# Christmas stocking lip balm holders

US terms



Finished size

**About 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall each without the loop, 2 in (5 cm) from heel to toe and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) round the leg, measured on the outside, for a lip balm about 2 in (5 cm) round and about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall, whose upper end stands out of the cuff**

Skill

**Intermediate**

Each stocking is a small tube in rounds with a heel flap of five short rows and a foot picked up round it, as in a sock.

Yarn

**Light (3), 4 colors**

Hook

**3.5 mm (US E-4)**

Gauge

**20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

## What you need

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| Yarn A: red, stripes | **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: white, stripes | **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: green, stripes | **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: pink, stripes | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |

By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton or acrylic

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: four key rings about 1 in (2.5 cm) across, 2 stitch markers, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.


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## Gauge

**20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch in A before you begin: ch 31; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (30 sc); rows 2 to 12, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (30 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 20 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 31. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (30 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (30 sc) |

## Notes

- Each stocking is complete in itself: for one stocking work one leg, one heel, one foot, one cuff and one loop, and for the holly also the two leaves and the berries.
- The legs, the feet and the cuffs are worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined. Move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. A chain of 1 at the start of the first round of a foot or a cuff does not count as a stitch. Where the foundation is a ring of chain, it is joined with a slip stitch before round 1.
- The heels are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Where two or more colors share a round, cut nothing at a change: the color you leave is carried. Once a color is no longer in the rounds: where only one or two rounds are worked before it is used again, carry it loosely up the inside; where more are worked, or it is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Tapestry crochet: where two or more colors share a round, lay the color or colors of that round not in use along the top of the round before and work over them, all the way round, so that they are carried inside the stitches.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To choose the lip balm, wrap a strip of paper round it and measure the strip. The stocking is snug: its fabric stretches a little over the lip balm and over the ends of the loop inside.
- In a row end of the heel work under two strands of the stitch at the edge of that row.
- Colors of leg 1, round by round. Rounds 1 to 2: B. Rounds 3 to 4: A. Rounds 5 to 6: B. Rounds 7 to 8: A. Rounds 9 to 10: B.
- Colors of leg 2, round by round. Rounds 1 to 4: C. Round 5: B and C. Round 6: C. Round 7: B and C. Round 8: C. Round 9: B and C. Round 10: C.
- Leg 3: every round B.
- Colors of leg 4, round by round. Rounds 1 to 2: D. Rounds 3 to 4: A and D. Rounds 5 to 6: B and D. Rounds 7 to 8: A and D. Rounds 9 to 10: B and D.
- For all four: the heel, the loop and the leaves are C. Foot: rounds 1 to 6: A, rounds 7 to 9: C. The cuff is B.


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# Instructions

US terms.

**ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

**sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

**2 sc in next st**: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

**[ ] 3 times**: work what is inside 3 times in all.

**(12 sc)**: the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

## Leg 1, stripes

**Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, red.**

Work every foundation chain of 12 loosely, so that the top edge can stretch, and round 1 on it with no twist in it. For the heel put a marker in the first stitch of round 10, and leave it there.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 12, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Sc in each ch around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | With A, sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | With B, sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 6 to 10** 6 7 8 9 10 | Repeat rnds 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last rnd, rnd 10, is worked as rnd 2. | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Leg 2, snow dots

**Yarns in order of use: C, green; B, white.**

For the heel put a marker in the first stitch of round 10, and leave it there.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 12, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Sc in each ch around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4 | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | **[**With C, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next st**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | **[**With B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | **[**With C, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next st**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |


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## Leg 3, for the holly

**Yarn B, white.**

For the heel put a marker in the first stitch of round 10, and leave it there.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 12, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Sc in each ch around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 2 to 10** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Leg 4, gingham

**Yarns in order of use: D, pink; A, red; B, white.**

For the heel put a marker in the first stitch of round 10, and leave it there.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 12, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Sc in each ch around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** | **[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| | 3 4 | |
| ☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** | **[**With B, sc in next 2 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| | 5 6 | |
| ☐ **Rnds 7 to 8** | **[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| | 7 8 | |
| ☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** | **[**With B, sc in next 2 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| | 9 10 | |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Heel: make 4

**Yarn C, green.**

One heel is worked on each leg, over the first 6 stitches of round 10. Hold the leg with its right side toward you and round 10 at the top. The first stitch is the one with the marker; the sixth is 5 stitches to the left of it. The slip stitch that ends the leg is in the first stitch too; it is not counted, and the heel goes into the stitch itself. The other 6 stitches wait.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | The first 6 stitches of round 10 of a leg, RS facing; 6 stitches. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 4** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (6 sc) |
| | 2 3 4 | |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog | (4 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |


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## Foot: make 4

**Yarns in order of use: A, red; C, green.**

One foot is worked on each leg, round the opening that is left, the right side facing you. The places, in order: the 4 stitches of row 5 of the heel; the ends of rows 5 to 1 of the heel, along the side that comes next; the 6 waiting stitches of round 10 of the leg; and the ends of rows 1 to 5 up the other side of the heel. Each of these 20 places is called "st" in round 1.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | The opening between the heel and the leg, RS facing; 20 places. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 19 sts | (20 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts | (18 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Sc in each st around | (12 sc) |

### Toe

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | With C, sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | **[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 4 times** | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | **[**Sc2tog**] 4 times** | (4 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm). Draw the tail through the front loops of the 4 stitches, pull the hole closed, take the needle into the foot and draw all the tails of the toe inside. | |

## Cuff: make 4

**Yarn B, white.**

One cuff is worked on the top edge of each leg, the edge with the foundation chain. Turn the stocking inside out first, so that the wrong side faces you, and begin at the first chain of the foundation. Work under the strands of each chain that round 1 of the leg left free. The wrong side of the leg faces you all through the cuff; when the cuff is folded down its right side is outside.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | The foundation chain of a leg, the inside of the leg facing you; 12 places. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts,<br>**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times** | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**<br>2 3 4 | Sc in each st around | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Loop: make 4

**Yarn C, green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 15. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm). | |


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### Holly leaf: make 2

**Yarn C, green.**

The leaf is one round along both sides of its chain. The joined end is the tip.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 4. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 4 hdc in last ch,<br>working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch,<br>sl st in first sc to join | (2 sc, 6 hdc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing. | |

### Assembly

**1.** Work in this order for each stocking: leg, heel, foot, cuff. After round 6 of the foot weave in all the tails of the leg, the heel and the foot so far, on the inside. When the cuff is done weave in its tails on the side that did not face you, and turn the stocking right side out. The cuff stands up above the leg till it is folded in step 4.

**2.** Hold a stocking with the cuff up and the toe pointing to your right. The side that faces you is the front.

**3.** The loops. Slip a loop through a key ring and fold it in half, the ring in the fold and the two short ends together, the right side out. Put the ends into the top of the stocking, against the inside of the leg at its back, above the middle of the heel, so that the lower ends are at the lower edge of round 2. With the long tail of the loop whip stitch through both ends and the leg, all round the part that lies on rounds 1 and 2, about 8 stitches, without catching the cuff. Fasten off and weave in both tails of the loop inside the leg. Sew one loop to each stocking in the same way.

**4.** Fold each cuff down over the outside of the leg, along the foundation chain, so that the side that faced you when you worked it is outside.

**5.** The holly, on the front of the stocking with leg 3. Weave in the starting tail of each leaf on its wrong side. Lay the two leaves on the leg, right side up, below the folded cuff. Their round ends touch at the middle of the front on round 8; the middle of the front is straight above the place where the heel, the leg and the foot meet. The tip of one leaf points left and up, to round 6, and the tip of the other right and up, to round 6, so that the two lie as a wide V. With its long tail sew each leaf down along the middle line of its chain with four small running stitches, from the tip to the round end. Running stitch: take the needle in and out of both layers along a line. Fasten off inside the leg. The edges of the leaves stay free.

**6.** The berries: with A, about 20 in (50 cm) long, make three French knots where the leaves meet, two next to each other on round 8 and one below them on round 9. French knot: bring the needle up, wind the yarn three times round it, put it down again close beside where it came up and draw the yarn through the turns, holding them snug. Fasten off inside the leg.

**7.** A garland to hang them on: with C, leaving a tail of 4 in (10 cm) at each end, ch 100, about 20 in (51 cm) long, and fasten off. Slide the four key rings on the cord, then knot each tail into a loop.

## Finishing

- Weave in any tail that is left on the inside. Slip a lip balm into each stocking from the top, down to the heel.

In all: 10 pieces; 1,384 stitches.

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