



Picot Christmas Stocking

Materials:

- 1 skein Encore Worsted White (color 208)
- 1 skein Encore Worsted Red (Color 1386)
- 16" circulars US 5
- 1 set of dpn US 5
- 3 stitch markers

Gauge:

- 4 inches square in stockinette stitch = 20 stitches by 31 rows

Finished size: 15.5" in length (cuff to heel), foot is 12.5" (heel to toe)

CUFF

1. With white color, cast on 64 sts.
2. Place one marker to mark beginning of the round.
3. Row 1 – 4 - knit in stockinette stitch
4. Row 5 (picot round) - *YO, k2tog* repeat to end of round
5. Continue in stockinette stitch until piece measures 4".
6. Change to red color – continue in stockinette stitch until stocking measures 9" from the top.

HEEL

1. Remove marker.
2. Slip 32 sts onto a holder.
3. With the remainder 32 sts, work the heel sts in stockinette stitch -- slip the 1st st of every row.
4. Work heel until heel measures 5 inches. End on a purl row.

SHAPE HEEL:

1. Row 1 – p20, p2tog, p1, turn
2. Row 2 – slip 1, k10, ssk, turn
3. Row 3 – slip 1, p11, p2tog, p1, turn
4. Row 4 – slip 1, k12, ssk, turn

5. Continue in this way (increasing the number of purl and knit sts) until you have 21 sts remaining.
6. With the right side facing you, pick up and knit 18 sts along the side of the left heel flap – PM.
7. Knit across the 32 sts on holder for the instep – PM.
8. Pick up and knit 18 sts along the right heel flap.
9. Knit 10 sts, PM. This is the new beginning of the round.

DECREASE FOR GUSSET

Continue in working in rounds as follows:

1. Round 1
 - o knit to the last 3 sts before 1st marker, k2tog, k1, slip marker
 - o knit across top of foot to next marker, slip marker
 - o k1, ssk, knit to end of round.
2. Round 2 – knit all sts
3. Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 64 sts remaining.
4. Continue knitting in round for 3 inches.

TOE

1. Round 1
 - o knit to the last 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1, slip marker
 - o k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1, slip marker
 - o k1, ssk, knit to end of round.
2. Round 2 – Knit all sts
3. Repeat these two rounds until 28 sts remain.
4. Change to color white.
5. Continue in decreases until only 20 sts remain.
6. Divide the sts onto 2 needles (10 on each) and graft together.

FINISHING

For the picot top

1. Cut off a length of white yarn to sew down the top.
2. Fold down the top right where the eyelet row is.
3. Tack down the edge or the top to the cuff down to about 4-5 rows down from the eyelet row.
4. Folding at the eyelet row is what makes the picot edge.

Loop for hanging

1. Take a strand of red and a strand of white (about 18" of each).
2. Take a crochet hook and crochet a chain (with both strands of yarn) to the desired length.
3. Sew onto the stocking.
4. Weave in all ends.
5. You are now ready for Santa!