

Christmas Stocking

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This is directional pattern—that means you have to make sure the pattern is placed in the correct orientation. 1/2" SA for cuff, and sewing cuff to the stocking.

These directions are specific for having the batting end up next to the stocking-back. I assume you have a pre-quilted front. If you change the order of the layering, you will get different results.

With paper scissors, cut the pattern on the line. This is the stitching line (SA is NOT included). We will refer to the two lining pieces as the "INSIDES". We will refer to the stocking front and back as the "OUTSIDES".

1. LAYER UP A STOCKING SANDWICH:

"Align" all the pieces of the sandwich at one corner. This will help assure there is fabric and batt under the entire pattern.

In this order:

Insides (RST) two 12"x 18" pieces

Batting (one 12" x 18" piece)

Outsides (RST) two 12" X 18" pieces. The pre-quilted stocking front will be the top layer of the sandwich, with the *wrong side* of your pre-quilted piece facing you.

2. PIN THE PATTERN ON THE SANDWICH:

Make sure there is at least a scant 1/4" SA outside the stitching line near the toe and the heel. At this point, double check to see that each of the fabrics and the batt is under the pattern piece. Stitch around the pattern. Be sure to back-stitch at the starts and stops.

3. TRIM & TURN:

Trim the top of the stocking even with the top of the pattern—do NOT leave SA along the top—cut it flush. Remove the pattern piece. Trim around the rest of the stocking, leaving a scant 1/4" SA. To turn the stocking right side out, open the stocking between the "outsides" (NOT the linings!) and pull the stocking front over all the other layers. If you end up with the insides on the outside—you turned it out incorrectly.

4. CUFF (don't forget a loop to hang it by):

I cut my cuffs 9" or 10" X 15". Use your own PPM to determine the long side of the cuff rectangle. With RST, and 1/2" SA, sew the short ends of rectangle together to form a tube. Fold the tube in half, WST and position the seam to the middle back (NOT the side. Placing the cuff seam in a side seam of the stocking adds too much bulk!

Pin cuff to the INSIDE of the stocking, lining up along the top edge with the cuff seam to the center back. Before stitching, position the hanger upside down between the cuff and the lining near the stockings side seam. Do a visual check to see that you have the hanger on the "heel-side" of the stocking. Using 1/2" SA seam allowance, sew the cuff to the stocking, so as to catch the hanging loop in the stitching.

5. FLIP THE CUFF TO THE OUTSIDE

Turn the cuff to the outside and pull the hanger up. **YOU'RE DONE!**

RST= right sides together

SA=seam allowance

WST=wrong sides together

PPM=Personal, private measurement (width of sewn stocking across the front X 2, plus one inch).