

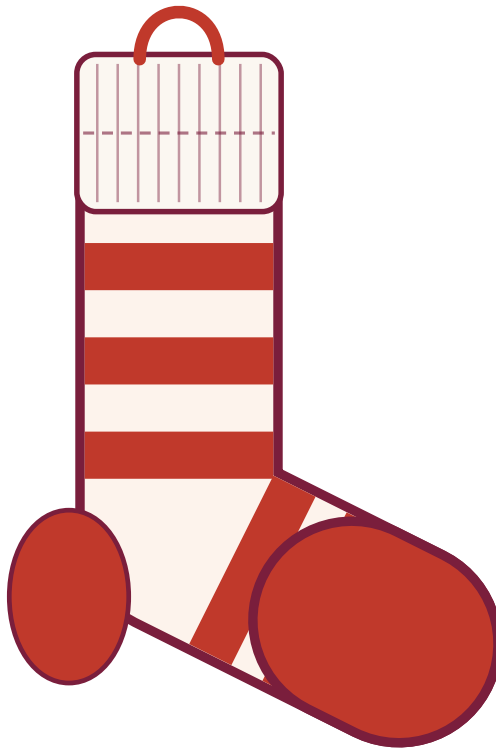
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Classic Christmas Stocking

by CrochetRooms

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Skill level: Beginner | US crochet terms



Finished size about 17 in long x 7 in wide, lying flat

Yarn worsted weight #4 acrylic

Hook 5.0 mm (H-8)

Construction toe-up in rounds, folded heel, cuff last

Size, Gauge and Materials

Finished size

Approx 17 inches long x 7 inches wide, measured lying flat. The schematic below shows every part and its size.

Gauge

Gauge: 9 dc stitches x 5 rows = 2 inches

That is 4.5 stitches and 2.5 rows per inch. Take a moment to check it, because the stocking's size depends on it.

How to check your gauge: With your 5.0 mm hook, crochet a small swatch in double crochet at least 4 inches wide and 3 inches tall. Lay it flat without stretching. Count 9 stitches across the middle of a row and measure them: they should span exactly 2 inches. Then measure 5 rows: they should span 2 inches tall. If 9 stitches measure less than 2 inches, your stitches are too big, so try a smaller hook. If they measure more than 2 inches, try a larger hook. Make a fresh swatch with the new hook and check again.

Materials

- **Yarn:** worsted weight #4 acrylic. Main color (MC): 1 skein (you will not need the whole skein). Contrast color (CC): 1 small ball or scraps for the cuff and hanging loop.
- **Sample colors:** red (MC) and cream white (CC). The three-stockings photo shows red/green, beige, and pink/gray colorways.
- **Hook:** 5.0 mm (H-8), or the size needed to obtain gauge.
- **Notions:** yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker (optional).

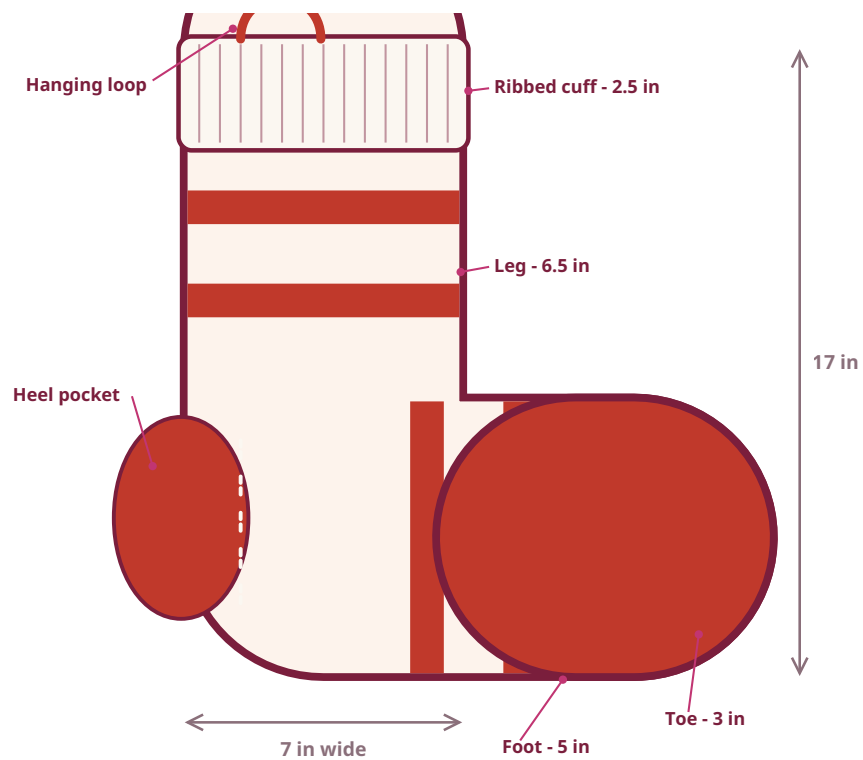
Abbreviations *(US terms)*

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet

BLO	back loop only
inc	increase (2 sc in the same stitch)
st(s)	stitch(es)
MC	main color
CC	contrast color
PM	place marker

Pattern notes

- The stocking is worked from the toe up: toe, foot, heel flap, leg, cuff, then the hanging loop.
- The toe is worked in a continuous spiral of single crochet. Mark the first stitch of each round and move the marker up.
- The foot and leg are worked in **joined** rounds: join each round with a sl st to the first stitch, ch 2 (this ch-2 does **not** count as a stitch), then work the round. The ch-2 seam sits at the side of the stocking.
- A ch 1 at the start of a single crochet row does **not** count as a stitch.
- To change color: complete the last stitch of the old color up to the final yarn-over, then yarn over with the new color and pull through. Fasten off the old color or carry it if you will use it again within 3 rounds.
- **Stripes (to match the photos):** work the foot and leg alternating MC and CC every 3 rounds. Toe, heel, and cuff stay as written.



Toe-up construction: toe, foot, heel pocket, leg, cuff last.

Construction schematic. The stocking is worked toe-up: toe (3 in), foot (5 in), heel pocket, leg (6.5 in), ribbed cuff (2.5 in), then the hanging loop. Total about 17 in long x 7 in wide.

Pattern at a Glance (for experienced crocheters)

- **MC toe:** 8 sc in magic ring, increase to 60 sts over 8 rounds.
- **Striped foot:** 13 rounds of dc, even, 60 sts.
- **MC heel flap:** 30 sc wide x 10 rows, fold in half, whipstitch the side edges.
- **Striped leg:** 16 rounds of dc, 60 sts (30 instep + 30 across the heel top in round 1).
- **CC cuff:** BLO sc ribbing, ch 11, 60 rows, seam ends, sew to leg top.
- **Hanging loop:** ch 20 strip, fold, sew inside back of cuff.

Every step is written out in full below, with diagrams. Beginners, start with the tutorials on page 10 if any technique is new to you.

The Full Pattern

The toe (MC)

Make a magic ring.

R1: 8 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. PM in the first st. **(8 sts)**

R2: 2 sc in each st around. **(16 sts)**

R3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times. **(24 sts)**

R4: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times. **(32 sts)**

R5: [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times. **(40 sts)**

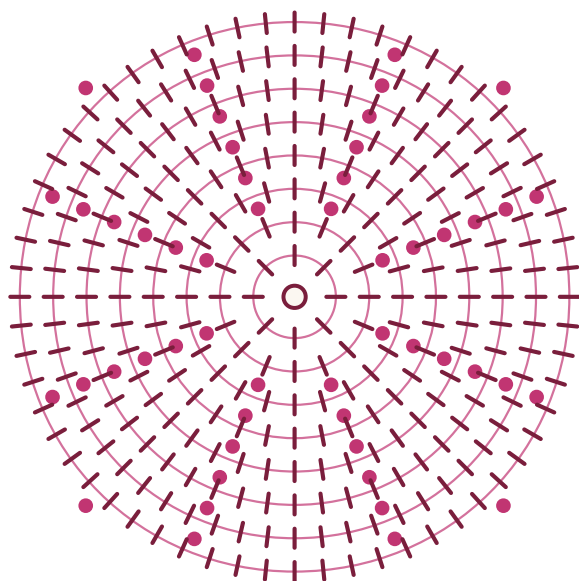
R6: [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times. **(48 sts)**

R7: [Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times. **(56 sts)**

R8: [Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st] 4 times. **(60 sts)**

The toe measures about 3 inches long. Do not fasten off if continuing in MC; the foot starts here.

Toe increases: 8 rings, worked in a spiral



Stitch counts

R1: 8 sts

R2: 16 sts

R3: 24 sts

R4: 32 sts

R5: 40 sts

R6: 48 sts

R7: 56 sts

R8: 60 sts

● = increase point

R1 starts in the magic ring (8 sc). Each round adds 8 increases until R8, which adds 4.

Toe increase map. Work in a spiral and move your marker up each round. Count your stitches against the totals above.

The foot (striped MC/CC, or all MC)

Join with a sl st in any stitch of R8 if you fastened off. Ch 2 (does not count as a stitch).

R9: Dc in each st around. Join with a sl st to the first dc. **(60 sts)**

R10-R21: Ch 2, dc in each st around, join to first dc. **(60 sts)**

That is 13 rounds of double crochet including R9. The toe plus foot measures about 8.5 inches from the tip.

Stripes: change color every 3 rounds: R9-R11 MC, R12-R14 CC, R15-R17 MC, R18-R20 CC, R21 MC.

The heel flap (MC)

The heel is a simple flap worked flat on half the stitches, then folded and seamed into a pocket.

Join MC with a sl st in the first stitch of the last round (at the side of the foot).

Row 1: Sc in the next 30 sts (halfway around the foot). Ch 1, turn. **(30 sts)**

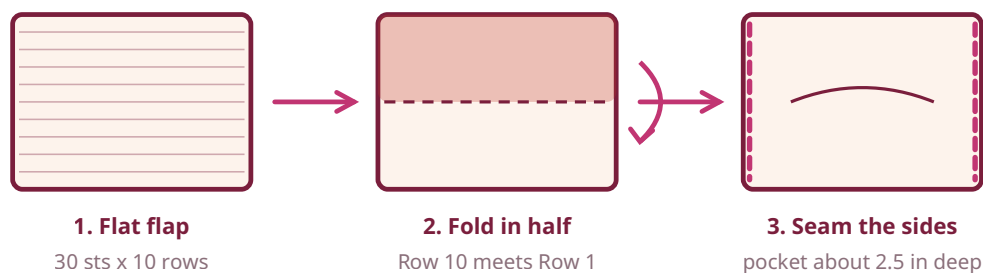
Rows 2-10: Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. **(30 sts)**

Fasten off, leaving a 24-inch tail for seaming.

Fold the flap in half, bringing Row 10 up to meet Row 1, so the fold sits at the bottom. Thread the tail on a yarn needle and whipstitch the two open side edges closed. You now have a heel pocket about 2.5 inches deep.

Leave the other 30 stitches of the foot unworked. Those are the instep; the leg starts there.

Heel: flat flap, folded and seamed into a pocket



Whipstitch the two open side edges with the 24-inch tail.

Heel fold. The flat flap folds in half and the side edges are whipstitched into a pocket.

The leg (striped MC/CC, or all MC)

The leg is worked in joined rounds over the 30 instep stitches and across the top of the heel pocket.

R1: Join yarn with a sl st at the corner where the instep meets the heel pocket (either side works). Ch 2 (does not count). Dc in each of the 30 instep sts, then work 30 dc evenly across the top edge of the heel pocket, inserting the hook through **both** layers (the front and back top edges) to close the pocket. Join with a sl st to the first dc. **(60 sts)**

R2-R16: Ch 2, dc in each st around, join to first dc. **(60 sts)**

That is 16 rounds including R1. The leg measures about 6.5 inches.

Stripes: continue alternating colors every 3 rounds to match the foot.

The cuff (CC) - ribbed

The cuff is a ribbed band worked sideways, then sewn around the top of the leg.

Ch 11.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. **(10 sts)**

Rows 2-60: Working in the back loop only (BLO), sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. **(10 sts)**

You now have a band about 2.5 inches tall and long enough to go around the leg top (60 rows meet 60 stitches, one row per stitch).

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Whipstitch the two short ends together to form a ring, then whipstitch the cuff evenly around the top of the leg. Fold the cuff down for the classic look, as in the photos.

The hanging loop (CC)

Loop: Ch 20. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **(19 sts)**

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Fold the strip into a loop and sew both ends securely to the inside back of the cuff.

Finishing

Weave in all ends with the yarn needle. Fold the cuff down. Hang it up.

Beginner Tutorials

If any technique in this pattern is new to you, learn it here first. Each one takes only a few minutes, and then the whole stocking will feel easy.

The magic ring

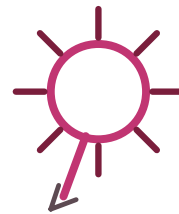
Magic ring in 3 steps



1. Make a loop



2. Hook in, ch 1



3. Work R1, pull tail

Magic ring in 3 steps. It lets you pull the toe's center completely closed.

1. Lay the yarn tail across your palm and wrap the working yarn loosely around two fingers to form a loop, with the tail hanging down.
2. Slide your hook into the loop, catch the working yarn, pull up a loop, and chain 1 to lock it.
3. Work Round 1 into the ring, catching both the ring and the tail. When the round is done, pull the tail gently to close the center hole, then weave it in.

No magic ring? Chain 4, join with a sl st into the first chain to form a ring, and work Round 1 into it instead. The center hole will be a little larger, but it still works.

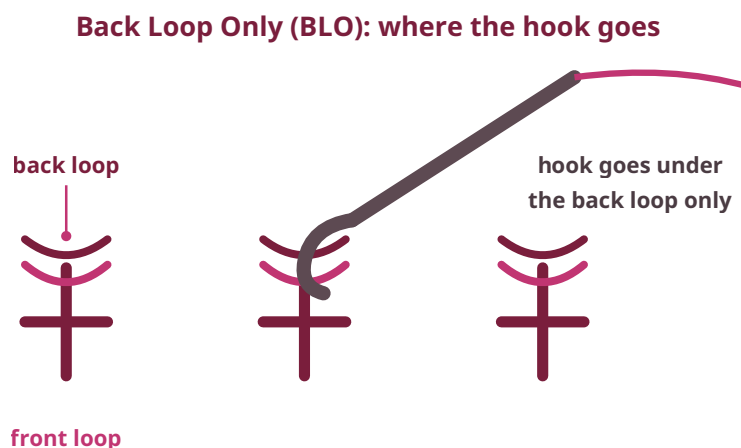
Single crochet (sc)

1. Insert your hook into the stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. You have 2 loops on the hook.
2. Yarn over again and pull through both loops. One single crochet made.

Double crochet (dc)

1. Yarn over, insert your hook into the stitch, and pull up a loop. You have 3 loops on the hook.
2. Yarn over and pull through the first 2 loops. Yarn over and pull through the remaining 2 loops. One double crochet made.

Back loop only (BLO)



Working BLO every row makes the cuff ribbing stretchy.

Look at the top of a stitch: the loop nearer you is the front loop, the one behind it is the back loop. Slide the hook under the back loop only.

Every stitch has two loops sitting on top of it like a little V. The loop nearer you is the front loop; the one behind it is the back loop. For the cuff, insert your hook under the **back loop only** and work your single crochet as usual. Working every row this way makes the fabric fold into stretchy ribbing.

Changing colors

1. Work the last stitch of the old color until only 2 loops remain on your hook.
2. Drop the old color. Yarn over with the new color and pull it through both loops.
3. Keep going with the new color. Weave in both tails when you finish.

For the stripes in this pattern, make the color change in the joining slip stitch at the end of the round, and the seam will stay neat at the back.

Whipstitch seaming

Thread a yarn needle with your seaming tail. Hold the two edges together and pass the needle under the edge stitch of one piece, then under the matching edge stitch of the other piece, spiraling along the edge. Keep your stitches small, even, and relaxed. This is the seam used for the heel pocket sides, the cuff ring, and sewing the cuff to the leg.

Troubleshooting

- **My toe looks pointy or ruffles.** Recount the increases. You must have exactly 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, then 60 stitches. One missed increase early on throws off every round after it.
- **My foot is too tight or too loose.** Check your gauge. 9 double crochet stitches must measure 2 inches across. If they do not, change hook size and restart the toe. It is worth the redo.
- **There are gaps at the heel corners.** When seaming the flap, take an extra stitch at each corner to pull it closed. Small holes disappear with one careful extra stitch.
- **My leg seam spirals around the stocking.** You may be skipping the join. Join every round with a slip stitch to the first stitch, then chain 2 before starting the next round.
- **The cuff does not fit the leg top.** The band must have exactly 60 rows. Count them, and add or remove rows before seaming the ends together.
- **My stripes look jagged at the join.** Always change color in the joining slip stitch, and keep the seam at the back of the stocking where nobody looks.

A note from Nora: The first stocking teaches you the construction; the second one flies. Make one for every mantel hook you own, then start on gifts. If your stocking turns out beautifully (it will), share a photo in our Community chat at crochetrooms.com. I would love to see your colors.

Happy crocheting,

Nora

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