Cascade 220®

Cascade Christmas Stocking

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This stocking is knitted in the round from the top down on a circular needle. The double pointed needles are for toe and heel.

**Skill Level:**
Intermediate

**Size:**
One Size Fits Most.

**Materials:**
Cascade Yarns® Cascade 220®
100% Peruvian Highland Wool;
100 g (3.5 oz) / 220 yds (200 m)
(At least 4 colors and up to 10 or as many as you like)
US 7/16” Circular Knitting Needles and set of DPN Knitting Needles or size to obtain gauge

**Note:** The double pointed needles are for toe and heel.

Stitch Marker
Yarn Needle

**Gauge:**
18 sts = 4” (10 mm)

**Abbreviations:**
CO = Cast On
BO = Bind Off
K = Knit
P = Purl
PM = Place Marker
St st = Stockinette Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together
SSK = Slip, Slip, Knit

**Begin Pattern for Stocking:**
**Top Rolled Edge:**
With circular needle, CO 60 sts with white or background color of your choice. Join in the round, being careful not to twist sts. PM to mark the beginning of your rounds. Work in St st (knit every round) for 5 rows.

**Color work Section:**
Break off white and with 2 colors; K2 color A, K2 color B for 4 rows. Then break off both colors (unless you want to use one of them in the next section. You are now done with top rolled edge and 2-color ribbing.

From this point on you will work in St st with 2 colors at a time from the pattern charts. Each time you change chart patterns, change colors!

**Pick a chart from Group 1:**
Work in St st with two colors. Move onto the next group.
Pick a chart from Group 2:
Work in St st with two colors. Move onto the next group.

Pick an “all-over” pattern from Group 3:
This will be the main pattern of the stocking. Work in St st from this chart, repeating pattern until stocking measures 12-13” from beginning.

Beginning the Heel:
After finishing the chart in 12-13” from Group 3, this is where the heel will be and you will knit in a piece of scrap yarn now and keep going to the toe. When you are done, you will take out the scrap yarn and knit the heel here.

Knitting In The Scrap Yarn:
On the next row, keeping in pattern, knit around until there are 15 stitches before marker. Let go of your 2 colors and with a length of scrap yarn in a contrasting color knit across the next 30 sts. (15 sts before and 15 sts after marker).
Drop scrap yarn. TURN, and using a length of yarn in HEEL COLOR of your choice, PURL BACK on these same 30 sts. (This should bring you back to where you dropped your 2 colors) TURN, and continue with your 2 colors as before, just pretend the 2 extra rows aren’t there and keep to your pattern. You will have an extra half-row of heel color, but it will make it easier to pick up sts on that side later.

Knit until your stocking measures 14-15” long, or about 2-2½” past scrap yarn.
Next, pick another pattern from Group 1 and after you finish that chart, you are ready to begin toe.

Toe:
Transfer to double pointed needles now.
Knit 15 sts onto first needle, 30 sts onto second needle and 15 sts onto third.
Work 2 rounds even.

Decrease Round on Toe:
Needle 1: Work until 2 sts from end, K2tog.
Needle 2: SSK, then work until 2 sts from end, K2tog,
Needle 3: SSK, knit to end of round
Work decrease round EVERY OTHER ROUND until there are 28 sts left. Then leave sts as they are on 2nd needle and put remaining stitches all on one needle and graft toe stitches together. OR, if you are not in the mood for that....BO and sew a VERY NEAT SEAM across toe stitches!

Heel:
Go back to where you knitted in that piece of scrap yarn.
Carefully pick out scrap yarn and put all available sts on double pointed needle.
Pick up at “corners” an extra stitch so that there is not a gap.
Set up the sts on your needles the same as you did for toe.

Note: Beginning of round is center back of sock. If you have an extra stitch or two, decrease them in the first round. Then work same as for toe.

Finishing:
Braid some lengths of yarn together to make a loop for hanging. Weave in all ends.

Continue with pattern as written, but then when you pick out the scrap yarn, keep the half-row in the heel color and just slide it onto heel needle(s). This should simplify the issues with picking up along the bottom of Fair Isle. I would consider this the start of the round and adjust heel pattern, or just have an extra half of a row and camouflage it when weaving in the ends.
GROUP 1
Begin each chart at its bottom right corner,
Colored sections denote pattern repeats.
GROUP 2
Begin each chart at its bottom right corner. Each chart is one full pattern repeat.
ALLOVER PATTERNS
Pattern stitch repeats are shown in lighter colors. Row repeats in darker colors. All white areas of the graphs are to show how pattern will look. Start at bottom right corner of each colored section of chart, Then repeat rows coded with the darker color.
Additional chart options:
Charts are shown upside down, so you can work from bottom to top, each chart is designed to used two colors, and to repeat entire block.

Crown – must decrease 4 stitches to make this work! (56 stitches)

Dancing Boy & Girl - repeat entire chart twice, then work twelve stitches of chart again, do this each round.

Allover crisscross with zigzag at top – once you reach top of chart, just repeat highlighted rows. You must increase by 4 stitches (to 64) for pattern to work.

Wide stripes with vine-y designs you need to decrease 4 stitches to make this one work!