

Sugarplum Christmas Stocking

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Size

Approx 24" long.

Materials

I used worsted weight yarn for my stocking. You can use any yarn and any colors for your stocking. Keep in mind, if you use a DK weight, the stocking will be smaller. You can use leftover yarns for the sugarplum appliques. Follow photo for colors and placement if you wish.

Size 8 (5mm) or whatever size needed to get correct gauge

Size 5 (3.5mm) double-pointed needles for motifs

Crochet hook size G/6 (4.25mm) yarn needle.

Gauge

16 sts and 24 rows = 4" in St st on larger needles. To save time, take time to check your gauge.

Note

The yarn used is listed, but you can use any yarn you wish. Leftover yarn can easily be used for the sugarplum appliques.

Stocking is worked back and forth from the top down to the toe.

Special Abbreviation

SSK: (Slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, insert left needle from left to right into the fronts of these 2 stitches and knit them together.

Stocking

Leg

With MC, cast on 61 sts. Work in St st, beg with a purl row, for 10 rows, ending with a RS row. K 1 row for turning ridge. Cont to work in St st, beg with a knit row (RS), for 40 more rows, ending with a WS row.
Dec Row: K1, SSK, k to last 3 sts, k2 tog, k1—59 sts. Cont to work in St st, rep dec row every 10th row 3 times—53 sts rem. Work even until piece measures 13-1/2" from turning ridge, ending with a WS row.

Divide for Heel

(RS) K13 and sl to holder for right half of heel; k27 and sl to 2nd holder for instep; k13 for left half of heel.

Work on these 13 sts only.

Row 1: P13.

Row 2: Sl 1, k12.

Rows 3-18: Rep Rows 1 & 2.

Turn Heel

Row 1: P2, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, k3, turn.

Row 3: P3, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, k4, turn.

Row 5: P4, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, k5, turn.

Row 7: P5, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 8: Sl 1, k6, turn.

Row 9: P6, p2 tog, p1—8 sts rem.

Sl sts to holder.

(RS) Sl 13 sts for right half of heel to needle, attach yarn.

Row 1: K13.

Row 2: Sl 1, p12.

Rows 3-18: Rep Rows 1 & 2.

Turn Heel

Row 1: K2, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, p3, turn.

Row 3: K3, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p4, turn.

Row 5: K4, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, p5, turn.

Row 7: K5, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 8: Sl 1, p6, turn.

Row 9: K6, SSK, k1—8 sts rem.

Cut yarn. Sl these sts to free needle.

Gusset & Instep

With RS facing, k8 sts of Right half heel.

With same needle, pick up 9 sl sts from right edge of heel flap, k27 instep sts from holder, pick up and k9 sl sts along left edge of heel flap, k 8 sts from holder—61 sts.

Row 1 & WS Rows: P across.

Row 2: K14, k2 tog, k 29, SSK, k14.

Row 4: K13, k2 tog, k29, SSK, k13.

Row 6: K12, k2 tog, k29, SSK, k12.

Row 8: K11, k2 tog, k29, SSK, k11.

Row 10: K10, k2 tog, k29, SSK, k10.

Row 12: K9, k2 tog, k29, SSK, k9—49 sts rem.



Work in St st until foot measures approx 6-1/2" from edge of heel flap, ending with a WS row. Dec 1 st in next row—48 sts. P 1 row.

Toe

Row 1: K9, k2 tog, k2, SSK, k18, k2 tog, k2, SSK, k9—44 sts.

Row 2 & All WS Rows: P across.

Row 3: K8, k2 tog, k2, SSK, k16, k2 tog, k2, SSK, k8—40 sts.

Rows 4-15: Cont to dec 4 sts every RS row as est until 16 sts rem.

From WS, sl first 4 sts to holder; sl next 8 sts (top of stocking) to empty needle, sl rem 4 sts to 2nd holder. From RS, beg with 4th st, sl 4 sts from first holder onto 2nd needle, k4 from 2nd holder (side edges at center of needle). Turn so points of both needles are at right, cut yarn leaving a 14" tail.

Weave Toe

Thread yarn onto yarn needle. Weave toe as follows: *On front needle, go through first st as if to k, sl st off needle, go through 2nd st as if to p, leave on needle, on back needle, go through first st as if to p, sl st off needle, go through 2nd st as if to k, leave on needle; rep from * until all sts have been worked; fasten off securely, leaving end to sew up back seam.

Finishing

Sew back seam. Turn top edge to inside at ridge and tack in place.

All appliqué is worked with size 5 dpns. See photo for shapes and placement of motifs and embroidery.

Bobble (make 7 MC, 4 Col C)

Cast on 1 st. In same st, k1, [p1, k1] twice—5 sts. K1 row; p1 row; k2 tog, k1, k2 tog, turn; p3 tog, fasten off.

Holly Leaves (make 2 Col A)

Cast on 5 sts.

Row 1: K2, yo, k1, yo, k2—7 sts.

Row 2 & all Even Numbered Rows except 8: P across.

Row 3: K3, yo, k1, yo, k3—9 sts.

Row 5: K4, yo, k1, yo, k4—11 sts.

Row 7: Bind off 3 sts, [k1, yo] twice, k5.

Row 8: Bind off 3 sts, p6.

Row 9: Rep Row 3.

Row 11: Rep Row 5.

Row 13: Bind off 3 sts, k7.

Row 14: Bind off 3 sts, p4.

Row 15: K2 tog, k1, k2 tog.

Row 17: Sl 1, k2 tog, pssso. Fasten off.

I-Cord

The following motifs, except for Small Gift Box, are made with I-cord: Cast on 3 sts, k3, do not turn, *sl sts to other end of needle, k3; rep from * for indicated length.

Gingerbread Man

With Col E, make I-cord for 16". Sew to stocking in gingerbread shape. Make 2 french knots with Col E for eyes; 3 french knots with Col C for buttons. Mouth is a Col C straight st anchored at center.

Candy Cane

Make 2 I-Cords 11" long: 1 MC and 1 Col C. Twist tog; st in place on stocking in candy cane shape.

Christmas Tree

With Col A, make I-cord for 20" for tree; With Col E, make I-cord 1" long for trunk. sew in place. Make tree lights using 2 strands various cols with french knots. Star is double-cross stitched using 2 strands Col B.

Candy Twist

Make 2 I-cords 4" long: 1 Col C, 1 Col A. Twist tog; then sl st cords tog, leaving 1" free at ends. Tie each end with Col C. Sew in place.

Star

With Col B, make I-cord 12" long. Sew to stocking in star shape.

Candy Spiral

With Col C, make I-cord 12" long. Wrap in spiral; st in place with long sts from center, using 2 strands Col A.

Top Border & Bow

With Col A, make 2 I-cords: 16" long and 46" long. Sl st in place after back seam and hem are completed.

Small Gift Box

With single strand Col C, cast on 11sts; k5 Col C, with double strand Col B, k1, k5 Col C. Cont as est in St st for 1", ending with a WS row. With single strand Col B, k 1 row, then cont as before for 1"; Bind off. With crochet hook and Col B, ch 25, fasten off. Form into 3 loops; sew to top of box as shown in photo. Name With Col C, personalize in duplicate st on hem area above I-cord edging.

Standard Abbreviations

beg	...	begin(ning)
ch	...	chain
col	...	color
cont	...	continue
dec	...	decreas(e)(ing)
dpn(s)	...	double-pointed needle(s)
est	...	establish(ed)
k	...	knit
MC	...	main color
p	...	purl
pssso	...	pass slipped stitch over
rem	...	remain(ing)
rep	...	repeat(ing)
RS	...	right side
sl	...	slip
st(s)	...	stitch(es)
St st	...	stockinette stitch
tog	...	together
WS	...	wrong side
yo	...	yarn over