

Striped Christmas Stocking

Finished size: approximately 20" (50cm)

Materials

Cascade 220, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, colors #8895 Christmas Red (MC), 8894 Green (CC1), small amounts of #8505 White (CC2), #7807 Regal (CC3).

US size 8 (5mm) straight needles or the size to obtain the gauge

3 stitch holders

yarn needle

Gauge:

17 sts x 25 rows = 4" x 4" (10cm x 10cm)

Abbreviations:

BO:	Bind Off
K:	Knit
KSP:	Knit the stitch and return it to the left needle purlwise (to ensure the stitch is correctly mounted). Pass the next stitch on the left needle over the stitch just knit. Return the stitch by slipping it purlwise to the right needle.
K2tog:	Knit two stitches together.
P:	Purl
P2tog:	Purl 2 together
PM	Place marker
RS	Right side
Sl	Slip as to purl
SSK	Slip as to knit, slip as to knit, knit the two stitches through the back loops.
St(s)	Stitch(es)
St St	Stockinette stitch
Tog Together	
WS	Wrong side



Directions:

With MC, cast on 58 stitches. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 8 rows.

Change to CC2. Beginning with a K row, work in St St for 11 rows.

Stripe 1: With CC1 and continuing in St St, p1, p2tog, p to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, p1. (56 sts)
Work in St St for 6 more rows.

Stripe 2: With MC and continuing in St St, k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, ksp, k1. (54 sts)
Work in St St for 6 more rows.

Stripes 3 and 5: Rep Stripe 1.

Stripe 4: Rep Stripe 2.

After completing Stripe 5, there will be 48 sts remaining.

Stripe 6: With MC, work 7 rows of St St.

Stripe 7: With CC1, work 7 rows of St St.

Stripes 8 and 10: Repeat Stripe 6.

Stripe 9: Rep Stripe 7.

Divide for Heel and Instep:

With RS facing, slip the first 12 sts onto st holder for right half of heel, 24 sts on st holder for instep, and last 12 sts onto st holder for the left half of heel.

Left Half of Heel

Row 1 (WS): With CC3, p.

Row 2: Sl 1, k11.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 eight more times. You will have 18 heel rows.

Turn heel: P2, p2tog, p1, turn leaving remaining sts on needle;

sl 1, k3, turn;

p3, p2tog, p1, turn;

sl 1, k4, turn;

p4, p2tog, p1, turn;

sl 1, k5, turn;

p5, p2tog, p1, turn;

sl 1, k6, turn;

p6, p2tog.

Cut yarn and place the 7 sts on st holder

Right Half of Heel:

Row 1 (RS): With CC3, k. (Purple for Lee)

Row 2: Sl 1, p11.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 eight more times. You will have 18 heel rows.

Turn heel: k2, ssk, k1, turn leaving remaining sts on needle;

sl 1, p3, turn;

k3, ssk, k1, turn;

sl 1, p4, turn;

k4, ssk, k1, turn;

sl 1, p5, turn;

k5, ssk, k1, turn;

sl 1, p6, turn;

k6, ssk.

Cut yarn and place the 7 sts on st holder

With CC1 and right side facing, k7 stitches from heel st holder; pick up and k9 sts along inner edge of heel, k24 sts from st holder, pick up and k9 sts along opposite inner edge of heel; k7 sts from last heel st holder. This is the first row Stripe 11. (56 sts)

Gusset and Instep (Stripe 11):

Row 1: P16, pm, p24 sts, pm, p16.

Row 2: K to 2 sts before marker, ksp, slip marker, k24 sts, slip marker, ssk, k to end.

Row 3: P.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3.

Row 6: Repeat Row 2. (50 sts)

Stripe 12: Change to MC and purl 1 row.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3, three more times. (44 sts).

Stripe 13: With CC1 , work 7 rows of st st.

Stripe 14; With MC, work 7 rows of st st.

Stripe 15: With CC1 work 7 rows of st st.

Stripe 16: With MC work 5 rows of st st.

Next row: K20, (sl 1, k2 tog, ssk), k to end. (42 sts)

Next row. P.

Toe:

Row 1: With rs facing and using CC3, k8, ksp, k2, ssk, k14, ksp, k2, ssk, k8. (38 sts)

Row 2 and all even rows ending with row 11: P.

Row 3: K7, ksp, k2, ssk, k12, ksp, k2, ssk, k7. (34 sts)

Row 5: K6, ksp, k2, ssk, k10, ksp, k2, ssk, k6. (30 sts)

Row 7: K5, ksp, k2, ssk, k8, ksp, k2, ssk, k5. (26 sts)

Row 9: K4, ksp, k2, ssk, k6, ksp, k2, ssk, k4. (22 sts)

Row 11: K3, ksp, k2, ssk, k4, ksp, k2, ssk, k3. (18 sts)

Row 13: K2, ksp, k2, ssk, k2, ksp, k2, ssk, k2. (14 sts)

With ws facing, place first 3 sts on holder, slip next 7 sts onto free needle, slip last 4 sts to another holder. Beginning with the 3rd st on first st holder, slip 3 sts onto second needle, k4 sts from stitch holder. There are now 7 sts on each needle. Weaving the stitches together using the kitchener stitch.



Finishing:

Weave in all ends. Using the mattress stitch, sew the seam with matching yarn. Using the chart below, duplicate stitch the name in the center of the white stripe. If you wish to stitch a monogram, increase the height of the initial in the middle by 2 rows.

