

## CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



This vintage pattern makes a selection of stockings that will look great hanging over your fireplace this winter. Why not create your own variations?

## SIZES

**Actual measurement:** Approx 28cm (11in) from top to base.

## YOU WILL NEED

### Mum's stocking

#### Brown Sheep Nature Spun Yarn

100% wool (224m per 100g ball)

1 x 100g ball N46, Red Fox (A)

#### Twilleys Goldfingering

80% Viscose, 20% Metalised Polyester (200m per 50g ball)

1 x 50g ball shade Gold (B)

(used double throughout)

Gold lace, ribbons, gold ribbon roses, gold ribbon and bells.

Poinsettia buttons and Gold star buttons from Buttons Galore.

### Dad's cable stocking

#### Brown Sheep Nature Spun Yarn

100% wool (224m per 100g ball)

1 x 100g ball in each of N46, Red Fox (A) and 730 Natural (C)

Christmas buttons from Buttons Galore.

(Available from good craft stores)

Cable needle

### Girl's stocking

#### Brown Sheep Nature Spun yarn

100% wool (224m per 100g ball)

1 x 100g ball in each of N46, Red Fox (A) and 740 Snow (D)

Assorted snowflake buttons of your choice

(available from good craft stores).

### Boy's stocking

#### Brown Sheep Nature Spun yarn

100% wool (224m per 100g ball)

1 x 100g in each of 116 Blue boy (E) and 134 Silver Lining (F)

Oddment in 200 Bordeaux (G).

Buttons and silver stars from Buttons Galore

(available from good craft stores).

### All

Pair of 4mm knitting needles.

Crochet hook size 3.75mm or 4mm

**Note:** Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate.

## TENSION

Not critical

## ABBREVIATIONS

**MB** = Make bobble = K1, p1, k1 all into next

stitch, turn, p3, turn, k3, turn, p3,

sl1 k2tog, pss0.

**skpo** = sl 1, k1, pss0.

**MS** = moss stitch.

For more abbreviations see page 60

## PATTERN NOTE

### Moss stitch

This is a pattern created by alternately working

one knit stitch and one purl stitch on every row.

The purl stitch is worked over the knitted stitch

on the subsequent row.

## MUMS STOCKING

Using 4mm needles and A, cast on 52 sts and

work 15 rows in st st.

**Next row:** Knit (this marks hem)

Work 15 rows st st.

**Next row:** Knit.

Work in st st for a further 50 rows. (Adjust

length here if you wish).

### Shape heel

Break off A.

**Next row:** Using B double k13, (for first side of

heel), slip next 26sts onto holder for instep, slip

rem 13 sts onto holder for second half of heel.

### Divide for heel

Return to first set of 13 sts on holders.

**Row 1:** Sl 1, p12.

**Row 2:** Knit.

Rep these 2 rows 6 times more, then row 1

once again.

### Turn Heel

**Row 1:** (RS): K2, skpo, k1 turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, p3, turn.

**Row 3:** K3, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, p4, turn.

**Row 5:** K4, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, p5, turn.

**Row 7:** K5, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, p6, turn.

**Row 9:** K6, skpo, k1.

**Row 10:** Sl 1, p7.

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder.

### Second half of heel

With RS facing and using B double, place 13 sts

from st holder for second half of heel onto

4mm needle.

**Row 1:** WS. Purl.

**Row 2:** RS. Sl 1, k12.

Rep these 2 rows 7 more times.

### Turn heel

**Row 1:** WS P2, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, k3, turn.

**Row 3:** P3, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, k4, turn.

**Row 5:** P4, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, k5, turn.

**Row 7:** P5, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, k6, turn.

**Row 9:** P6, p2tog, p1.

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder.

### Work gusset

Cont but use A for the remainder of the sock

until you reach the toe shaping.

With RS facing, rejoin A and k8 sts of first half of

heel from holder, pick up and k6 sts along edge of

first half of heel, k26 sts of instep from holder, pick

up and k6 sts along edge of second half of heel,

k8 sts of second half of heel from holder, 54 sts.

**Next row:** Purl.

**Row 3:** (RS) K12, k2tog, k26, skpo, k12-52 sts.

**Row 4:** Purl

**Row 5:** K 11, k2tog, k26, skpo, k11.

**Row 6:** Purl

**Row 7:** K10, k2tog, k26, skpo, k10.

**Row 8:** Purl

**Row 9:** K9, K2tog, k26, skpo, k9.

**Row 10:** Purl

**Row 11:** K8, k2tog, K 26, skpo,k8. (44 sts rem)

**Row 12:** Purl. Heel shaping is now complete.

Cont on these 44 sts for a further 20 rows,

ending purl. Break A and join in B.

### Shape toe

**Row 1:** K8, k2tog, place marker, k2, place

marker, skpo, k16, k2tog, place marker, k2, place

marker, skpo, k8-40 sts.

**Row 2 and all WS rows:** Purl.

**Row 3:** \*Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip

marker, knit to next marker, skpo, rep from \*

once, knit to end, 36 sts.

Rep last 2 rows 4 more times, then work row 2

once more, 20 sts. Cast off.

Make a second sock to match.

## TO FINISH OFF

Turn RS inside, seam the stocking using appropriate

coloured yarns as you sew. Fold over hem at top of

stocking using the g-st row as hemline, slip stitch in

place. Turn stocking RS out, press very lightly. Using

a 4mm crochet hook make a chain 14cm (5.5in) or

required length for hanging loop. Work in ends and

attach to the stocking as in photograph.

Now you can have fun decorating your

stocking. Use my design as a guide, but you

can chose whatever you like to create and

personalize your own stocking using the wide

variety of gold embellishments available at

most craft stores.

## FATHERS CABLE STOCKING

Using A and 4mm needles cast on 52 sts. Work

16 rows g-st. Break A and join in C.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Row 2:** (WS inc row). (K2, p1, inc in next st, p1)

rep to last 2 sts k2, 62 sts.

**Row 3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** (K2, p4) rep to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 5:** (K2, C2B) rep to last 2 sts k2.

**Row 6:** (K2, p4) rep to last 2 sts k2.

**Row 7:** Knit.

Rows 4 to 7 inclusive form the cable patt and

are rep throughout unless otherwise stated.

Cont in patt until you have completed 13 cable

rows, ending on a 5th row.

**Next row:** Dec row (k2, p1, p2tog, p1) 3 times,

(k2, p4) 4 times, k2, (p1, p2tog, p1, k2) 3 times,

56 sts. Break C.

**Next row:** Using A k13, (for first side of heel),

slip next 30 sts onto holder for instep, slip rem

13 sts onto holder for second half of heel.

### Divide for heel

Return to first set of 13 sts on holders. Use A.

**Row 1:** Sl 1, p12.

**Row 2:** Knit.

Rep these 2 rows 6 times more, then row 1

once again.

### Turn heel

**Row 1:** (RS) k2, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, p3, turn.

**Row 3:** K3, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, p4, turn.

**Row 5:** K4, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, p5, turn.

**Row 7:** K5, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, p6, turn.

**Row 9:** K6, skpo, k1.

**Row 10:** Sl 1 p7.

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder.

With RS facing, place 13 sts from stitch holder for second half of heel onto 4mm needle.

**Row 1:** (WS) purl.

**Row 2:** (RS) sl1, k12.

Rep these 2 rows 7 more times.

**Turn heel**

**Row 1:** (WS) p2, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, k3, turn.

**Row 3:** P3, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, k4, turn.

**Row 5:** P4, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, k5, turn.

**Row 7:** P5, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, k6, turn.

**Row 9:** P6, p2tog, p1.

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder. With RS facing, and 4mm needles, rejoin C and k8 sts of first half of heel from holder, pick up and k6 sts along edge of first half of heel, k30 sts of instep from holder, pick up and k6 sts along edge of second half of heel, k8 sts of second half of heel from holder, 46 sts.

**Next row:** P16, (k2, p4) 4 times, k2, p16.

**Shape gusset**

**Row 3:** (RS) k12, k2tog, k4, (C2B, k2) 4 times, k2, skpo, k12.

**Row 4:** P15, (k2, p4) 4 times, k2, p15.

**Row 5:** K11, k2tog, knit to last 13 sts, skpo, k11.

**Row 6:** P14, (k2, p4) 4 times, k2, p14.

**Row 7:** K10, k2tog, k4, (C2B, k2) 4 times, k2, skpo, k10.

**Row 8:** P13, (k2, p4) 4 times, k2, p13.

**Row 9:** K9, k2tog, knit to last 11 sts, skpo, k9.

**Row 10:** P12, (k2, p2) 4 times, k2, p12.

**Row 11:** K8, k2tog, k4, (C2B, k2) 4 times, k2, skpo, k8, 48 sts rem.

**Row 12:** P11, (k2, p4) 4 times, k2, p11. Heel shaping is now complete.

Cont on these 48 sts, keeping 11sts either end of row in st st and maintaining four row cable patt as set over the centre 26 sts. Work a further 19 rows thus ending on a 5th row of patt.

**Next row:** Dec row. P11, (k2, p1, p2tog, p1) 4 times, k2, p11, (44sts rem). Break C.

Join in A.

**Shape toe**

**Row 1:** K8, k2tog, place marker, k2, place marker, skpo, k16, k2tog, place marker, k2, place marker, skpo, k8, 40 sts.

**Row 2 and all WS rows:** Purl.

**Row 3:** \*Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, knit to next marker, skpo; rep from \* once, knit to end, 36 sts.

Rep last 2 rows 4 more times, then work row 2 once more, 20 sts. Cast off.

## TO FINISH OFF

Work in ends neatly. Now turn stocking RS inside, seam stocking carefully, matching patts and using appropriate coloured yarns. Turn RS out. To make the 'NOEL' decoration use a 4mm crochet hook and make lengths of chains. N needs approx 30 ch, O needs approx 20 ch, E needs approx 25 ch plus a separate 6 ch length, L needs approx 18

ch. Work in the ends on the chains and using photograph as guide shape letters and then stitch them in place. Add buttons as I have done, or personalise with your own choice.

## GIRLS STOCKING

Wind off small balls of D as each snowflake is worked separately, strand yarns loosely across the back of the work.

Using D and 4mm needles cast on 52 sts. Work 16 rows MS, join in A. Work 6 rows st st, ending on a purl row. Cont in st st and place snowflake motifs thus:

**Row 1:** Knit: 6A, 1D, 38A, 1D, 6D.

**Row 2:** Purl: 3A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 32A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 3A.

**Row 3:** Knit: 4A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 34A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 4A.

**Row 4:** Purl: 5A, 3D, 36A, 3D, 5A.

**Row 5:** Knit: 2A, 4D, 1A, 4D, 30A, 4D, 1A, 4D, 2A.

**Row 6:** As row 4.

**Row 7:** As row 3.

**Row 8:** As row 2.

**Row 9:** As row 1. Break off contrast yarns.

Work 7 rows straight in st st using A. Join in D and place snowflake:-

**Row 17:** Knit 25A, 1D, 26A.

**Row 18:** Purl 23A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 22A.

**Row 19:** Knit 23A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 24A.

**Row 20:** Purl 25A, 3D, 24A.

**Row 21:** Knit 21A, 4D, 1A, 4D, 22A

**Row 22:** As row 20.

**Row 23:** As row 19.

**Row 24:** As row 18.

**Row 25:** As row 17.

Break off D and cont in A only and work 7 rows st st. Join in two separate balls of D and rep from row 1 to 9. Break off D and cont in A for 3 rows st st ending on a purl row.

**Divide for heel**

Note the heel and toe are worked in moss stitch, which will be referred to as MS. Take care when dec sts so that you keep continuity of the moss stitch patt.

**Next row:** Using D and MS 13, (for first side of heel), slip next 26 sts onto holder for instep, slip rem 13 sts onto holder for second half of heel.

**Divide for heel**

First half of heel: Return to first set of 13sts on holders.

**Row 1:** Sl 1, MS12.

**Row 2:** MS to end of row.

Rep these 2 rows 6 times more, then row 1 once again.

**Turn heel**

**Row 1:** (RS) MS2, skpo, MS1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, MS3, turn.

**Row 3:** MS3, skpo, MS1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, MS4, turn.

**Row 5:** MS4, skpo, MS1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, MS5, turn.

**Row 7:** MS5, skpo, MS1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, MS6, turn.

**Row 9:** MS6, skpo, k1.

**Row 10:** Sl 1, MS7.

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder.

## Second half of heel

With RS facing, place 13 sts from stitch holder for second half of heel onto 4mm needle.

**Row 1:** (WS) MS

**Row 2:** (RS) Sl 1, MS12.

Rep these 2 rows 7 more times.

**Turn heel!**

**Row 1:** (WS) MS2, p2tog, MS1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, MS3, turn.

**Row 3:** MS3, p2tog, MS1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, MS4, turn.

**Row 5:** MS4, p2tog, MS1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, MS5, turn.

**Row 7:** MS5, p2tog, MS1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, MS6, turn.

**Row 9:** MS6, p2tog, MS1.

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder.

**Work gusset**

Cont in st st only.

With RS facing, using A, k8 sts of first half of heel from holder, pick up and k6 sts along edge of first half of heel, k26 sts of instep from holder, pick up and k6 sts along edge of second half of heel, k8 sts of second half of heel from holder, 54 sts.

**Next row:** Purl.

**Shape gusset**

**Row 3:** (RS) K12, k2tog, k26, skpo, k12, 52 sts.

**Row 4:** Purl

**Row 5:** K11, k2tog, k26, skpo, k11.

**Row 6:** Purl

**Row 7:** K10, k2tog, k26, skpo, k10.

**Row 8:** Purl

**Row 9:** K9, k2tog, k26, skpo, k9.

**Row 10:** Purl

**Row 11:** K8, k2tog, k26, skpo, k8, 44 sts.

**Row 12:** Purl.

Heel shaping is now complete. Joining in a separate ball of D, cont on these 44 sts and place snowflake thus:-

**Next row:** Knit 22A, 1D, 21A.

**Next row:** Purl 18A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 19A.

**Next row:** Knit 20A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 19A.

**Next row:** Purl 20A, 3D, 24A.

**Next row:** Knit 18A, 4D, 1A, 4D, 17A.

**Next row:** Purl 20A, 3D, 21A.

**Next row:** Knit 20A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1D, 19A.

**Next row:** Purl 18A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 2A, 1D, 19A.

**Next row:** Knit 22 A, 1D, 21A.

Work a further 11 rows st st, break off A and join in D.

**Shape toe**

Work in MS.

**Row 1:** MS8, k2tog, place marker, MS2, place marker, skpo, MS16, k2tog, place marker, MS2, place marker, skpo, MS8, 40 sts.

**Row 2 and all WS rows:** MS

**Row 3:** \*MS to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, knit to next marker, skpo; rep from \* once, MS to end, 36 sts.

Rep last 2 rows 4 more times, then work row 2 once more, 20 sts.

Cast off.

## TO FINISH OFF

Work in all ends neatly, turn RS inside and seam

the stocking using appropriate coloured yarns. Turn RS out and decorate your stocking with snowflake buttons of your choice. Make a hanging loop by crocheting a chain to your desired length, fasten off. Work in ends and attach to stocking.

### BOYS STOCKING

Using E and 4mm needles cast on 52 sts,

**Rows 1 - 4:** (K2, p2) to end.

**Rows 5 - 8:** (P2, k2) to end.

**Rows 9 - 12:** As rows 1-4.

Break off E, join in F and work 6 rows st st.

\*Join in E and work 4 rows st st. Join in G and work bobble row thus:

**Next row:** K3, (MB, k4) 9 times, MB, k3.

**Next row:** Purl

**Next row:** Drop G, pick up E, work 4 rows st st

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**Next row:** Drop E, pick up F

Work 6 rows st st in E\*. Rep from \* to \* once more, then work from \* to \*\*.

### Divide for heel

Using F return to first set of 13 sts on holders.

**Row 1:** Sl 1, p12.

**Row 2:** Knit.

Rep these 2 rows 6 times more, then row 1 once again.

### Turn heel

**Row 1:** (RS) K2, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, p3, turn.

**Row 3:** K3, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, p4, turn.

**Row 5:** K4, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, p5, turn.

**Row 7:** K5, skpo, k1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, p6, turn.

**Row 9:** K6, skpo, k1.

**Row 10:** sl 1 p7

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder.

### Second half of heel

(Use F for heel). With RS facing, place 13 sts from stitch holder for second half of heel onto 4mm needle.

**Row 1:** (WS) purl.

**Row 2:** (RS) Sl 1, k12.

Rep these 2 rows 7 more times.

### Turn heel

**Row 1:** (WS) p2, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, k3, turn.

**Row 3:** P3, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, k4, turn.

**Row 5:** P4, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, k5, turn.

**Row 7:** P5, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, k6, turn.

**Row 9:** P6, p2tog, p1.

Break yarn. Place rem 8 sts on holder.

### Work gusset

Using 4mm needles, with RS facing rejoin F and k8 sts of first half of heel from holder, pick up and k6 sts along edge of first half of heel, k26 sts of instep from holder, pick up and k6 sts along edge of second half of heel, k8 sts of second half of heel from holder, 54 sts.

**Next row:** Purl.

### Shape Gusset

**Row 3:** (RS) K12, k2tog, k26, skpo, k12, 52 sts.

**Row 4:** Purl

**Row 5:** K11, k2tog, k26, skpo, k11.

**Row 6:** Purl. Break off F and join in E.

**Row 7:** K10, k2tog, k26, skpo, k10

**Row 8:** Purl

**Row 9:** K9, k2tog, k26, skpo, k9.

**Row 10:** Purl, drop E, join in G.

**Row 11:** K3, MB, k3, MB, k2tog, k2, MB, (k3, MB) 5 times, k2 skpo, MB, k3, MB, k4, 44 sts.

**Row 12:** Purl.

Heel shaping is now complete. Drop G, join in E. Cont in patt on these 44 sts thus:

Work 4 rows st st in E, drop E, join in F. Work 6 rows st st in F, drop F, join in E. Work 4 rows E, join in G.

**Next row:** (K3, MB) 10 times, k4.

**Next row:** Purl. Break off G.

Work 4 rows E, break off and join F.

### Shape toe

**Row 1:** K8, k2tog, place marker, k2, place marker, skpo, k16, k2tog, place marker, k2, place marker, skpo, k8, 40 sts.

**Row 2 and all WS rows:** Purl.

**Row 3:** \*Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, knit to next marker, skpo, rep from \* once, knit to end, 36 sts.

Rep last 2 rows 4 more times, then work row 2 once more, 20 sts.

Cast off.

### TO FINISH OFF

Work all ends in neatly. Turn RS inside, and join seam of stocking, matching stripes and using appropriate coloured yarns as you sew.

Turn RS out.

Crochet a chain in required length for hanging loop. Work in ends and attach to top of stocking. Decorate with buttons and stars. ☼