## Chevron Christmas Stocking ${ }_{\text {by Kathy Lewinski }}$



## Supplies:

- Approx 170 yards/93g worsted weight yarn (I used 3 skeins Red Heart Super Saver and made 6 stockings.)
- Four size 7 or 8 double-pointed needles (You can also easily do this with two circulars or magic loop.)
- Stitch marker
- Scrap worsted weight yarn
- Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:<br>k - knit<br>p -purl<br>ssk - slip, slip, knit<br>k2tog - knit two together

Size: Approximately $10.5^{\prime \prime}$ around and 18 " long if knit to gauge
Gauge: 5 stitches and 6 rows per inch (You can really do this at any gauge that is appropriate to your yarn, though it will change the size of the stocking. Keep in mind that is you plan to fill it, you'll want a nice tight fabric.)

Jogless Stripes: Knitting in the round can create a little job in your color work where one row ends and another starts. You can help alleviate this easily. When you get to the first stitch of the second row of a new color, pull up the stitch below from the old color onto the left needle. Now, knit those two stitches together. It will give you an elongated stitch that makes the jog almost disappear.

On this mitten, do this technique on row 1 of the first repeat of the chevron pattern. Then in each following repeat do it on the first stitch of row 3 and row 6 of the chevron pattern.

## Pattern:

Cast on 56 stitches. Divide between three needles and join together to knit in the round. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark rows.

## Cuff:

Work in (k2, p2) ribbing for 2" or desired length

## Leg:

Knit 1 row in green decreasing two stitches: k26, k2tog, k26, k2tog (54 stitches)
Knit 10 repeats of the chevron pattern. (or desired length)
Knit rows 1-3 of the chevron pattern once more.


## Add scrap yarn for heel placement:

Knit 27 stitches with scrap yarn. Put those 27 stitches back on the left needle.

## Foot:

Knit row 4-6 of the chevron pattern.
Knit 4 more repeats of the chevron pattern. (or desired length)
Toe:
Switch to toe color.
Row 1: k
Row 2: ssk, k23, k2tog, ssk, k23, k2tog (50 stitches)
Row 3: k
Row 4: ssk, k21, k2tog, ssk, k21, k2tog (46 stitches)
Row 5: k
Row 6: ssk, k19, k2tog, ssk, k19, k2tog (42 stitches)
Row 7: k
Row 8: ssk, k17, k2tog, ssk, k17, k2tog (38 stitches)
Row 9: k
Row 10: ssk, k15, k2tog, ssk, k15, k2tog (34 stitches)
Row 11: k
Row 12: ssk, k13, k2tog, ssk, k13, k2tog (30 stitches)
Row 13: k

Put the first 15 stitches on one needle and the second 15 on another. Seam together with Kitchener stitch.

## Heel:

Put the 27 stitches below and the 27 stitches above the scrap yarn on needles. Carefully remove the scrap yarn. Divide the stitches between three needles. Place a stitch marker between the top and bottom stitches on the right side to mark rows.

Knit following the exact same instructions as the toe. To prevent a hole on each side of the heel, you may want to pick up a stitch from the body of the stocking at each side and knit it together the stitch after it on row 1.

Weave in ends.
Make a 4" i-cord length, fold it in half, and sew it to the top of the stocking to hang
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## Bonus additional patterns!

Once you know how to make this stocking it is really easy to do it in different patterns. Here are two others I made and some notes on making them. Both of these patterns required 56 stitches around for the pattern repeat so they are just slightly bigger around.

## Stripes and Dots Pattern and X Pattern

Cast on and work ribbing just as above. When you start the leg do not decrease on the first row, just start working the color work charts.

## For the Stripes and Dots:

Knit 13 repeats of the color work pattern. Do the jogless stripe technique on rows 1 and 3 each time.


## For the $X$ Pattern:

Knit 9 repeats of the color work pattern. Do the jogless stripe technique on rows 1,3 and 6 each time.


## For both:

For the heel placement, knit 28 stitches onto waste yarn. Then put those 28 stitches back on the left needle.

## For the Stripes and Dots Pattern:

Knit 5 more repeats of the color pattern. Knit one more row of red.

## For the $X$ Pattern:

Knit color work pattern 4 more times. Knit one more row of green.

## For both:

For the toe, work the decreases as above. (Your first decrease row will be ssk, k24, k2tog, ssk, k24, k2tog and every decrease row after that will have two less knit stitches between the ssk and k2tog) Work until you have 28 stitches left. Put the first 14 on one needle and the second 14 on another. Seam with Kitchener stitch.

To work the heel you will be picking up 28 stitches above and 28 stitches below the waste yarn. Decrease just like the toe.

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