

Christmas Stocking

A miniature knitted Christmas pudding decoration

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Yarn

Small amounts of 4ply or sock yarn in any colours

Needles

DPNs or circular needles, 2 to 3mm (gauge is not essential, but a smaller needle gives a denser fabric which is better for holding shape when hung up; small crochet hook (2-3mm))

Other materials

Yarn needle for weaving in ends

Gauge

Use a smaller needle size than usually recommended for your yarn in order to produce a

dense knitted fabric. Gauge is not essential for this project.

Notations

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| RS | Right side |
| WS | Wrong side |
| k | knit |
| p | purl |
| k2tog | Knit 2 together |
| CO | Cast on |
| m1 | Make 1 stitch by picking up the loop between the next two stitches and knitting into the back of it. |
| sl1 | slip one stitch |

Toe

CO 12 stitches using the [Turkish cast on](#), [Judy's Magic Cast On](#) or crochet a chain and knit into both sides of 4 stitches. Divide between DPNs and place marker after 6 stitches, or put 6 on each of 2 circulars, or each loop if using one circular magic loop method.

Round 1: (k1, m1, knit to 1 stitch before marker (or end of needle), m1, k1) twice [16 sts]

Round 2: knit

Round 3: (k1, m1, knit to 1 stitch before marker (or end of needle), m1, k1) twice [20 sts]

Round 4: knit

Round 5: (k1, m1, knit to 1 stitch before marker (or end of needle), m1, k1) twice [24 sts]

Round 6: knit

Round 7: (k1, m1, knit to 1 stitch before marker (or end of needle), m1, k1) twice [28 sts]

Round 8: knit

If knitting toe in contrast colour, change to main sock colour now.

Foot

Knit until foot measures 2.5 cm after end of toe (main colour section if knitting heel and toe in contrast colour).

Heel

If knitting heel toe in contrast colour, change back to contract colour now.

The heel is knit back and forth on the first 14 stitches only. If using DPNs, put the second 14 stitches on a holder or waste yarn.

Row 1: Knit to last stitch; turn
 Row 2: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last stitch; turn (1 stitch unworked each end)
 Row 3: Sl1 purlwise, knit to last 2 stitches; turn
 Row 4: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last 2 stitches; turn (2 stitches unworked each end)
 Row 5: Sl1 purlwise, knit to last 3 stitches; turn
 Row 6: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last 3 stitches; turn (3 stitches unworked each end)
 Row 7: Sl1 purlwise, knit to last 4 stitches; turn
 Row 8: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last 4 stitches; turn (4 stitches unworked each end)
 Row 9: Sl1 purlwise, knit to last 5 stitches; k2tog, m1, turn
 Row 10: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last 5 stitches; p2tog, m1, turn (3 stitches unworked each end)
 Row 11: Sl1 purlwise, knit to last 4 stitches; k2tog, m1, turn
 Row 12: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last 4 stitches; p2tog, m1, turn (2 stitch unworked each end)
 Row 13: Sl1 purlwise, knit to last 3 stitches; k2tog, m1, turn
 Row 14: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last 3 stitches; p2tog, m1, turn (1 stitch unworked each end)
 Row 15: Sl1 purlwise, knit to last 2 stitches; k2tog, m1, turn
 Row 16: Sl1 purlwise, purl to last 2 stitches; p2tog, m1, turn (0 stitches unworked each end)

Leg

If using contract colour to knit heel, pick up main colour again now.

Row 17: Sl1 purlwise, knit around

Continue knitting in st st until leg measures 5cm from end of heel (main colour section if knitting heel and toe in contrast colour).

Cuff

If using contract colour to knit cuff, change to contrast colour now. Knit garter stitch (k 1 round, p 1 round) for 1 cm. Cast off, preferably using Elizabeth Zimmerman's sewn bind off. Leave enough yarn to have about 30 cm left after finishing the cast off.

Hanging Loop

To make a loop to hang up your stocking, use a small crochet hook. Weave yarn through stitches until it is at the back of the leg, then use remaining yarn tail to make a tight crochet chain of the desired length and stitch back into the top of the stocking to form a loop.