Mini Gift Card Stocking

for any occasion

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Tuck a few dollars in the stocking or use it as a gift card holder. Hang it from a Christmas tree or tie it to a gift package. Use the colors that are best for your occasion: a birthday, an anniversary, a first communion, a bar/bat mitzvah.

Materials:

Small amounts of Cascade 220, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 220 yds/100 gr, 8895 Christmas Red (MC) and 8505 White (CC)
Size 6 (4 mm) straight needles
Yarn needle



Gauge: 20 sts = 4" (10 cm). Gauge is not critical for this pattern.

Size: Large stocking approximately 4¹/₂" high; small stocking, 3¹/₄"

Notes:

Use SSK Improved so that the stitches lie a bit flatter: Slip the first stitch knitwise; slip the second stitch purlwise; knit in the back loops of the two stitches.

Directions for large stocking:

Beginning at the sole, with MC, cast on 48 sts Rows 1 – 6: K. Row 7 (wrong side): P. Row 8: K19, ssk, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k19 (44 sts) Row 9 and all odd rows: P. Row 10: K17, ssk, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k17 (40 sts) Row 12: K15, ssk, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k15 (36 sts) Row 14: K13, ssk, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k13 (32 sts) Row 16: K11, ssk, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k11 (28 sts)

Continue in stockinette stitch until 4¹/₂" from cast on edge, ending after working a wrong side row. Change to CC and knit in garter stitch for 12 rows. Bind off.

Sew bottom and side seams. The top of the stocking will be turned down, therefore sew with the seam on the outside. (The seam will be hidden when the top of the stocking is folded over.)

Weave in all ends.

Directions for small stocking:

With MC, cast on 28 sts Rows 1 – 4: K. Row 5 (wrong side): P. Row 6: K9, ssk, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k9. (24 sts) Row 7 and all odd rows: P. Row 8: K7, ssk, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2tog, k7. (20 sts)

Continue in stockinette stitch until 2¹/₂" from cast on edge, ending after working a wrong side row. Change to CC and knit in garter stitch for 10 rows. Bind off.



Sew bottom and side seams. The top of the stocking will be turned down, therefore sew with the seam on the outside. (The seam will be hidden when the top of the stocking is folded over.)

Weave in all ends.