

Large Christmas Stocking

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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE: One size; Approximately 6½ inches wide X 20 inches long

MATERIALS

- 31 peg large gauge knitting loom & knitting hook
- Worsted weight yarn: 1 skein for the main color (A) and about ½ skein for the contrasting color (B)
- Large eye darning needle
- Optional: spool loom for I-cord hanger loop.

NOTES

- Instructions are for two strands of yarn held as one strand and worked from left to right in the rounds
- Stitches: E-wrap and Purl
- Techniques: hang-hem for cuff and short row for heels. Videos detailing the short row technique I use can be found at this location:
http://traceycarsto.blogspot.com/2006_05_01_traceycarsto_archive.html

ABBREVIATIONS:

A = main color	EK = e-wrapped knit stitch (also called twisted knit stitch)
B = contrasting color	FK = flat knit stitch
CO = cast on	P = purl stitch
BO = bind off	CC = change yarn colors
st = stitch	

STOCKING INSTRUCTIONS

Cuff

1. Using 31 peg loom and B, cast on all 31 pegs and EK two rows.
2. Rows 3-29: P all odd rows and EK all even rows ending with P st to form garter st pattern.

3. Row 30: cut B and CC to A. Hang-hem by pulling up loops from CO edge and placing them on corresponding pegs. Wrap pegs with A, knit off the two B loops over the A loop.

Leg

4. EK 36 rows (approx. 10 inches) or desired length with A. CC to B for contrasting heel color if desired or continue with A (as illustrated in picture).

Heel

5. Work short row by wrapping pegs 1-15 & K.
6. Begin working decreases as follows:
 - a. With WY in front of pegs, lift loop from peg 16, place WY behind the peg and replace the loop. Peg 16, which now has double loops, becomes a turning peg.
 - b. Moving clockwise, wrap pegs 15-1 & K. With WY in front of pegs, lift loop from peg 31, place WY behind the peg and replace the loop. Peg 31, which now has double loops, becomes a turning peg.
 - c. Continue the decreasing procedure outlined in steps 6a & 6b until there are only 5 pegs (pegs 6-10) left with single loops.
7. Begin working increases as follows:
 - a. Going counterclockwise with WY wrap pegs 6-11 and K. Note: peg 11 will have three loops when wrapped with the WY. Lift the two bottom loops over the top loop when knitting.
 - b. Going clockwise with WY wrap pegs 11-5 and K. Note: peg 5 will have three loops when wrapped with the WY. Lift the two bottom loops over the top loop when knitting.
 - c. Continue the increasing procedure outlined in steps 7a & 7b until all the short row pegs have been knitted off and the WY is back between pegs 31 & 1.

Foot

8. If contrasting color in the heel was used, CC to A.
9. EK 22 or 24 rows (approximately 6 to 8 inches.)

Toe

10. If using contrasting colors for toe, CC to B.
11. EK 3 rows.
12. FK 6 rows.
13. Do a gathered BO by cutting the WY, leaving a 12 inch or longer tail, thread onto large eye darning needle, and working counterclockwise remove the loops from the pegs. After all the loops have been removed, gather and tie off WY.

Finishing

Stockings can be monogrammed or decorated with charted designs using Swiss embroidery or duplicate stitch. I used a shorter modified version of this chart for my grandchildren's names:

<http://www.knitting-and.com/knitting/patterns/charts/alphabet-chart.htm>