Mini Christmas Stocking

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This mini Christmas stocking is crocheted in one piece from the toe up, with no heel turn and no sewing. The trick is in rounds 8 to 11: you add 9 stitches on the back half only, work two rounds, then take them away again. That extra fabric pushes out into a rounded heel and bends the tube into a stocking shape.

It comes out about 4 in / 10 cm tall, the right size for the tree, a gift card, or a few candies. Every round is written out with its stitch count, and the printable PDF has the same pattern.



The mini stocking: red with a cream cuff and a green loop.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (sc, inc, invisible dec, BLO)
- **Finished size:** about 4 in / 10 cm tall, leg about 1.5 in / 3.8 cm wide when flat
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 25 yd / 23 m
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2)
- **Time:** about 1 hour

Materials

- DK cotton in red (A), about 20 yd / 19 m
- Cream (B) for the cuff, about 5 yd / 5 m
- A short length of green (C) for the hanging loop
- 2.5 mm hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, a pinch of fiberfill for the toe (optional)

Yardage is calculated from the stitch counts plus about 20% for tails. Cotton keeps the heel shape crisp; see our best yarn for amigurumi guide for other options.

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch
- **dec** invisible decrease · **BLO** back loop only · **ch** chain · **FO** fasten off

Before you start

- Work in a spiral and move the marker up every round. The marker also tells you where the front of the foot is: the first 9 stitches of each round are the top of the foot, the next 9 are the sole and heel.
- Rounds 8 to 11 only change the back half. Count carefully there: 9 plain sc, then the 9 increases (or decreases).
- The cuff starts in the back loops only, so a neat ridge marks where the cream begins.

The pattern

Stocking

Color: start with A (red).

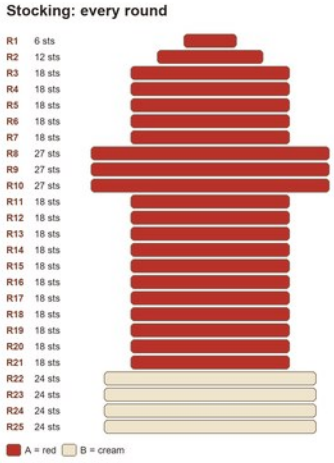
Start at the toe.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–7:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** 9 sc, inc ×9. (27)
- [ ] **Rnds 9–10:** Sc around. (27)
- [ ] **Rnd 11:** 9 sc, dec ×9. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 12–21:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 22:** Switch to B (cream). BLO (2 sc, inc) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnds 23–25:** Sc around. (24)

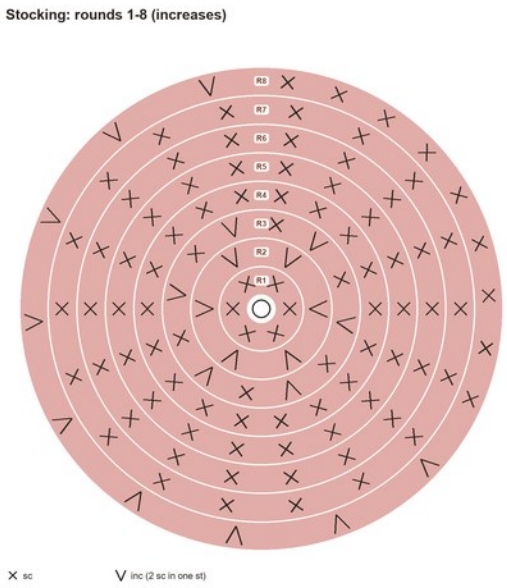
Placement: The heel bulge (R8-R11) is on the back: the 9 stitches after the first 9 of each round.

Finish: Sl st in next st, FO and weave in; the toe can take a little stuffing so it keeps its round shape.

Finish: Hanging loop in C: ch 15, sl st into the back of the cuff at R25 and fasten off.



Rounds 8–10 hold the extra heel stitches; the cuff widens to 24.



Toe and heel increases: x = sc, V = inc.

Finishing

1. Weave in the ends on the inside. Push a little fiberfill into the toe if you want it rounder.
2. Chain 15 in green, slip stitch into the back of the cuff at the top round and fasten off. Knot the two tails together inside the cuff.
3. Press the stocking flat with your fingers so the heel sits at the back and the toe points forward.

Tips

- **Heel on the wrong side?** Turn the stocking: the bulge always goes to the back. If the toe points the wrong way for your tree, hang it from the other side of the cuff.
- **Make a set.** Green with a cream cuff, or cream with a red cuff. Same rounds, different colors.
- **Add a name.** Embroider a short name or initial on the cuff with backstitch before you add the loop.
- **Use it as a gift tag.** Tuck a folded gift card or a small chocolate into the leg.

FAQ

Can I make a bigger stocking?

Use worsted acrylic and a 3.5 mm hook with the same rounds. At a typical worsted amigurumi gauge (5 sc per inch) it grows to about 5 in / 12 cm tall.

Why does my heel look pointy?

The increases and decreases in rounds 8 and 11 should sit in the same 9 stitches. If they drift, the heel twists. Keep the marker as your guide and count 9 every time.

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