

**Christmas Stockings for the
Treasure Valley Blue Star Mothers Organization
(to fill and distribute to active military & veterans)**

After learning about the Blue Star Mothers organization from Szabina Revelle, the 2013 president of the local chapter, the Guild Board decided (during their August 2013 meeting) we would support their efforts to send care packages to deployed servicemen and women by making Christmas stockings.

If you wish to learn more about this local organization, below is their web site.

<https://www.facebook.com/TVBSMA.ID3/>

This worthy cause was added to our ongoing monthly projects and is included in our monthly drawing for those who participate. The stockings will be delivered after the October meeting for the Blue Star Mothers to fill and ship.

Important: Before printing the pattern, make sure your **Print Option for Page Scaling is set to **None** or **Print to Page**. If not, the pattern will print within your page margins and the stockings will be too small.**

Then trace the printed pattern on an old file folder or a larger piece of paper and **add a 1/4 inch seam allowance on all sides, top, and bottom.**



CHRISTMAS STOCKING INSTRUCTIONS & PATTERN

Materials needed:

Christmas fabric - 2/3 yard (makes approximately 4-5 stockings).

(One-way design fabrics will yield fewer stockings as you cannot turn the pattern to cut to the best advantage.)

Cuff: Felt: White, Red or Green. **Other Coordinating Material:** Cut into 2 ½" x 11 ½" strips

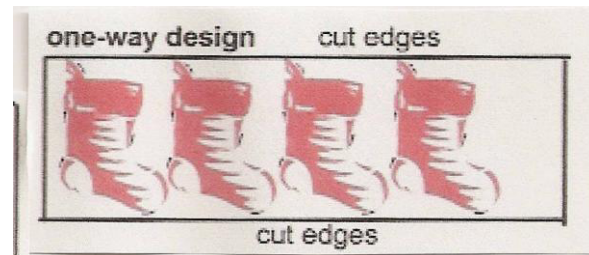
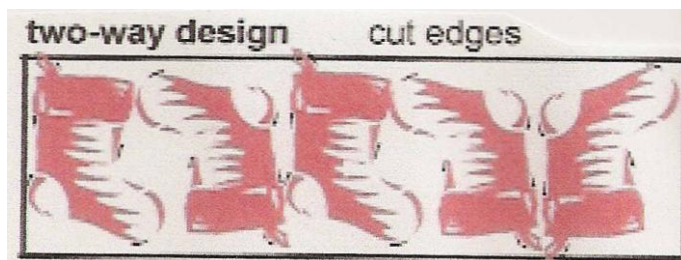
Ribbon Hanger - ¼" wide x 4" long for hanger for each stocking

**** NO GLITTER ANYWHERE ON THE STOCKING PLEASE!**

PATTERN: Make a pattern or template for the stocking from the attached pattern, *being sure to add ¼" seam allowance all the way around it (including the top) before cutting it out from your material.*

STOCKING: Cut fabric with right sides together.

1. With right sides together, match the edges and stitch ¼" seam, leaving top open.
2. Clip the curved seams, being very careful NOT to cut through the stitching. Reinforce if the seam is too narrow or the cut is close.
3. Turn right side out.



CUFF:

Cut the felt or other coordinating material into 2 ½" wide strips, then cut into 11 ½" long pieces (using a 2 ½" wide ruler and a rotary cutter is an easy way to do this). **** Cutting the bottom edge of the cuff with a pinking blade can be done for an added decorative effect.**

(Optional) Decorate the cuffs before sewing the ends together. Enjoy being creative! A few ideas: Cut a small figure from the stocking scraps and iron it onto the cuff with a bonding material such as HeatnBond. Ribbons, especially Christmas ribbons, make good decorations, also small jingle bells, rick rack, and decorative stitches from your sewing machine work nicely, etc. *Please do not use glitter.*

4. Stitch the 2 ½" inch ends of decorated cuff together, again using ¼" seam.
5. Fold the ribbon hanger in half and place the cut ends upward and place to the inside of the stocking at the back seam. Pin in place.
6. With the RIGHT side of cuff against the INSIDE of the stocking, ease the cuff into place and secure with a pin, making sure the seams are together at the back. Stitch cuff, sock and ribbon together using ¼" seam allowance. Stitch back over the ribbon area twice for strength.
7. Pull cuff up and turn down over the outside of the stocking and press.

NOTE: If you plan to make a lot of stockings consider doing them in stages. Cut a stack of stockings and sew them together as you have time. Cut a supply of cuffs using the 2.5" wide ruler and a rotary cutter. Decorate cuffs to go with the stockings you have cut, then stitch the ends of the cuffs. Assemble the stockings and cuffs as you have sewing time.

STOCKING PATTERN

- 1.1. Print pattern
- 1.2. Open the pattern document
- 1.3. Choose "File" from the top menu
- 1.4. Choose "Print"
- 1.5. Look at the pop-up screen carefully
to locate the print scaling option.

IMPORTANT:

Before printing, make sure your print option for **SCALING** is set to "None" or "Print to page". If not, the pattern will print within your page margins and will be too small.

2. Cut pattern out from what you just printed.
3. Place the newly cut out pattern onto some kind of paper bigger than itself to cut it from again (we suggest using Pelon, a brown paper bag, or a manila file folder) and this time you need to add a $\frac{1}{4}$ " around the outside of the pattern. Once you have done that you are ready to cut your final pattern with the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance included. **Be sure you add $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to all sides of pattern before cutting.**
4. Use this as your final pattern.

MATERIALS

1. Cut two of pattern from holiday fabric
2. Cut one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $11\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of felt or fabric for cuff
3. Cut one $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide x 4" long piece of ribbon for hanger
4. Follow sewing instructions provided

Please do not use glittery fabric or glitter in decorating

Completed stocking should measure:

Back of Heel, along the outer edge, to top of cuff,
where the hanger is connected to the stocking: abt 9.25"
Middle of foot to top of cuff, straight up the middle: abt 10"
Across the top, from side to side, just below the cuff : abt 5"
Tip of toe, across to back of heel: abt 8.5"
Cuff only, from top to bottom: abt 2"
Width of cuff, side to side: almost 5.5"