Merry Stockings

Designed by Brenda York

skill level: Intermediate

finished measurements

Approximately 16" around leg and foot x 24" long

yarn

BERROCO MACRO (250 grs): 1 hank each #6755 Bramble (C1), #6735 Arctic Poppy (C2), and #6701 Snowshoe Hare (C3), for two stockings shown

needles and notions

Two 24" circular needles, size 17 (12.75 mm) or size to obtain gauge

Crochet hook, size 10.00 mm (N-15)

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

2½" pompom maker

gauge

9 sts and 12 rows = 4" in St st

To save time and ensure accurate measurements, take time to check gauge.

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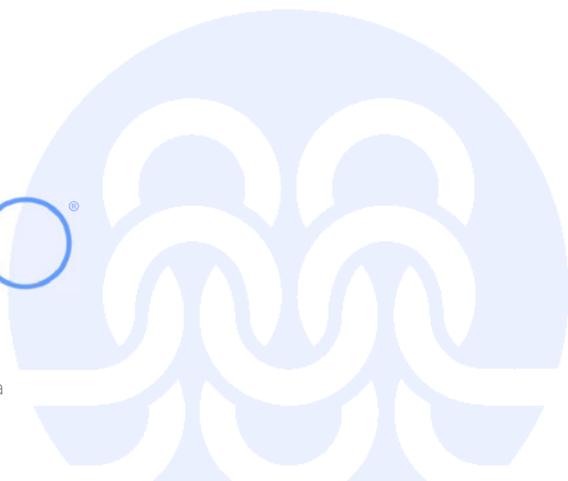
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NOTE

The stockings are worked in the round on 2 circular needles from the top down. When changing from one needle to the other, make sure that you pick up the opposite end of the needle holding the sts you will be working. If you pick up the end of the other needle, you will wind up with all the sts on one needle and will have to divide them onto 2 needles again. It is sometimes helpful to use 2 different-colored needles or to mark both ends of one needle with nail polish or a permanent marker.
Colors may be carried on WS of work when not in use.

STOCKING 1

With C1, cast on 32 sts. Divide stitches onto 2 circular needles (16 sts on each needle), place marker, then join for working in the round. [Purl 1 round, knit 1 round] twice. Change to C2 and knit 9 rounds. Change to C3 and knit 2 rounds. Join C1 and knit 2 rounds. Repeat the last 4 rounds twice more, then knit 2 rounds with C3. Change to C2 and knit 6 rounds. Join C1 and knit 3 rounds. Change to C2 and knit 4 rounds.
Note: You will be working back and forth in rows over Heel Flap with C1.
Shape Heel Flap: Row 1 (RS): With C1, using back needle, sl 1 wyib, k15, turn, leaving 16 sts on front needle unworked.
Row 2 (WS): Sl 1 wyif, p15, turn. Rep the last 2 rows 4 times more (10 rows total), end on WS.
Turn Heel: Short Rows: Row 1 (RS): Sl 1 wyib, k8, k2tog, k1, turn—15 sts.
Row 2 (WS): Sl 1 wyif, p3, p2tog, p1, turn—14 sts.
Row 3 (RS): Sl 1 wyib, k4, k2tog, k1, turn—13 sts.
Row 4 (WS): Sl 1 wyif, p5, p2tog, p1, turn—12 sts.
Row 5 (RS): Sl 1 wyib, k6, k2tog, k1, turn—11 sts.
Row 6 (WS): Sl 1 wyif, p7, p2tog, p1, turn—10 sts.
Break off yarn.

Gusset: With RS facing, join C3 in beginning of the first row of heel flap, with back needle and C3, pick up and knit 7 sts along right side edge of heel flap, k10 sts from back needle, pick up and knit 7 sts along left side edge of heel flap; with front needle, using C3, k16, place marker for new beginning of round—40 sts.
Note: You will now be working in the round again using both needles and C3.
Knit 1 round.
Dec Rnd: With back needle, k1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; with front needle, k16—38 sts (2 sts dec'd on back needle). Knit 1 round. Rep the last 2 rounds 3 times more—32 sts (16 sts on each needle).
Foot: Change to C2 and knit 2 rounds. Join C1 and knit 2 rounds. With C2, knit 2 rounds. With C3, knit 2 rounds. With C2, knit 2 rounds. With C3, knit 2 rounds. Change to C1.
Shape Toe: Knit 1 round.
Dec Rnd: [K1, SSK, knit to the last 3 sts on needle, k2tog, k1] twice—4 sts dec'd (2 sts on each needle). Rep the last 2 rounds 4 times more—12 sts (6 sts on each needle). Break off yarn, leaving an 18" long end. Thread end into tapestry needle and graft stitches together using Kitchener Stitch.

FINISHING

Hanging Loop: With crochet hook, join C1 at beginning of first round at top of stocking. Make a chain 3" long (or desired length), join with a slip stitch to top of stocking. Fasten off. Weave in all ends. With C1, make a 2½" pompom and sew to top of stocking below hanging loop.

STOCKING 2

Work as for Stocking 1, with the following color changes: Cast on and work the first 4 rounds using C3. Work as for Stocking 1 to the end of the leg, then work Shape Heel Flap and "Turn Heel" sections using C2. Work Gusset and Foot sections as for Stocking 1, but at the end of the Foot continue with C3 instead of changing to C1, and work the Toe and the Hanging Loop with C3. For the pompom, use all three colors.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

beg: beginning
CC: contrasting color
CDD: Centered Double Decrease—Slip 2 together (as if to k2tog), knit 1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over
cn: cable needle
dec: decrease
dpn(s): double pointed needle(s)
end on WS: end having just completed a Wrong Side row.
end on RS: end having just completed a Right Side row
Garter St: Knit EVERY row when working back and forth in rows. Knit 1 round, purl 1 round when working in the round.
inc: increase
k: knit
k tbl: knit through the back loop(s)
k2tog: knit 2 stitches together
k3tog: knit 3 stitches together
kfb: knit in the front and back of the next st
LH: left hand
LLI: Left Lifted Increase—Insert LH needle into the purl bump one row below the st just worked on the RH needle and knit into this st (1 st inc'd)
M1: Make 1—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).
M1L: Make 1 Left—Work as for M1.
M1p: Make 1 purl—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).
M1pL: Make 1 purl Left—Work as for M1p.
M1pR: Make 1 purl Right—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).
M1R: Make 1 Right—Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).
MC: main color
p: purl
p tbl: purl through the back loop(s)
p2tog: purl 2 stitches together

p3tog: purl 3 stitches together
pat(s): pattern(s)
pm: place marker
psso: pass slipped stitch over knit stitch
rep: repeat
Rev St st: Reverse Stockinette Stitch—Purl 1 row, knit 1 row alternately when working back and forth in rows. The purl side is the right side of the work. Purl EVERY round when working in the round.
RH: right hand
RLI: Right Lifted Increase—Insert RH needle into the purl bump of the next st on the LH needle and knit into this st (1 st inc'd)
rnd(s): round(s)
RS: right side
sl: slip
sm: slip marker
SSK: Slip 2 stitches knitwise, insert point of left hand needle through fronts of these 2 stitches and knit 2 together.
SSP: Slip 2 stitches knitwise, transfer these 2 stitches back to left hand needle, purl 2 together through the back loops.
SSSK: Slip 3 stitches knitwise, insert point of left hand needle through fronts of these 3 stitches and knit 3 together.
st(s): stitch(es)
St st: Stockinette Stitch—Knit 1 row, purl 1 row alternately when working back and forth in rows. The knit side is the right side of work. Knit EVERY round when working in the round.
tbl: through back loop(s)
w&t: wrap and turn, a method of concealing a hole created in short row shaping. *On RS rows:* With yarn held in front, slip next stitch purlwise, then bring yarn between needles to the back. Slip that same stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work. *On WS Rows:* With yarn held in back, slip next stitch purlwise, then bring yarn between needles to the front. Slip that same stitch back to the left needle. Turn your work. Unless otherwise indicated, each time you come to a wrapped stitch when working subsequent rows, slip the wrap back over stitch and onto needle, then work the wrap together with its accompanying stitch.
WS: wrong side
wyib: with yarn in back
wyif: with yarn in front
yo: yarn over