Crochet Stocking Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Confident beginner | ~1 weekend | ~40 cm (16 in) long

Materials

- Bulky-weight (#5) yarn in forest green, approx. 180 g / 200 m
- Bulky-weight (#5) yarn in cream, approx. 120 g / 130 m
- 6.0 mm (US J-10) crochet hook
- 2 stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- BLO = back loop only
- bobble = 5-dc bobble (see Step 2)
- sc2tog = single crochet 2 together
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- rep = repeat

Step 1: Crochet the Ribbed Cuff



- With cream yarn, ch 13.
- Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [12 sc]
- Rows 2-44: Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across. [12 sc]
- Sl st the two short ends together to form a tube. [44 sts around the cuff edge]
- Working in the back loop only makes the stretchy ribs. The cuff is about 22 cm (8.5 in) long when flat.

Step 2: Work the Bobble-Stitch Leg



- Join forest green at the cuff edge. Work in rounds; do not join. Mark the first st of each round.
- Bobble = (yo, insert hook, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops) 5 times in same st, yo, pull through all 6 loops. Counts as 1 st.
- Rnd 1: Sc in each st around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 2: *Bobble, sc 3* around. [11 bobbles, 44 sts]
- Rnd 3: Sc around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 4: *Sc 2, bobble, sc 1* around. [11 bobbles, 44 sts]
- Rnd 5: Sc around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 6: Repeat Rnd 2. [44 sts]
- Rnd 7: Sc around. [44 sts]

Step 3: Add the Snowflake Colorwork Band



- Work in tapestry crochet: carry the unused color loosely inside and change color on the last yo of the old st.
- The snowflake motif repeats 4 times around (each repeat is 11 sts).
- Rnd 8: *Sc 5 green, sc 1 cream, sc 5 green* around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 9: *Sc 2 green, 1 cream, 1 green, 3 cream, 1 green, 1 cream, 2 green* around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 10: *1 green, 1 cream, 1 green, 1 cream, 3 green, 1 cream, 1 green, 1 cream, 1 green* around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 11: Repeat Rnd 9. [44 sts]
- Count sts at the end of Rnd 9 - it is the fiddliest round.

Step 4: Turn the Heel



- Join cream yarn. Work short rows back and forth over 22 sts (half the round).
- Row 1: Sc in next 22 sts, ch 1, turn. [22 sts]
- Row 2: Sc2tog, sc 18, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. [20 sts]
- Row 3: Sc2tog, sc 16, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. [18 sts]
- Row 4: Sc2tog, sc 14, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. [16 sts]
- Row 5: Sc2tog, sc 12, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. [14 sts]
- Row 6: Sc2tog, sc 10, sc2tog. [12 sts] Fasten off cream.
- Rejoin green at the side of the heel and work around again - back to 44 sts.

Step 5: Crochet the Foot and the Cream Toe



- Rnds 16-17 (green): Sc around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 18: Bobble round as Rnd 2. [44 sts]
- Rnds 19-20: Sc around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 21: Bobble round as Rnd 4. [44 sts]
- Rnds 22-25: Sc around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 26 (cream): Sc around. [44 sts]
- Rnd 27: *Sc 9, sc2tog* around. [40 sts]
- Rnd 28: Sc around. [40 sts]
- Rnd 29: *Sc 8, sc2tog* [36] Rnd 30: *Sc 7, sc2tog* [32]
- Rnd 31: *Sc 6, sc2tog* [28] Rnd 32: *Sc 5, sc2tog* [24]
- Rnd 33: *Sc 4, sc2tog* [20] Rnd 34: *Sc 3, sc2tog* [16]
- Rnd 35: *Sc 2, sc2tog* [12] Rnd 36: *Sc 1, sc2tog* [8]
- Fasten off, thread tail through last 8 sts, pull tight to close.

Step 6: Add the Hanging Loop and Finish



- Join cream at the top corner of the cuff, ch 16, sl st into the same spot to form a loop. Fasten off.
- Weave in every end with the yarn needle. Weave the loop end in securely - it carries the weight of a full stocking.
- Fold the cream cuff down over the top of the leg.
- Give the stocking a gentle steam or light block if the bobbles look uneven.
- Your chunky Nordic stocking is ready to hang - and ready to fill!

Tips

- Check your gauge: 12 sc and 12 rows in bulky yarn with a 6.0 mm hook should measure about 10 cm (4 in). Go up to 6.5 mm if your stocking is too small, down to 5.5 mm if it is too loose.

- Carry the yarn, do not cut it: in the snowflake band, carry the unused color along the inside instead of cutting at every change.

- Stuff it lightly while it dries: after blocking, stuff the stocking with tissue paper so the bobbles and the snowflake band hold their shape.