

OCTOBER 2010 BLOCK A MONTH CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

It's time again to make Christmas stockings for our guild's annual contribution for SLO County children in foster care and the in-home supported services for the disabled and elderly. Stockings should be between 15" and 18" long and can be whole cloth, pieced, quilted, appliquéd and made of holiday prints, fleece, flannel – any fabric you'd like, any design you would like appropriate for any age group from young children through teens and older adults.

We have used a traditional pattern for several years and we will have a supply of that pattern, as well as some precut stocking front/back/lining packets, available for you to pick up at the September meeting. You can also use your own favorite stocking pattern. Or, if you prefer, we would also be happy to have donations of store bought stockings.



Stockings are due at the October meeting and, as always, fantastic prizes will be awarded to the top contributing individual and friendship group. Let's try to surpass last year's contribution of 127!!!!

Stocking cutting instructions:

- Cut two pieces of stocking fabric
- Cut two pieces of lining fabric
- Cut two pieces of batting

Layer as follows:

- Layer two fabric pieces, right sides together
- Layer one batting piece
- Layer two lining pieces, right sides together
- Layer second piece of batting

Insert a 6" to 7" hanging loop (made from fabric or use decorative cording) between the two lining pieces along the back side of the stocking, about 1" down from the top (loop to the inside of the stocking).

Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew through all layers all the way around the outside edge of the stocking. Do not sew across the top edge. Trim seam allowance to 1/4" and clip curves.

Reach in between the stocking front and back and turn right sides out and make sure all layers were sewn. At this point, if you don't wish to add a cuff as outlined below, you can simply bind the top of the stocking.

Adding a cuff:

- Lay stocking flat and trim top, if necessary, to even all layers.
- Measure across the opening of the stocking top and multiply by two. Add 1/2" for seam allowance. Record measurement.
- Cut an 8" wide strip of your cuff fabric to the recorded measurement.
- With right sides together and using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch the short ends of the strip together. Press seam open.
- Fold strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and raw edges together to form a circle (seam allowance is on the inside).
- Pull the two stocking lining pieces apart. With raw edges up, tuck the cuff inside the stocking between the linings, matching the cuff seam with the stocking back seam. Place one pin at the matched seam and then pin remaining edges. Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance around the top (make sure you don't catch your hanging loop in this seam).
- Pull cuff out and fold down and your stocking is done!!!!

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