

Mini Christmas Stocking Basic Pattern (Jean Greenhowe)

NOTES

Knitting yarn: Oddments of double knitting [USA Astra or Bonus DK: Australia 8 ply]. Knitting needles: A pair of 3mm [No 11, USA 2].

Abbreviations:

cm = centimetre[s]; dec = decrease [by working 2 sts tog]; g-st = garter stitch [every row K]; inc = increase [by working twice into same st]; in = inch[es]; K = knit; mm = millimetres;

P = purl; st[s] = stitch[es]; st-st = stocking stitch [K on the right side and P on the wrong side]; tog = together.

Tension: Using 3mm [No 11, USA 2] knitting needles, the tension for double knitting yarn is 26 sts = 10cm [4in] in width over st-st.

Working in stripes: When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up the side of the work.

Instructions in round brackets: These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing brackets.

The finished stocking measures 8.5cm (3.25 ins)

THE BASIC PATTERN

Begin at lower edge of the stocking and using the required colour cast on 24 sts. (Note that the cast on edge counts as the first row, when working in stripes).

P 1 row.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end – 36 sts. Beginning with a P row, st-st 7 rows.

Shape top of foot

1st row: K14, (K2tog) 4 times, K14 - 32 sts. 2nd and every following alternate row: P. 3rd row: K12, (K2tog) 4 times, K12 – 28 sts. 5th row: K10, (K2tog) 4 times, K10 – 24 sts. P 1 row

Beginning with a K row, st-st 12 rows.

Work the top border

G-st 5 rows.

Cast off in the knit stitch.

To make up

With P side of the stocking outside, join the row end with a back-stitch seam, one knitted st within



the row ends. Oversew across the cast on sts. Turn right side out.

One way to make a hanging loop is to leave a long thread after casting off and use it to crochet a single chain to the required length and sew the end on to the finished stocking.