

# Christmas Stocking



A simple, classic design. I used natural hemp/wool yarn for the cuff of the pictured stocking. The body is knit from natural hemp/wool yarn that I dyed with cherry Koolaid. Since the wool absorbs the dye, but the hemp doesn't, you get a heathered effect.

## Materials

Yarn                    2 oz (about 100 yds) worsted weight yarn in Main Color (MC)  
                              12 yds worsted weight yarn in Contrast Color (CC)

Set of 4 or 5 double-pointed knitting needles, US size 6 OR whatever size *you* need to achieve correct gauge

## Gauge

5 stitches per inch in stockinet stitch

## Instructions

### Cuff and Leg

Cast on 48 stitches using CC. Distribute on 3 needles (12-24-12) or 4 (12 stitches per needle). Join in round, being careful not to twist yarn. This is beginning of round (BOR). Work in garter stitch (knit one round, purl one round) for 9 rounds, beginning and ending with a knit round.

Attach MC, but don't cut CC; you'll use the long tail to make your hanging loop later. Work in stockinet stitch with MC (knit every round) until stocking measures 8 inches from cast on edge. End at BOR.

### Heel

Heel flap will be created using the 12 stitches on either side of BOR (24 stitches total). The remaining stitches (instep stitches) can be placed on a stitch holder, spare piece of yarn, or just left unworked on needle(s) for now.

Knit 12, then turn work and begin heel flap:

Row 1: k3, p18, k3

Row 2: k24

Repeat these two rows for a total of 24 rows; ending with a purl row.

Turn heel:

Row 1: (right side) K14, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k6, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, k8, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, p9, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 7: Sl 1, k10, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 8: Sl 1, p11, p2tog, p1. Turn.  
Row 9: Sl 1, k12, ssk. Turn.  
Row 10: Sl 1, p12, p2tog. Turn.  
Knit 7 stitches to return to BOR

With free needle, knit remaining stitches of heel, then pick up and knit 12 stitches along side of heel flap. M1 by lifting the yarn between heel & instep stitches onto spare needle, then knitting through back loop onto needle with picked up stitches. This is Needle 1.

With another needle, knit instep stitches. With free needle, pick up and knit 12 stitches along right side of heel flap. M1 by lifting the yarn between heel & instep stitches onto spare needle, then knitting through back loop onto needle with picked up stitches. Knit 7 stitches of heel to return to BOR. This is Last Needle. You now have a total of 64 stitches.

Gusset:

Round 1: Needle 1 – knit to last three stitches, k2tog, k1  
Instep needle(s) – Knit  
Last Needle – k1, ssk, knit to end

Round 2: Knit

Repeat these two rounds until you once again have a total of 48 stitches. Knit even until foot of stocking measures 6 inches.

**Toe**

Round 1: \*k6, k2tog; repeat from \* around  
Round 2: Knit  
Round 3: \*k5, k2tog; repeat from \* around  
Round 4: Knit  
Round 5: \*k4, k2tog; repeat from \* around  
Round 6: Knit  
Round 7: \*k3, k2tog; repeat from \* around  
Round 8: Knit  
Round 9: \*k2, k2tog; repeat from \* around  
Round 10: Knit  
Round 11: \*k1, k2tog; repeat from \* around  
Round 12: Knit  
Round 13: \* k2tog; repeat from \* around

Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail. With tapestry needle draw yarn through remaining stitches. Pull tight and fasten off.

Make a hanging loop using the long tail of CC. First, thread CC onto a tapestry needle and weave through stitches so it is near the top edge. Then, using a crochet hook in the same gauge as your knitting needles, crochet a chain 3 inches long. Fold in half and sew the end securely inside the cuff. Cut off excess.