

Christmas Stocking Instructions

Print the stocking pattern or design one of your own. Fabric requirements need to be enough fabric to cut two stocking shapes from two different fabrics.



With wrong sides together, cut TWO stocking shapes of *both* your outside fabric and your cuff/liner fabric. **IMPORTANT:** make sure your toe faces both directions for each fabric. (This is why matching wrong sides together will help you get pieces facing both directions.)



Pair up one outside fabric with one lining/cuff fabric with the toes pointing the same direction like this. (See picture above.) Match the outside fabric and lining fabric from each set right sides together and sew a 1/4" seam along the top of the two pieces. Open pieces up and press seam open. Repeat for back side.



Match front and back pieced units right sides together with outside fabrics matched up and lining fabrics matched up. Center seams should match up too. Pin to hold two sides together. Leaving a space in the lining fabric for turning right side out, sew all the way around the outside edge of the stocking pieces.

Use a 1/4" seam allowance around the outside [polka-dot fabric] and 3/8" seam allowance around the green lining fabric, except the space left open for turning. This will help remove some of the bulk of the lining fabric. But if that's too confusing, just sew 1/4" for all.

Before you turn everything right-side out, cut notches in the curves—especially the toe. This will help the toe look nicer when finished. Be careful not to clip through the seam.



Now pull everything right-side out. Carefully shape the outside part until the curves look good and press. Tuck the open ends into the stocking and topstitch the opening closed.



Now carefully tuck the lining inside the stocking. Optional: top stitch around the top edge for a more finished look. Fold cuff down and carefully shape stocking. Optional: add decorative trim if you want.



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