



OPERATION SANTA USMC

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

INSTRUCTIONS & PATTERN

Materials needed: Christmas fabric – (2/3 yard makes 4-5 stockings)
Felt – White, Red or Green **(NO GLITTER)**
Cut into 2 ½” x 11 ½” strips
Ribbon – ¼” wide x 4” long for hanger for each

Make a pattern or template for the stocking from the attached pattern, being sure to add ¼” seam allowance all the way around it (including the top).

Cut fabric with right sides together.

Cut the felt into 2 ½” wide strips, then cut into 11 ½” long pieces.
(This is easily done with a 2 ½” ruler and rotary cutter)

1. With right sides together, match the edges and stitch ¼” seam; leaving top open.
2. Clip the curved seams, being very careful NOT to cut through the stitching. Reinforce if the seam is too narrow or the cut is close.
3. Turn right side out.

It is easiest to have the cuff decorated before sewing the ends together.

Use your imagination and be creative! A few ideas: Cut a small figure from the scraps matching the stocking and iron it onto the cuff with a bonding material such as HeatnBond. Ribbons, especially Christmas ribbons make good decorations, also small jingle bells, rick rack, decorative stitches from your machine, etc. Please do not use glitter.

4. Stitch the 2 ½” inch ends of felt cuff together, again using ¼” seam.
5. Fold the ribbon hanger in half and place the cut ends upward and place to the inside of the stocking at the back seam. Pin in place.
6. With the RIGHT side of cuff against the INSIDE of the stocking, ease the cuff into place and secure with a pin, making sure the seams are together at the back. Stitch cuff, sock and ribbon together using ¼” seam allowance. Stitch back over the ribbon area twice for strength.
7. Pull cuff up and turn down over the outside of the stocking and press.

One last suggestion – and the most important of all – is to pray for the young man or woman who will receive this stocking. God bless each of you as you perform this labor of love and God bless and protect our servicemen and women.

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Stocking Pattern

Add 1/4 inch seam allowance to all sides of pattern, including top.

Cut two of pattern from Christmas fabric.

Cut one 2 1/2 " X 11 ^{1/2} piece of Felt for cuff.

Cut one 1/4" wide X 4 inches long piece of ribbon for hanger.

USE THIS STOCKING PATTERN/TEMPLATE

TO MAKE A FINAL PATTERN YOU WILL USE

TO CUT OUT YOUR SOCKS. BE SURE WHEN

MAKING YOUR TEMPLATE TO ADD THE 1/4"

SEAM ALLOWANCE ALONG ALL EDGES OF

THE PATTERN. ONE SUGGESTION IS TO USE

A BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAG CUT OPEN,

OR SOME OTHER SIMILAR PAPER TO MAKE

YOUR TEMPLATE FROM.

IF ANYONE HAS OTHER SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU

KNOW WORK WELL, PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR IDEA

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