# Easy striped Christmas stocking

US terms



Finished size
**About 10¾ × 15½ in (27 × 39 cm)**
About 10¾ in (27.5 cm) wide, heel to toe, and 15½ in (39.5 cm) tall (27 by 39 cm), without the hanging loop

Skill
**Beginner**
Worked in rows, with 7 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
**Medium (4), 3 colors**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

Gauge
**14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: cranberry, rows 1 to 11, 20 to 23 and 32 to 35 of the sides | **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: cream, rows 12, 13, 18, 19, 24, 25, 30, 31, 36 and 37 of the sides and the cuff | **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: pine green, rows 14 to 17, 26 to 29 and 38 to 40 of the sides, the toes and the heels | **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **hdc** | half double crochet (UK htr, half treble) |
| **rem** | remaining |
| **st** | stitch |

### Special stitches

**hdc2tog (UK htr2tog):** [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 5 loops. It leaves 1 hdc2tog for the next row.

**hdc3tog (UK htr3tog):** [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops. It leaves 1 hdc3tog for the next row.


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## Gauge

**14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

In half double crochet: 14 stitches and 10½ rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

## Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- The toe is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- The heel is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The two sides are alike; one is the front and one is the back. Both faces of every piece look much the same, so that no piece has a right side.
- Lay a side with the face toward you that faced you in row 1, and row 1 at the bottom: the toe points right. The straight edge on the left, rows 1 to 40, is the back edge, and its lower end is the heel corner. The upright edge at the lower right, rows 1 to 10, is for the toe; the edge above it, rows 11 to 40, is the front edge. The foundation chain is the sole.
- The toe is half a circle, with the ring in the middle of its straight edge. The heel is a quarter of a circle, with the ring at its square corner.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 10½ in (27 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 12 in (30 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 19¾ in (50 cm).

## Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and hdc is half treble.

### Side: make 2

**Yarns in order of use: A, cranberry; B, cream; C, pine green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 30. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 28 chs | **(29 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts | **(30 hdc)** |


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| ☐ **Rows 3 to 10** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(30 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 3 to 10: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 1, turn, hdc3tog in next 3 sts, hdc in next 27 sts | **(1 hdc3tog, 27 hdc)** |

Fasten off A.

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| ☐ **Row 12** | Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 25 sts, leave the remaining 2 sts unworked | **(26 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog in next 2 sts, hdc in next 24 sts | **(1 hdc2tog, 24 hdc)** |

Fasten off B.

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| ☐ **Row 14** | Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog in next 2 sts | **(23 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)** |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog in next 2 sts, hdc in next 22 sts | **(1 hdc2tog, 22 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(23 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog in next 2 sts, hdc in next 21 sts | **(1 hdc2tog, 21 hdc)** |

Fasten off C.

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| ☐ **Row 18** | Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(22 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 19** | Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog in next 2 sts, hdc in next 20 sts | **(1 hdc2tog, 20 hdc)** |

Fasten off B.

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| ☐ **Row 20** | Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 21 to 23** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 21 to 23: tick them off as you go.

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Fasten off A.

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| ☐ **Row 24** | Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 25** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |

Fasten off B.

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| ☐ **Row 26** | Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 27 to 29** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 27 to 29: tick them off as you go.

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Fasten off C.

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| ☐ **Row 30** | Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 31** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |


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Fasten off B.

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| ☐ **Row 32** | Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 33 to 35** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 33 to 35: tick them off as you go.

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Fasten off A.

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| ☐ **Row 36** | Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 37** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |

Fasten off B.

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| ☐ **Row 38** | Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 39 to 40** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(21 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 39 to 40: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. | |

## Toe: make 2

**Yarn C, pine green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With C, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Ch 1, 4 hdc in ring | **(4 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each st across | **(8 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times** | **(12 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times** | **(16 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times** | **(20 hdc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. | |

## Heel: make 2

**Yarn C, pine green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With C, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Ch 1, 2 hdc in ring | **(2 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each st across | **(4 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times** | **(6 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times** | **(8 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times** | **(10 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times** | **(12 hdc)** |


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| ☐ **Row 7** | Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times** | **(14 hdc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. | |

### Cuff

**Yarn B, cream.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 47. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across | **(46 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 7** | Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across | **(46 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 45 in (114 cm) tail for sewing. | |

## Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Front: lay one side as the notes say, so that the toe will point right. Lay a toe over the upright edge: its straight edge upright, ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left of the upright edge of the side, its round edge to the right, and the ring level with the top of row 5. The straight edge of the toe is as long as the upright edge, 5 rows below the ring and 5 rows above it. With the tail of the toe, sew its straight edge down on the front; turn the work over and sew the upright edge of the side to the back of the toe.
- Lay a heel on the heel corner of the same side, its ring on the corner, one straight edge along the back edge, where it covers the ends of rows 1 to 7, and the other straight edge along the sole. With its tail, sew down its round edge only; its straight edges are caught in the joining.
- Back: lay the other side with the face down that faced you in row 1, so that the toe will point left, and sew on the other toe and the other heel in the same way, in mirror image.
- Joining: hold the two sides together with the toes and heels on the outside, edge to edge, the front toward you, the toe pointing right. With B, join with a slip stitch through both at the top of the back edge and ch 1. Work sc through all the layers, as follows. Back edge, 40 ends of rows: [1 sc in each of next 2 ends, 2 sc in next end] 13 times, 2 sc in the end of row 1, where the edge is round. Sole: 29 chains; 2 sc in the first, beside the heel corner, and 1 sc in each of the next 27; the last chain lies under the toe. Toe: round the 20 stitches of the round edge of both toes, also where the first and the last of them lie on the sides, [1 sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. Front edge, 30 ends of rows from row 11 up: [1 sc in each of next 2 ends, 2 sc in next end] 10 times, with 1 sc in each of the 2 stitches that row 12 left unworked, between the ends of rows 11 and 12. Keep the seam flat. Leave the top open. Fasten off.
- Cuff: sew the two short ends together with its tail to make a ring; either face may be outside. Slip the ring over the top of the stocking, its seam over the seam of the back edge and one long edge of it level with the top of the stocking. With the same tail, sew these two edges together all round; the rest of the cuff hangs down over the outside.
- Hanging loop: join B with a slip stitch in the upper edge of the cuff, at its seam, ch 22, work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces.

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