Bulky Christmas Stocking

Magnum

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Knitting Pattern B284 – Intermediate

Size:

One size

Materials:

Cascade Yarns® Magnum – 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 250 g (8.82 oz), 123 yds (112.5 m)

Color:

- #9404 Ruby - 1 skein

Tools:

- US 15 (10 mm) 16” circular knitting needles and DPNs
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Large size crochet hook - L, M, or N (8, 9, or 10 mm)
- Waste yarn in a strong contrasting color

Finished Measurements:

Width (Across Top): 7.5”

Length (Top to Heel): 17.5” (see Notes)

Length (Foot): 9”

Gauge: 9 sts x 10 rows = 4” (10 cm) in Woven Stitch pattern.

Note: Do not cut the yarn. Unravel the swatch when you are done measuring. You will need all of the yarn for your stocking.

Abbreviations:

K - Knit
K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together
P - Purl
SSK - Slip, slip, knit
St(s) - Stitch(es)

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Stitch Patterns:

Woven Stitch (multiples of 4 sts / 8 row repeat) Knit flat, **for the swatch only**

Row 1: Knit
Row 2: Purl
Row 3: K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * to end.
Row 4: P2, *k2, p2; repeat from * to end.
Row 5: Knit
Row 6: Purl
Row 7: P2, *k2, p2; repeat from * to end.
Row 8: K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * to end.
Repeat Rows 1 - 8 for Stitch Pattern.

Woven Stitch (multiples of 4 sts / 8 row repeat) For in the round, use to make the Stocking

Round 1, 2: Knit
Rounds 3, 4: *P2, k2; repeat from * around
Round 5, 6: Knit
Rounds 7, 8: *K2, p2; repeat from * around
Repeat Rows 1-8 for Stitch Pattern.

Notes:

1. This stocking is worked in the round and uses the entire skein of yarn, with only about 6 yards left over, which is then used for the hanger. This is why it is knit from the toe up, so you can adjust the length if needed. Stocking is lined.
2. Techniques used include a Provisional Crochet Cast-On, Moccasin Toe, Afterthought Heel (knit after top ribbing is finished), Kitchener Stitch, and I-Cord.

Begin Pattern:

Toe:

(See “Horizontal Band ‘Moccasin’ Toe Tutorial” on page 3)

Using Provisional Crochet Cast-On: With contrasting yarn and crochet hook, chain about 8 stitches. End off.

Turn the chain to the back side (with purl-like bumps), using project yarn and a dpn, and main yarn, pick up 4 sts through the bumps.

Complete Toe as shown in Tutorial on page 3, until there are 32 sts. Place marker. (Slip marker at the end of each round in Stitch Pattern)

Foot:

Work 2 repeats of Stitch Pattern.

Mark Heel: (On sole side of stocking)

Round 1: K1, then using contrast color yarn, do not attach this yarn, leaving long tails at the beginning and end, knit the next 16 sts. Slip the stitches you just knit back onto the left-hand needle, then knit them again using the main yarn. (Tuck these tails inside stocking to get them out of the way, or loosely tie the ends of the contrast color yarn together to secure them if you want) Complete Round (knit).

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: P1, k16, p1, k2, *p2, k2; repeat from * around.
Note: This is the only round

worked with the k16. It is to make it easier to pick up the Heel stitches later.)

Leg:

Round 4: *P2, k2; repeat from * around

Rounds 5- 8: Repeat Rounds 5 - 8 of Stitch Pattern.

Work 3 more repeats of Stitch Pattern, then work Rounds 1 - 4.

Top Ribbing:

Round 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Rounds 2 - 4: Repeat Round 1.

Turn work. With an extra needle (go down one needle size if you bind off loosely), bind off in Stitch Pattern to the last stitch. Cut yarn, leaving an 8” tail. Thread tail into yarn needle and finish last stitch using a sewing bind off. End off and weave in tail.

Make the Heel:

Create the Heel Opening: Find the tail of the contrast color yarn, and using another needle, carefully pick it out, freeing the first live stitch. Place that stitch on a needle. Hold this needle at the top. Then remove the waste yarn from the next stitch. Place that live stitch on another needle and hold it at the bottom. Continue working in this manner, alternately placing a stitch on the top, then one on the bottom until you have 16 stitches on each needle (32 sts total).

Note: Pick up the last loop the waste yarn is going through, even if it is not a live stitch. This will prevent having a hole there in your finished heel. (I used the circular needle for the 16 sts on the top, and 2 dpns with 8 sts on each, for the sole.) Attach the main yarn at the side (the stocking is flat with the heel opening facing up).

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Heel:

Round 1: Knit, re-orienting any stitches which may be on the needle backwards. When you reach the stitch on the opposite side (the last loop the waste yarn went through) knit it through the back loop for this round only to prevent a hole when you are finished.

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: (Decrease Round) (You will be decreasing 1 st at each end of the sole and top sides, 4 sts total)

Sole: K1, ssk (slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, then slide the left-hand needle into the front part of both stitches and knit them together through the back loop), knit to last 3 sts on second needle, K2tog, k1. Top: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (28 sts total)

Rounds 4, 6: Knit

Rounds 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10: Repeat Round 3 (Decrease Rounds - 8 sts remain after Row 10)

Slip the 4 sts from the sole to 1 dpn, and the 4 sts from the top to 1 dpn. Using

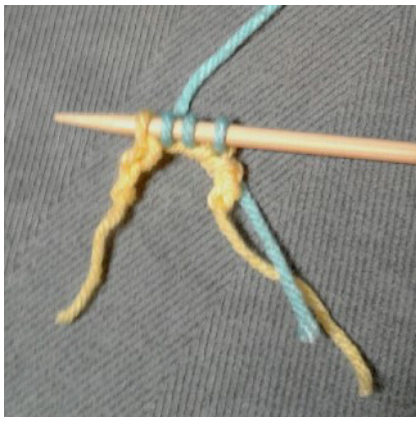
Kitchener stitch, graft them together. Secure yarn. Weave in tails. Use yarn threaded into yarn needle to sew any small holes in toe or heel closed.

Finishing:

Hanging Loop: With stocking flat, using dpn and main yarn, pick uo 3 sts centered at top corner. (See photo) Work I-cord for 8". Bind off, leaving a tail for sewing. Fold I-cord in half to make a loop. Sew to stocking.

Horizontal Band "Moccasin" Toe Tutorial

1. Provisional Crochet Cast-On: With contrasting yarn and a crochet hook, chain about 8 stitches. End off Turn chain to back side (with purl-like bumps) and using project yarn and a dpn, pick up 4 sts through bumps.



2. Beginning with a purl row, work 6 rows of Stockinette stitch.

3. Remove Cast-On Chain: Turn work upside-down and carefully loosen end-off and begin unraveling chain, placing stitches on a dpn. You'll notice you only have 3 sts with the end of the chain yarn going under a side stitch. Place this on the dpn, this is your 4th stitch. Pull chain yarn out.

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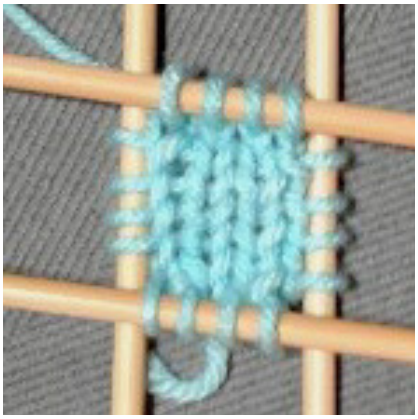
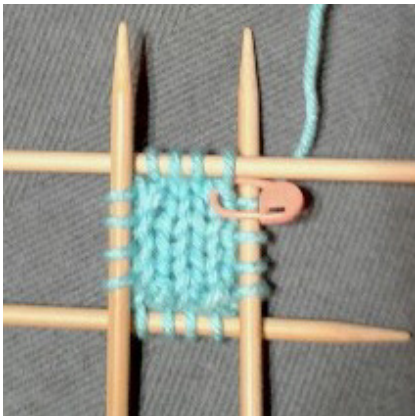
You now have 4 stitches on the 2 needles. These are the top and bottom and you will always have just 4 sts on them.

4. Rotate work 90 degrees and pick up 4 sts along side, knit across bottom needle, rotate work 90 degrees and pick-up 4 sts along other side. 4 sts on each needle.

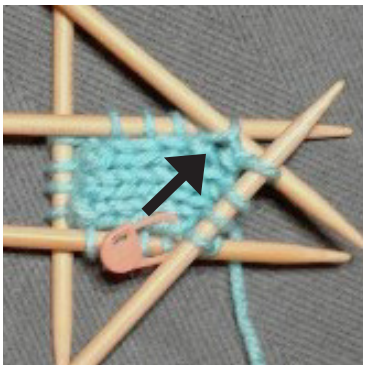


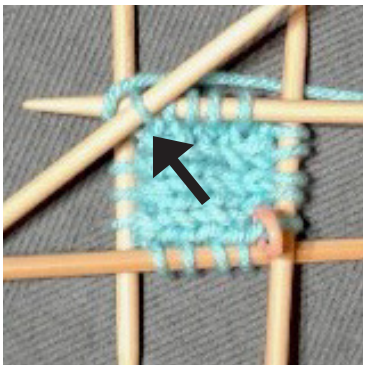
5. Place a removable marker through one leg of the top beginning stitch. Knit 1 round.



Increase Round:

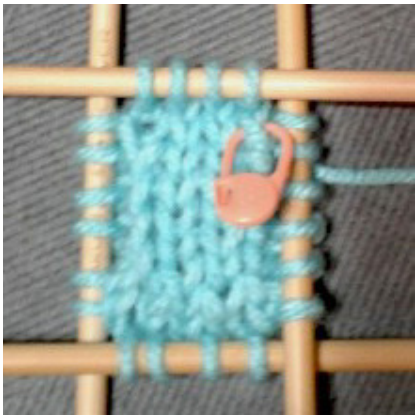
6. Knit across 1st needle. *M1 in space after last st on needle and first stitch on 2nd needle, place on working needle. Knit across 2nd needle. M1 in space after last st on needle and 1st st on next needle. (6 sts on needle 2)





7. Knit across bottom needle. Repeat from *.
(6 sts on needle 4)

8. You now have 4 sts on the top and bottom needles, and 6 sts on each side needle. Increase Round made. Knit 1 round.



9. You will repeat knit 1 row, and increase 1 row until there is a total of 32 sts. This is how the Toe Shaping will look. Toe section is shown in aqua. The sock is knit straight after toe is made. Shown in yellow.

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Completed Toe on needles:

Completed Toe from top:

Completed Toe from side:

You can see the 4-st band that goes around the toe and the increases worked off of it.

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