

Mini Stockings

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This little pattern makes stockings almost 6 inches tall. They are a perfect size for the Warmth for Warriors charity. They are also a handy size for inserting gift cards at Christmas with a few treats, like mini candy canes, for added fun.

Description:

This stocking is worked in the round either with circular or dpn needles. You can knit the stocking all one color or make color changes, such as white, for the cuff, heel and toe. You can choose solid colors, ombres or self-stripping yarns. You can even make them in team colors. The heel on this stocking is formed by knitting wrapped stitches. If working wrapped stitches is something new, information on how to execute them is included within the instructions.



What You Need To Get Started:

- Yarn: Regular worsted weight yarn. Examples: Red Heart Super Saver, Hobby Lobby I Love This Yarn!, or Lion Brand Vanna's Choice. For this pattern, the instructions will include two colors: white (W) and a main color (MC).
- Needle size: U.S. 8 (5.0 mm)
- Other items needed: scissors, tapestry needle, size F (3.75 mm) or G (4 mm) crochet hook for the hanging loop.

Cuff:

1. Using W, co 24 sts leaving a long tail for making a hanging loop when the stocking is completed. Suggested length of the long tail is about 18" (46 cm).
2. Work W in seed stitch for nine rounds.

Main body:

1. Shift six stitches on your needles to enable you to start the MC at the midway point, not at your initial starting point identified by the long tail. That is, instead of starting the new color where you left off, you will shift 6 sts on your needles to begin exactly midway between the front and back of the cuff.

Note: If you want to correct the jog when you start a new color, [HERE IS HOW-TO A LINK.](#)

2. Work MC for 2 inches (5 cm).

Heel:

The heel is worked flat starting with the 12 back stitches of the MC. To make the curved shape of the heel, three stitches will be wrapped on either end of the 12 sts, over several rows working from the outer sts toward the center and then back out to the ends. Wrapping stitches is a way of bringing the yarn in front of the stitch but not working it.

Stitches are wrapped differently on the knit side compared to the purl side. Learning how to wrap stitches will become automatic after a while but, initially, if you have not executed this stitch sequence, you will likely need to refer to the following instructions:

Wrapping the st when you start the row on the purl side: purl up to the st that is to be wrapped. Slide that st onto your right hand needle. Bring the yarn around the st from left to right to the front. Turn. Slide the st back onto the current right hand needle. Wrap the st by bringing the yarn to the back. Now continue to knit across to the next st that will be wrapped.

Wrapping the st when you start the row on the knit side: Knit up to the st that is to be wrapped. Bring yarn to the front. Slip the st onto the right hand needle. Wrap the yarn around the st from r to l to the back. Turn. Slip the wrapped st onto the current right hand needle. Work your purl sts to the next st to be wrapped.

Note: It is easy to see which st needs to be wrapped next when working the knit side, but not so easy from the purl side. If you forget what row you are on and therefore what st is to be wrapped next, just check the knit side.

Let the front 12 stitches go dormant while you are working the heel. DO NOT cut the MC yarn. You will pick up the MC after you work the W heel.

Using W, start on the knit side of your 12 back/heel sts. You will know that you are on the heel if you can see your long starting tail in front of you. (See photo to the right.) In this photo, instead of leaving the tail long, for your visual convenience, it was crocheted to make a hanging loop. Normally the hanging loop would be completed later.



Row 1: With W, k 12 back/heel stitches.

Row 2: P to the last st. Wrap the last st.

Refer to the instructions on wrapping from the purl side on the previous page.

Row 3: K to the last st. Wrap the last st.

Refer to the instructions on wrapping from the knit side on the previous page.

Row 4: P to the second to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 5: K to the second to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 6: P to the third to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 7: K to the third to last st. Wrap this st.

Reverse: Now you are going to go back and wrap sts a second time eventually working toward the end sts. This will result in having wrapped each of the three end sts twice.

Row 8: P to the third to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 9: K to the third to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 10: P to the second to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 11: K to the second to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 12: P to last st. Wrap this st.

Row 13: K to the last st. Wrap this st.

Cut yarn leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Using a tapestry needle, bring the yarn tail to the front between the last st and the second to last st. Later you will secure this yarn end.

Lower Stocking and Toe:

Pick up MC and work the toe in stockinette st for 1.75 inches (4.5 cm). If you are using circular needles, you will need to shift stitches to start at that point. If dpns, no need to shift.

Note: Your heel joins (where the heel and MC come together) may leave a slight gap. You can close these up when you finish by either using yarn ends already at the heel or a small piece of matching yarn to close them up when you are done. Very often at least one of these joins needs a little cosmetic help.

Toe Row 1: With W, finish the stocking by k 2, k2 tog around. (18)

Toe Row 2: K.

Toe Row 3: K 1, K2 tog around. (12)

Toe Row 4: K.

Toe Row 5: K2 tog around (6). Cut yarn leaving a tail long enough to draw through all stitches and to secure your yarn ends.

Finishing:

1. Close up heel gaps with yarn. Secure all yarn ends. Crochet a hanging loop with a chain st. (13 ch sts and a size F hook works perfectly.) Secure your loop.
2. Wet, but don't soak stocking. Then, using your hand, train it to lie flat on a towel to air dry. Turn later to air dry on the other side. All done!

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