



Holiday Stocking

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Abbreviations

beg - beginning
BO - bind off
CO - cast on
dec - decrease
dpn - double-pointed needles
foll - following
inc - increase
k - knit
k2tog - knit 2 stitches together (decreasing to the right)
p - purl
rem - remaining
rep - repeat the directions between the *'s
rnd - round
RS - right side (front of work)
sl - slip stitch as if to purl
ssk - slip one st as if to k, slip one st as if to p, slip the tip of the left needle into the fronts of these sts and k them together (decreasing to the left)
st - stitch
Stst - stockinette stitch
WS - wrong side (back of work)
x - times
yo - yarn over - bring yarn over needle to increase one st

Materials

1 skein each of 5 colors*, O-Wool® Classic, 198yd/100g (1 acre of organic land)
US #8 in 16" circular needles and double-pointed needles or size required to get the gauge.
7 medium bells, stitch markers, blunt darning needle.

Gauge: 18sts = 4" in Stst

Level: Intermediate

Finished measurement: 24" long

* The following colors and yardages were used to make 1 stocking:

Color A = 4400 Sumac - 100 yds
Color B = 4302 Willow - 75 yds
Color C = 9102 Coal - 40 yds
Color D = 6402 Saffron - 35 yds
Color E = 4303 Evergreen - 35 yds

Knitting the Cuff

With A and 2 dpn's, CO 2 sts, leaving a 6" tail on which to tie a bell. Work the following bell points one at a time.

Row 1 (RS): k (2 sts)

Row 2: k1, yo, k1 (3sts)

Row 3: k

Row 4: k1, (yo, k1) 2x, (5sts)

Row 5: k

Row 6: k1, (yo, k1) 4x (9 sts)

Row 7: k across, cut yarn leaving a 6" tail.

Repeat Rows 1-7 for 6 more points. (7 points, 63 sts).

Place 7 bell points on a 16" circular needle, RS facing.

Join, being careful not to twist sts on circular needle.

Place marker for beg of rnd. K in the rnd for 5" (including bell points). Dec one st in last 2 sts (62 sts). Cut off A.

With C, k 1 rnds. Cut yarn.

Knitting the Band from Graph

(The designer used "Vermont" for the name band. Use the blank green graph or graph paper to customize your own name band. The band should be 62 sts by 7 rows. If you do not wish to do the name band, use E for Rnds 4-16 in St st.)

Rnds 1-3: With B, k 1 rnd, p 1 rnd, k 1 rnd.

Rnds 4-6: With E, k 3 rnds.

Rnds 7-13: With D for letters and E for the background, follow chart starting at bottom right-hand side. Carry unused color loosely behind work. Cut D.

Rnds 14-16: With E, k 3 rnds. Cut yarn.

Rnds 17-19: With B, k 1 rnd, p 1 rnd, k 1 rnd. Cut yarn.

I-Cord BO: With C, k 1 rnd. Cut yarn. With C and 2 dpn's, CO 3 sts. *k3, slide sts to RS of dpn. Do not turn. k2, sl last st, k st from circular needle, pssso onto dpn.

Rep from * until all sts are BO and there are 3 sts on dpn.

Continue to k a 3-st I-cord loop hanger: k3 sts. * slide sts to right-hand end of needle. Insert the right needle knitwise into st, bring yarn across the back and k3, rep from * until piece measures 6". Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail to sew I-cord hanger to back seam. Weave in ends.

Leg

With B and circular needle (or 4 dpn's), start at center back seam on WS of cuff on the B purl rnd and pick up 52 sts evenly across rnd. *(You will be picking up less sts than the cuff.)* Place marker and k around for 5½" or until even with bell points. Change to the foll colors and k 3 rnds each: C, D, A, E, B, C, B, A, D, E and C (5" of stripes). Cut yarn.

Heel

With 3 dpn's, place 13 sts on Dpn #1, 26 sts on Dpn #2 and 13 sts on Dpn #3. *(The heel sts will be worked back and forth on Dpn #1 and #3, with center back seam in the middle of the heel sts).* Starting on Dpn #1, join A.

Row 1 (RS): k13, turn.

Row 2(WS): p26, turn.

Row 3(RS): (sl 1, k1) 13x, turn.

Row 4 (WS): sl 1, p25, turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 for 2½", ending on RS row.

Turning the Heel

Row 1(WS): p15, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 2(RS): sl 1, k5, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 3: sl 1, p6, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: sl 1, k7, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 5: sl 1, p across until 1 st before gap, p2 tog, (1 st on each side of the gap) p1, turn.

Continue to work as established, dec the 2 sts on each side of the gap until all sts are used up, ending on a RS row. Cut A.

Heel Gusset: With B and dpn's, pick up 10 sts along right-hand side of heel and sl 8 sts from heel needle onto this needle (18 sts). With next 8 heel sts, pick up 10 sts on left-hand side of heel (18sts). The stocking is on 3 dpn's: Dpn #1 - 18 sts, Dpn #2 - 26 sts, Dpn #3 - 18 sts (62 sts). Starting with Dpn #1 and B, k 1 rnd, then work the foll 2 rnds:

Rnd 1(dec rnd): Dpn #1, k to last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1.

Dpn #2, k across.

Dpn #3, k1, ssk, k to end.

Rnd 2: k

Change to D and work Rnds 1, 2 and 1. Change to E and work Rnds 2, 1 and 2 (13 sts on Dpn #1 and Dpn #3 and 26 sts on Dpn #2 = 52 sts). *(You can either change to circular needle until the toe or remain on dpn's.)*

Foot

K around for approx. 5½" from end of heel with 3 rnds each of A, C, B, E, D, A, C and D.

Toe

Join A. Change back to dpn's if on circular needle. K 1 rnd.

Dec Rnd 1: Dpn #1, k to last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1.

Dpn #2, k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1

Dpn #3, k1, ssk, k to end.

Continue as follows: k 4 rnds, dec in next rnd, k 3 rnds, dec in next rnd, k 2 rnds, dec in next rnd, k1 rnd, dec in next 6 rnds (12 sts). Thread yarn needle and pull through rem sts. Secure on WS and weave in ends.



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