



Mini Christmas Stockings



About this Pattern

Ho-ho-Holiday Season is just around the corner and what better way to celebrate than with a free pattern! These mini stockings are fun to knit and make for a quick project - you can fill them up with treats for a Christmas gift or make a few and hang them around the home.

The written pattern is fully supported with a step by step video tutorial to guide you through each stage of knitting the stocking, the video times are annotated so you can skip to the part you want to watch straight away!

The tutorial is demonstrated using 4 double pointed needles, but you can adjust to knit with the magic loop method if you prefer. If you have never knit a sock or used double pointed needles before then this is the perfect introductory project.

The video can be accessed by visiting <https://www.undertheolivetreeknits.com/free-patterns.html> or through the [Under the Olive Tree Knits YouTube channel](#).

Kits to make 3 Mini Stockings are available from the Under the Olive Tree Knits website – for more details visit the shop or click [HERE](#)

Pattern Notes

Skills / Techniques Used: Knit, purl, slipped stitches, short rows, decreases

Sizes and Measurements: The finished mini stocking measures 5" / 13cm from the top of the cuff to the bottom of the heel and 4" / 10cm from the back of the heel to the tip of the toe

Materials Used

- Yarn A - For the cuff: 0.25oz / 7g, 13 yd / 12m of Aran weight yarn. The yarn used in the pattern photos is Under the Olive Tree 100% Superwash Bluefaced Leicester Aran in the Snow colourway
- Yarn B - For the stocking: 0.50oz / 14g, 25 yd / 24m of Aran weight yarn. The yarn used in the pattern photos is Under the Olive Tree 100% Superwash Bluefaced Leicester Aran in the [Maraschino Cherry](#) colourway
- [1 set of 4mm double pointed needles](#)
- 1 x 4mm (or close size) crochet hook (optional for making the hanging loop)
- 1 Tapestry Needle

Gauge

Gauge is not important to this project but as a guideline the yarn should 20 stitches and 28 rows to 4" / 10cm in stockinette stitch after blocking

Abbreviations

The abbreviations hyperlinked below will take you to individual tutorial techniques. These can also be found by visiting <https://www.undertheolivetreeknits.com/tutorials.html>

St(s)	Stitches
Rnd	Round
Dpn(s)	Double pointed needle(s)
PM	Place marker
K	Knit
P	Purl
Sl1 wyib	With the yarn held at the back, slip the next stitch purlwise
Sl1 wyif	With the yarn held at the front as if to purl, slip the next stitch purlwise
K2tog	Knit 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P2tog	Purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
Ssk	Slip, slip, knit: Slip the next 2 stitches 1 at a time knit-wise, insert the left hand needle into the front of the slipped stitches and knit them together (1 stitch decreased)

INSTRUCTIONS

The timings noted against each section correspond with the times in the supporting video tutorial.

Casting On (00:48)

With yarn A, leave a short tail and cast on 25 sts onto dpn 1 using a knitted cast on.

Transferring the Stitches (02:24)

Transfer 9 sts onto a spare dpn purlwise, then transfer 8 sts purlwise onto another dpn. You will have 8 stitches on dpns 1 and 2 and 9 sts on dpn 3.

Arrange the dpns in a triangle making sure not to twist the cast on row.

Knit the Cuff (03:17)

Take a 4th dpn and insert it into the first cast on stitch on dpn 1.

Changing dpns when you run out of stitches work the cuff as below. Pull the yarn tight between needle changes as this will prevent any ladders. The first round may be a little tricky but it will get easier. When you reach the beginning of the round the initial join will be loose but this will tighten up as you knit the next few rounds.

Rnd 1

Dpns 1 and 2: [K1, p1] 4 times.

Dpn 3: [K1, p1] 4 times, k1.

Rnd 2

Dpns 1 and 2: [P1, k1] 4 times.

Dpn 3: [P1, k1] 4 times, p1.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 three more times then rnd 1 once more.

Make the Hanging Loop (07:10)

If you would prefer your stocking without the hanging loop, work rnd 2 until you get to the last 2 sts on dpn 3. P2tog. You will now have a total of 24 sts. Then proceed to Knit the Leg.

Work rnd 2 until you get to the last 2 sts on dpn 3. Transfer the next st onto a crochet hook and chain 12 sts (wrap the yarn around the hook and pull the yarn through).

Insert the crochet hook into the last st on the dpn 3, wrap the yarn around and draw it through both loops on the crochet hook. Transfer the stitch on the crochet hook back to dpn 3. You will now have a total of 24 sts.

Knit the Leg (08:41)

Next Rnds: Knit 8 rnds.

Cut yarn A, leaving a tail long enough to weave in.

Next Rnds: Join yarn B and knit 15 rnds.

You can now turn the cuff back on itself. If the hanging loop stays under the cuff when you turn it back you can pull it through so it's in the right position for hanging.

Heel Set Up (11:43)

Dpn 1: Knit 6 sts.

Dpn 2: Turn the work and slip the remaining 2 sts onto dpn 2 without working them.

Dpn 1: Turn the work and return to dpn 1 and purl 12 sts onto the same dpn. 6 of these sts will be from dpn 1 and 6 will be from dpn 3.

Dpn 3: Leaving the last 2 sts unworked, slip another 4 sts purlwise from dpn 2 onto this dpn without working them.

You now have 12 sts on dpn 1 and 6 sts on dpns 2 and 3.

Heel Flap (13:31)

For the next part you will not be working in the round, but back and forth with the 12 sts that you have just separated onto dpn 1.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 wyib, k to the end of the row.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p the end of the row.

Repeat these 2 rows three more times (8 rows in total).

Turning the Heel (15:20)

Here we will be working some short rows to turn the heel.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1 wyib, k6, k2tog, k1. Turn work.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p3, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

Row 3: Sl1 wyib, k4, k2tog, k1. Turn work.

Row 4: Sl1 wyif, p5, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

You will have 8 sts remaining on the dpn.

Next Row: Knit 8 sts.

Picking Up Heel Stitches (18:14)

Here we will be picking up the slipped sts from the heel flap to get back to working in the round. You will need to knit the sts back on to 3 dpns – set up as follows:

Dpn 1: Using the same dpn that already has the 8 sts on it, pick up and knit the 4 edge slipped stitches. Pick up 1 more stitch at the end of the slipped stitches – this will prevent leaving a hole at the base of the gusset.

Dpn 2: Knit the next 12 sts all onto 1 dpn.

Dpn 3: Pick up and knit 1 st before the slipped stitches. Pick up and knit the 4 edge slipped stitches. Then knit a further 4 sts from the heel on dpn 1 onto dpn 3.

You will have 30 sts in total, distributed across the dpns as follows:

Dpn 1: 9 sts.

Dpn 2: 12 sts.

Dpn 3: 9 sts.

Working the Gusset (21:05)

The next rnd will now begin at the centre of the heel.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2:

Dpn 1: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Dpn 2: K all sts.

Dpn 3: K1, ssk, k to end (2 sts decreased).

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 twice more. The remaining 24 stitches will be distributed as follows:

Dpns 1 and 3: 6 sts.

Dpn 2: 12 sts.

Knitting the Foot (24:47)

Knit 8 rnds.

Shaping the Toe (25:22)**Rnd 1:**

Dpn 1: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Dpn 2: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Dpn 3: k1, ssk, k to end (4 sts decreased).

Rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 once more.

Repeat rnd 1 only. You will have 12 sts remaining.

Closing the Toe (28:44)

Knit the 3 sts from dpn 1 to dpn 3. You will have 6 sts on 2 dpns.

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave in. Using the tapestry needle, thread the yarn through all sts, dropping them off the dpns. Pull tight to close.

Finishing (30:15)

Poke the tapestry needle through the top of the stocking through to the inside, turn the stocking inside out, secure the yarn with a knot and weave in the ends.

For best results, soak the stockings in a bowl of lukewarm water for 10 minutes (add a drop of wool wash or shampoo if you wish). Remove the stockings from the water and gently roll in a clean towel to squeeze out any excess water. Lay the stockings flat, pinning into shape using rust proof pins, and leave to dry.

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