

## Mini Homespun Christmas Stocking

No gauge needed. Make from whatever yarn you have using whatever needles feel right.



CO 24, leaving 12" tail for making hanging loop later. Tail will mark center of back of stocking.

K1 row, distributing stitches evenly on 3 double pointed needles (skip this step if using circulars). 8 sts on each needle. Join to work in round. K stst for 4".

K one more row even, leaving 6 sts unworked. (8 sts on first needle, 8 sts on second needle, 2 sts on third needle, & 6 sts on fourth needle).

Using 5th needle, k12 for heel. Use now-empty needle to knit next 12 remaining sts for instep (You should now have 12 sts on each of two needles).

**Make Gusset:** \*Sl1, k to end of row, turn, sl1, p to end of row, turn. Repeat from \* twice more.

**Turn Heel:** Sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn. Sl1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn. Sl1, k4, ssk, k1, turn. Sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn. (8 sts left on heel needle that you have been working, 12 sts on second needle, aka instep needle)

With empty needle, pick up 4 sts along right side of gusset (the side you would have purled down on the last row had you not turned), but don't knit them yet. Using the same needle, sl1, k3 of the 8 heel sts. Using another empty needle, k3, sl1, and pick up and knit 4 sts along remaining side of gusset. (8 sts on first needle, 12 sts on second needle, 8 sts on third needle). K around to center back of heel (between two needles with 8 sts on them).

**Decrease to 24 sts:** K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. K around. Repeat until you have 24 stitches. (6 sts on first needle, 12 sts on second needle, 6 sts on third needle)

K one round, distributing stitches as you go so that there are 8 sts on each needle. K around for 1 ¼" (about ten rows).

**Toe Decrease:** {K2, k2tog} around. (6 sts on each needle) K around. [K1, k2tog] around. K around.

**Finishing:** Cut yarn and sew through remaining sts, pulling tight and tying off. Fold cuff ½" or so, whatever looks about right. With crochet hook, pull beginning yarn tail through at top back corner. Crochet chain 8, slip stitch back into beginning to make loop. Tie off. Weave in ends.

