

Santa Christmas Stocking for Your Favorite Pet

Adapted from Bernat's Classic Santa Stocking pattern
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This small version of the Bernat Santa Stocking is perfect for your canine or feline family member!

Materials:

Worsted weight wool yarn in Christmas Red, Christmas Green, and Winter White

Size 6 knitting needles (regular and dpns) and large crochet hook to make cord for hanging stocking
Bells for decoration

Gauge: 5 sts and 7 rows per inch

Pattern Notes:

The stocking is worked back and forth to the foot using intarsia technique: When changing colors, twist the two yarns so a hole will not be formed.

Use a separate bobbin for each color change except where the same color will be used again after 1 or 2 sts.

Personalize the stocking by knitting the name in red in the first white area. Using alphabet chart as a guide, write the name on graph paper, centering the name over the 45 sts. It is recommended that the red and white yarns be twisted every few sts so the strands do not catch on items placed in the stocking.

Abbreviations:

K = knit

P = purl

St st = stockinette stitch

Rem = remaining

Tog = together

Tbl = through back loop

Sl = slip as to purl unless directed otherwise

SSK = slip 1 st as to knit (x2), then k the 2 slipped sts tog tbl

Dec = decrease (-ing)

Inc = increase (-ing)

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

Beg = beginning

Rnd = round

Directions:

Using Size 6 needles and red, cast on 46 sts. Work k2, p2 rib for 6 rows (beg and end with k2), dec 1 st at end of last row (45 sts). Join white, and following chart, work in st st, changing colors where indicated and working even until 33 rows of chart have been worked. On next row, dec 1 st at each end of row and rep this dec every 8th row 3 more times (37 sts). Work even on 37 sts until 69 rows of chart have been worked.

Instep

Following chart, k28 sts, sl last 9 sts worked on a holder. Turn and purl 19 sts, sl rem 9 sts on holder. Continue to work in st st on 27 sts of instep until chart is completed, dec 1 st at end of last row. Sl these 18 sts on a holder. Slip 9 sts from each side of heel onto one dpn, so that outer edges of sock are joined at center back of heel.



Heel

With RS facing, join white and work in st st on 18 sts for 9 rows.

Turn Heel

P10, p2tog, p1, turn; sl 1, k3, ssk, k1, turn.

Sl 1, p4, p2tog, p1, turn; sl 1, k5, ssk, k1, turn.

Sl 1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn; sl 1, k7, ssk, k1, turn.

Sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn; sl 1, k9, ssk. (10 sts remain on needle)

Do not turn. Pick up and knit 8 sts along left side of heel, turn, p18, pick up 8 sts along right side of heel using a purlwise pick up (26 sts).

Shape Heel Gusset

Row 1: k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Row 2: purl

Rep these 2 rows until 20 sts remain, repeat Row 1 once more (18 sts).

Foot

Sl last 9 sts just worked from heel needle onto 1st dpn, on 2nd needle, knit across 18 instep sts, on 3rd needle, knit rem 9 sts. (36 sts). Center of heel is now at the beg of each rnd.

Join **red** and knit for 12 rnds. Break off **red** and join **green**. Knit for 6 rnds.

Shape Toe

Rnd 1: on 1st needle, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on 2nd needle, k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on 3rd needle, k1, ssk, k to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: knit

Rep these 2 rnds until 3 sts rem on each heel needle, and 6 sts rem on instep needle. K 3 sts on 1st needle once more. Break off yarn leaving a 12" tail. Graft the heel sts to the instep sts in st st.

Finishing

Sew back seam and sides of instep. Sew on bells. Using 1 strand of each of the 3 main colors, crochet a 9" chain. Sew chain to stocking at back seam. Lightly steam.

Embellish your stocking in a fun and unique way. I made a dog bone out of purchased felt and tied it onto the stocking with red satin ribbon. Santa substitutes a chew bone every Christmas!



For information on how to do the Kitchener Stitch, check out Knitty.com:
<http://www.knitty.com/issusummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>

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