

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Materials:

- 1 ball of No. 3 crochet cotton in red and a small amount in white; 100g/306yd/280m
- 4 snowflake buttons (8 if you wish to embellish both sides)
- Silver ribbon bow
- 20in (0.5m) of narrow silver ribbon
- Sewing thread to match the buttons and ribbon

Tools:

- Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14) crochet hook
- Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 4in (10cm) high



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Instructions:

Using white crochet cotton, make 29 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (UKdc) into each ch to end; turn (28 sts).

Rows 2–3: work 1 sc (UKdc) into each sc (UKdc) to end.

Row 4: join in red. *Insert hook into first sc (UKdc) and pull yarn through, then insert hook into corresponding sc (UKdc) 2 rows below, draw up loop and work as normal sc (UKdc),* repeat to end.

Row 5: using red, work 1 row in sc (UKdc).

Row 6: using white, work 1 row in sc (UKdc).

Row 7: using white, repeat row 4.

Row 8: using white, work 1 row in sc (UKdc).

Rows 9–20: using red, work each st in sc (UKdc).

Now create the top of the foot:

Row 1: work in sc (UKdc) across 18 sts, turn.

Row 2: work in sc (UKdc) across 8 sts, turn.

Rows 3–10: work in sc (UKdc) on these 8 sts.

Fasten off yarn.

Foot

With same side of work facing, rejoin yarn to the left hand inner edge of the piece, work across those 10 sc (UKdc), turn.

1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in each of next 10 sc (UKdc),

work 10 sc (UKdc) up the right-hand side of the instep, 8 sc (UKdc) across the toe, 10 sc (UKdc) along the left-hand side of the instep, and finally 10 sc (UKdc) across the last 10 sc (UKdc) [48 sts].

Rows 1–6: work in sc (UKdc) across all sts.

Row 7: sc (UKdc) 2 tog, sc (UKdc) 20, sc (UKdc) 2 tog twice, sc (UKdc) 20, sc (UKdc) 2 tog.

Row 8: sc (UKdc) 2 tog, sc (UKdc) 18, sc (UKdc) 2 tog twice, sc (UKdc) 18, sc (UKdc) 2 tog.

Row 9: sc (UKdc) 2 tog, sc (UKdc) 16, sc (UKdc) 2 tog twice, sc (UKdc) 16, sc (UKdc) 2 tog.

Row 10: sc (UKdc) 2 tog, sc (UKdc) 14, sc (UKdc) 2 tog twice, sc (UKdc) 14, sc (UKdc) 2 tog.

Row 11: sc (UKdc) 2 tog, work in sc (UKdc) to last 2 sts, sc (UKdc) 2 tog; fasten off.

Making up

Weave in the loose yarn ends and sew the foot and back seam of the stocking. Attach the snowflake buttons and the ribbon bow, using the photograph as a guide. Fold the silver ribbon in half to make a hanging loop, trimming it to the required length, and attach it to the stocking.