

Make your own Christmas Stocking

Materials:

- half a metre of festive fabric
- Contrasting fabric for the cuff
- a piece of ribbon (or bias binding)
- a button

Preparation

Start by pressing your fabric so it's nice and flat with no creases.

Template

If you are making more than one you will need a paper template, so you can have identical stockings.

If you are feeling artistic then draw a stocking shape yourself on a large piece of paper. You may need to tape a few pieces of paper together. The one in the picture is 49cm in height and 35mm wide (at it's widest point), the top of the cuff is about 22cm wide.



If you are only making one stocking AND you are feeling artistic then just draw a stocking shape onto the wrong side of your fabric in pencil.

I used a pattern that I found on the internet. Here's the link...

<https://www.sewingpartsonline.com/christmas-socking-pattern.pdf>

It will come out on 4 pieces of A4 paper that you'll need to tape together then cut out.

Cutting out

Now lay your pattern on the fabric and pin them together. Cut around your paper template. Do the same for the other side of your stocking but remember to reverse the template so the toe is facing the other way. If you want to be quick just fold your fabric in half then pin the template through the two layers.

Pro tip: Use calico or plain polycotton for the reverse so the Christmassy fabric goes further. This means it's one sided, but it does work out a bit cheaper if you are making lots of stockings!



Contrast Cuff

If you are adding a cuff, cut out a piece of contrasting fabric that's the same width as the top of your stocking (22cm) and approx. 13cm high. Hem it along the bottom.

Pin the top of your cuff to the top of your stocking.
KEEP BOTH PIECES OF FABRIC FACING UP! It feels wrong, but it will work out – trust me!

Sew the two pieces together leaving a 1cm seam allowance.

Turn your cuff over so it sits in front... voila! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! ...lets sing while we sew!

Do the same for the other side.

If you are doing plain fabric for the other side just hem the top by 1cm. Check which way the toe is facing... it's easy to hem the wrong way with plain fabric, so double check which is the right and wrong side.



Sewing together

Now put the right sides together and pin in place. Sew around the edges leaving a 1cm seam allowance.

Snip the curved edges of the seam allowance so that it sits flat when turned the right way.

Turn it right side out. Stick your fingers into all the crevices and manipulate the seams so that it's fully turned out and sitting right. Give it a light press.

Adding the loop

Now take a piece of ribbon (approx 15cm long) and fold it in half.

Secure it to the side of your stocking at the top. No need for the machine, just a few hand sewn stitches will be fine. Add a button on top to hide the stitches.

Hang it on the mantelpiece and wait for Santa to fill it with a bag of chocolate gold coins, some turkish delight and a satsuma in the toe!

