

# Santa Stocking

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This pattern is based on a stocking made in the early 1980s from a kit, origin unknown.

## Materials:

1 skein each green, red, white, pink and white mohair (or other fuzzy) worsted weight yarn  
small amount of black

## Sample used

Berroco Cirrus, 42% Superkid Mohair, 40% Nylon, 18% Merino Wool Extra Fine, 25 gr/114 yards, #2501 Rainier

Ella Rae Classic, 100% Wool, 3.5 oz/100 gr/219 yds/ 200 m, #90 Kelly Green

Berroco Vintage (50% Acrylic, 40% Wool, 10% Nylon) 100gr/3.5 oz, 217 yds/198 m, #5101 Soft White and #5150 Red

Cascade 220 (100 gram/220 yards) 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, #9478 Cotton Candy and #8555 Black

Size 8 (5mm) needles or *size to obtain gauge*. To save time, take time to check your gauge.

Size 8 (5mm) dpns

circular needle at least two sizes smaller than needles used to obtain gauge (to hold stitches)

tapestry needle

2 stitch holders

Gauge: 19 sts x 28 rows = 4" x 4" (10cm x 10cm)

## Notes:

- The beard, eyebrows and tuft of hair are worked with two strands of Cirrus.
- For a shorter stocking, eliminate the optional rows.

## Abbreviations:

K knit  
P purl  
SPK Slip st as to knit, slip next st as to purl, knit the 2 sts together through back loop  
st(s) stitch(es)

## Directions:

With Green, cast on 62 sts.

Row 1 (rs): K

Row 2 (ws): P.

Rows 3 and 7: K.

Rows 4, 6 and 8: P.

Row 5 (turning row): P.

Continuing in stockinette stitch work in the number of rows and colors as indicated:

4 rows in Red

9 rows in White

4 rows in Green (optional)

4 rows in Red (optional)

11 rows in Green (6 rows optional)

Begin chart. On row 49 of the chart, decrease on stitch each side in the following manner:

K1, spk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Continue decreasing every 6<sup>th</sup> row 3 times as you continue the leg of the stocking. (54 sts when all decreases are completed.) When Chart is complete, work 14 more rows with Green.

Next row: K1, spk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (This eliminates the stitches on each side that will be used for seaming.)

### **Start Heel**

With ws facing, slip 13 left heel sts to dpn; slip 26 sts (instep) to circular needle. Turn the dpn so that right side is facing and slip 13 right heel sts to dpn beginning with edge stitch. Cut Green yarn leaving a long tail for seaming.

Change to White

Row 1 (rs): Knit across sole, knitting center 2 sts together.

Row 2 (ws): P.

Row 3: \*K1, S1\* across heel, ending with K1.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 nine times.

Cut White.

Change to Green

With dpns, pick up and k10 sts along left side of heel flap; k26 from circular needle; pick up and knit 10 sts along right side of heel flap; k across sole increasing 1 sts in the middle of the sole. Mark center of the sole as beginning of the round. (72 sts)

### **Turn Heel**

Using dpns to work in the round:

Round 1: K to 2 sts before instep; k2 tog; k across instep, spk; k to center of sole.

Round 2: K.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 nine times (26 sts on sole, 52 sts total)

Continue with Green for 21 rounds, stopping in middle of the back of the stocking.

### **Toe**

Round 1 (Green): K10, k2tog, k2, spk, k20, k2tog, k2, spk, k10. (48 sts)

Round 2: K

Round 3 (Red): K9, k2tog, k2, spk, k18, k2tog, k2, spk, k9. (44 sts)

Rounds 4 and 6: K.

Round 5: K8, k2tog, k2, spk, k16, k2tog, k2, spk, k8. (40 sts)

Round 7: K7, k2tog, k2, spk, k14, k2tog, k2, spk, k7. (36 sts)

Round 8 (White): K.

Round 9: K6, k2tog, k2, spk, k12, k2tog, k2, spk, k6. (32 sts)

Rounds 10 and 12: K.

Round 11: K5, k2tog, k2, spk, k10, k2tog, k2, spk, k5. (28 sts)

Round 13 (Red): K4, k2tog, k2, spk, k8, k2tog, k2, spk, k4. (24 sts)

Round 14: K.

Round 15: K3, k2tog, k2, spk, k6, k2tog, k2, spk, k3. (20 sts)

Round 16: K2, k2tog, k2, spk, k4, k2tog, k2, spk, k2. (16 sts)

Round 17: K1, k2tog, k2, spk, k2, k2tog, k2, spk, k1. (12 sts)

Round 18: K2tog 6 times.

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail.

With tapestry needle, weave tail through stitches, tighten and weave in tail.

Duplicate stitch the name in the center 7 rows of the white top portion of the stocking.

Sew seams using the mattress stitch.



