you can use the tails of the heel yarn to close up the holes by duplicate stitching the row in question. After finishing the entire stocking I "tugged" the heel out to make it more visually sock-like.

Row 1(RS): Knit 7 stitches with RED, drop RED and join the WHITE yarn. You can knot the two yarns together if you would like but you'll only use WHITE for the heel. With WHITE: Knit the next 13 stitches. Turn, (every time you turn you will leave part of the row unworked).

Row 2(WS): S11, P12. Turn.

Row 3: S11, K11. Turn.

Row 4: S11, P10. Turn.

Row 5: S11, K9. Turn.

Row 6: S11, P8. Turn.

Row 7: S11, K7. Turn.

Row 8: S11, P6. Turn.

Row 9: S11, K5. Turn.

Row 10: S11, P4. Turn.

Row 11: S11, K3. Turn.

Row 12: S11, P2. Turn.

Row 13: S11, K1.

You're looking at the Right Side of the stocking. Drop WHITE yarn (cut leaving a long tail if you are not going to pattern the foot) and slip the 7 WHITE heel stitches from the RIGHT needle onto the LEFT needle.

Foot: The foot can be patterned or left plain.

Row 1: Pick up RED yarn and Knit to end of needle.

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Row 3 (RS): Knit all stitches.

Row 4 and WS rows to Row 14: Purl all stitches

Row 5 and RS rows to Row 13: Knit all stitches

Toe: Change back to WHITE to make the toe. You can use any decrease you know or use the one stated.

Row 1 (RS): Knit all stitches.

Rows 2, 4, & 6 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Row 3: K4, skp, K4, skp, K3, skp, K4, skp, K4 (23 sts: 4 sts decreased).

Row 5: K4, skp, K3, skp, K1, skp, K3, skp, K4, (19 sts.).

Row 7: K3, skp, K2, skp, K1, skp, K2, skp, K3 (15 sts.).

Making up:

Cut the WHITE yarn used for working the toe leaving an 8 inch tail.

Thread a darning needle, draw through all toe stitches removing them from the knitting needle and seam the top of the toe closed. Change the seaming yarn to the RED tail and seam to the cuff. Change to the WHITE tail at the cuff and seam the cuff.

Turn inside out and tie off threads and weave in ends as you see fit to close any holes. Fold over the top edge and attach yarn to make a hanging loop.

Merry Christmas!

