

Crochet Christmas Stocking

PATTERN

A classic cranberry-red stocking with a cream ribbed cuff, shaped heel and toe, and a hanging loop - worked toe-up for confident beginners.



The finished stocking, about 25 cm (10 in) long.

Finished size	Approx. 25 cm (10 in) long, 13 cm (5 in) wide at the leg	Skill level	Confident beginner
Time	About 4 to 6 hours	Terms	US crochet terms

This timeless stocking is worked in one piece from the toe up: a tidy increased toe, a straight foot, a short-row heel, a tall leg, and a stretchy ribbed cuff that folds down over the top. A little chain-loop at the back corner lets you hang it straight on the mantel. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, mark the first stitch of every round, and keep your tension even so the leg hangs straight.

Design note: the toe is worked in cranberry red to match the leg. For the classic white-toe look in the cover photo, simply switch to white for Rnds 5-6 of the toe - the counts stay the same.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in **cranberry red**, approx. 200 g / 400 m - toe, foot, leg
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in **cream white**, approx. 80 g / 160 m - heel, cuff, loop
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends
- Scissors
- 2 stitch markers
- Optional: steam iron (no direct contact with acrylic yarn) for a light block

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch	sc	single crochet
inc	increase - 2 sc in one stitch	dec	invisible decrease
FPDC	front post double crochet	BPDC	back post double crochet
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together	FO	fasten off
st(s)	stitch(es)	rnd	round

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical - the stocking just needs to be dense enough to hold treats without stretching out. With the yarn and hook listed, the stocking measures about 25 cm (10 in) long and 13 cm (5 in) wide at the leg.

Toe (cranberry red)



Step 1 - the magic ring in cranberry red.



Step 2 - the shaped toe cup.

Rnd 1: With red, 6 sc in a magic ring. Pull the tail to close. **[6]**

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[36]**

Lay the cup flat - it should measure about 9 cm (3 1/2 in) across.

Foot (cranberry red)



Step 3 - the foot worked in plain rounds.

Rnds 7-18: Sc in each st around (12 rounds). **[36]**

Mark the first stitch of every round and count every few rounds so the foot stays at 36 stitches.

Heel (cream white)



Step 4 - the short-row heel in cream white.

The heel is worked in short rows over half the stitches (18 sts), then you rejoin and work around the whole stocking again.

Row 1: Join white with a sl st. Sc in next 18 sts, ch 1, turn. **[18]**

Row 2: Sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. **[16]**

Row 3: Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. **[14]**

Row 4: Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. **[12]**

Row 5: Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog. Do NOT turn. **[10]**

Rejoin: Sc across Row 5 (10), 4 sc up the side, sc across the 18 unworked front sts, 4 sc down the other side. **[36]**

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around. **[36]**

If you land on 36 stitches after the rejoin round, the rest of the stocking will be smooth sailing.

Leg (cranberry red)



Step 5 - the tall leg with the ribbed cuff begun.

Rnds 3-22: Change to red. Sc in each st around (20 rounds). **[36]**

Want a longer stocking? Add rounds here - the cuff math never changes.

Ribbed Cuff (cream white)

Front-post (FPDC) and back-post (BPDC) double crochet alternate around the leg to make a stretchy, knit-look rib.

Rnds 1-8: Change to white. (FPDC in next st, BPDC in next st) around. **[36]**

Fasten off and weave in the end.

Hanging loop

With white, **ch 20**. Sl st into the first ch to form a ring. FO leaving a 15 cm tail and sew the loop firmly to the back corner of the cuff. Fold the cuff down over the leg - your stocking is ready to hang!



Step 6 - the finished stocking with folded cuff and hanging loop.

3 Tips for a Perfect Stocking

- 1. Check your stitch count after the heel.** The rejoin round is the only tricky moment - if you land on 36 stitches, the rest of the stocking will be smooth sailing.
- 2. Keep the leg tension even.** Consistent single crochet makes the stocking hang straight instead of twisting, which matters once it is full of treats.
- 3. Block lightly before gifting.** A quick steam (never touching the iron to acrylic yarn) evens out the cuff ribbing and gives the stocking a crisp, professional drape.

Happy crocheting! Make one in every family member's favourite colours, or stitch a set of minis as tree ornaments - and keep this pattern handy so your next stocking is never more than an evening away.