

WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS

The image shows three crocheted stockings hanging from a dark wooden mantelpiece. The mantelpiece is decorated with a festive garland of greenery, red berries, white and gold ornaments, and pinecones. The stockings are made of a textured, light-colored yarn with various patterns: one has a ruffled cuff and a dark toe patch, another has a dark toe patch, and the third is dark brown with a light-colored toe patch. The background is a rustic stone wall.

FLEECE

– 100% British Wool –

**Christmas Eve
Crochet Stockings**

by Anna Nikirowicz

Striped Stocking



Colourwork Stocking



Contrast Stocking





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Tension

It is essential to work to the stated tension in order to achieve the desired fabric and stocking size. You should always start by crocheting a tension swatch before crocheting a full stocking.

If you have fewer stitches than stated, you will need to go down hook sizes until the correct tension is achieved. If you have more, you will need to go up hook sizes. Please check individual patterns for tension before starting a stocking.





Finishing

Once your stocking is complete, it is essential to block your work. Pin your stocking out to the size stated in the pattern. Cover with a damp cloth and leave to dry.

Note

These patterns are written using UK terminology with US conversions given in abbreviation list.

100% BRITISH WOOL

ROVING	 5mm US8	 5mm US8
Tension 10cm/4"sq	150 164 Metres Yards	100g Hank
	 Reshape whilst damp Do not tumble dry	

WOOL/WOLLE/LANA/LAINE/ULL/VILLA

Abbreviations

blo	back loop only
ch	chain
ch-sp	chain space
cont	continue
dc (US sc)	double crochet (US single crochet)
miss (US skip)	omit st(s)
rnd(s)	round(s)
rep	repeat
RS	right side
sl-st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
yrh	yarn around hook
WS	wrong side
[]	work instructions within brackets as many times as directed
* and **	repeat instructions following the single or double asterisk as directed

Special Abbreviations

Cluster: tr4tog (US dc4tog). Treble 4 sts together: * yrh, insert hook into next stitch (or as required) and pull up a loop, yrh and pull loop through 2 loops on hook **, rep from * to ** 3 more times, 5 loops left on hook, yrh and pull loop through all 5 loops, ch 1 to lock.

Double crochet 2 sts together: dc2tog (US sc2tog). Double crochet 2 sts together to decrease 1 st as follows: (insert hook in next st, yrh and pull up a loop) twice, yrh and pull through all 3 loop on hook.

Spiked double crochet: sdc (US ssc). Insert hook in rows below (as indicated), yrh, pull loop through and up to the height of current row, yrh, pull through both loops on hook.

Yarn

West Yorkshire Spinners
Fleece – Bluefaced Leicester Aran Roving

To Make All Three Stockings



A – Light Brown (002)
1 x 100g



B – Ecru (001)
3 x 100g



C – Variations (004)
2 x 100g



D – Brown (003)
1 x 100g

To Make Striped Stocking Only



C – Variations (004)
2 x 100g



B – Ecru (001)
1 x 100g

To Make Colourwork Stocking Only



A – Light Brown (002)
1 x 100g



B – Ecru (001)
1 x 100g

To Make Contrast Stocking Only



D – Brown (003)
1 x 100g



B – Ecru (001)
1 x 100g

Level: ●●○○○

Measurements (approximately)

44cm in length.

19cm from toe to heel opening.

21cm from top of heel to top.

24cm leg circumference.

Tensions

When you are making your tension swatch, make sure it is worked in the round, as your tension may differ between working in rows and rounds.

Striped Stocking

18 sts (sdc and dc) and 22 rnds to 10cm measured over pattern using 4.0mm crochet hook.

Colourwork Stocking

18 dc and 16 rnds to 10cm measured over pattern using 4.5mm crochet hook.

Contrast Stocking

18 dc and 17 rnds measures to 10cm measured over pattern using 4.0mm crochet hook.

Equipment

4.0mm crochet hook

4.5mm crochet hook

Two different colour lockable stitch markers. This pattern uses one red and one green.

Toe (all stockings)

Using colour **C** for the Striped Stocking, using **A** for the Colourwork Stocking and using **B** for the Contrast Stocking.

With 4.5mm hook and using **C, A or B** make 12 ch.

Rnd 1: 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in next 9 ch, 3 dc in next ch, **place red marker** in the center dc of 3-dc group, working into opposite side of foundation chain, 1 dc in next 9 ch, 2 dc in next ch, **place green marker** in last dc made. 24 sts.

Move markers up as you work.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each st to 1 st **before red marker**, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in st with **red marker**, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each st to 1 st **before green marker**, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in st with **green marker**. 28 sts.

Rnd 3: 1 dc in each st to end, **moving markers** as you work. Rep rnds 2 and 3 a further 4 times. 44 sts.

Next rnd: 1 dc in each st to **red marker** (**green marker** can be removed now), 1 dc in st with **marker**, this will now be the beg of rnd.

Striped Stocking

Pattern Note

You will work in a continuous spiral until turn-up. Do not ch 1 at the beginning of rnd and do not join rnds with a sl-st.

Foot

Change to 4.0mm hook and cont using **C**.

Rnd 1: 1 dc in each st to end.

Using **B**.

Rnd 2: * 1 dc in next st, 1 sdc inserting hook into next dc 1 rnd below, rep from * to end.

Rnd 3: 1 dc in every st to end.

Using **C**.

Rnd 4: * 1 sdc inserting hook into next dc 1 rnd below, 1 dc in next st, rep from * to end.

Rnd 5: 1 dc in every st to end.

Rnds 2 to 5 form spike st patt.

Rep rnds 2 to 5 a further 5 times more, then rnd 2 and 3 once more, changing colour as set.

Heel Opening

Using **C**.

Rnd 28: * 1 sdc inserting hook into next dc 1 rnd below, 1 dc in next st, rep from * to end.

Rnd 29: 1 dc in st with marker, ch 22 loosely, miss next 22 sts, 1 dc in every st to end.

Leg

Using **B**.

Rnd 30: 1 dc in st with **marker** and next 22 ch, 1 sdc inserting hook into next dc 1 rnd below, * 1 dc in next st, 1 sdc inserting hook into next dc 1 rnd below, rep from * to end. 44 sts.

Rnd 31: 1 dc in every st to end.

Using **C**, starting with rnd 4 of spike st patt, rep rnds 4 and 5 once, then rnds 2 to 5 a further 9 times more, then rnds 2 and 3 once more, changing colour as set.

Using **C**.

Next rnd: 1 dc in every st to end, sl-st to first dc, turn.

Break off B and using C only, proceed as follows:

Turn Back

Change to 4.5mm crochet hook.

Rnd 1: Work in the opposite direction so the inside of the stocking is facing you, ch 1, 1 dc in blo of first st, 1 dc blo in next 6 sts, 3 dc in blo of next st, 1 dc in blo of next 22 sts, 3 dc in blo of next st, 1 dc in blo to end. 48 sts.

You will now work in continuous spiral again, **keep marker in place on first st** and move it up as you work.

Rnds 2 and 3: 1 dc in every st to end.

Rnd 4: 1 dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 24 sts, 3 dc in next st, 1 dc in every st to end. 52 sts.

Rnds 5 to 8: 1 dc in every st to end.

Rnd 9: 1 dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 26 sts, 3 dc in next st, 1 dc in every st to end. 56 sts.

Rnds 10 to 12: 1 dc in every st to end.

Edging

Rnd 13: 1 dc in first st, you can **remove the marker** now, * ch 5, cluster in 3rd ch from hook, ch 3, cluster in the ch 1 that locked the first cluster, join the two clusters with sl-st to the ch where first cluster started (1 pom pom made), ch 2, miss next 2 sts, 1 dc in next st, rep from * to last st, 1 dc in last st, sl-st to first dc. (2 clusters make a pom pom - 18 pom poms made in total)

Fasten off.

Colourwork Stocking

Pattern Notes

You will work the colourwork part in a continuous spiral. Do not ch 1 at the beginning of rnd and do not join rnds with a sl-st.

Change colour as indicated on chart and described below in techniques.

Do not carry the additional colour on the plain rnds, leave it at the beg of rnd ready for the colour rnd.

Foot

Cont using **A** and 4.5mm crochet hook.

Next rnd: 1 dc in every st to end.

Chart

Join in B and work from chart as follows:

Work rnds 1 to 4 twice.

Work rnds 5 to 9 once.

Work rnds 10 to 12 twice and rnd 10 once more.

Heel Opening

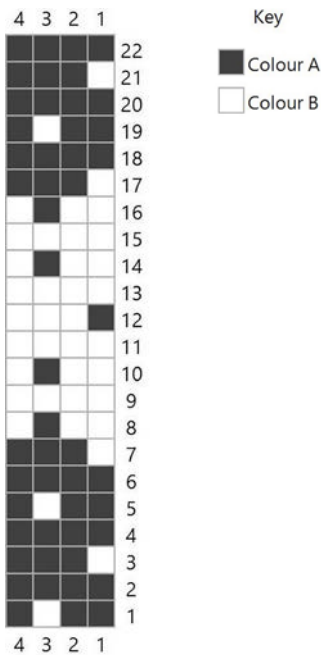
Working from rnd 11 of chart: 1 dc in first st, ch 22 loosely, miss next 22 sts, 1 dc in every st to end.

Leg

Next rnd: Working from rnd 12 of chart work into each dc and each ch. 44 sts.

Next rnd: Rnd 13 of chart.

Rep rnds 10 to 13 of chart 5 times, then work rnds 14 to 18. Rep rnds 19 to 22 twice.



Edging

Break off B and using A only

Rnds 1 to 3: 1 dc in blo of every st to end, finish off rnd 3 by sl-st to first dc.

Fasten off.

Surface Stitches

Using A.

Work surface slip stitches on the chevron at the bottom and top of stocking as indicated by the red lines on chart below.

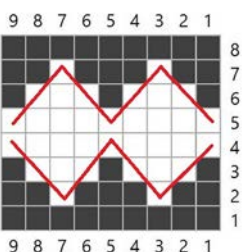
The first thing to remember with surface slip stitches is that the yarn is always to the back of your work.

Insert your hook through your work at the bottom of chevron, pull up a loop, insert your hook into the next round, yarn over and pull through your work then pull through the loop on your hook, completing your slip stitch.

Continue in this way until the whole outline around the chevron is completed.

Fasten off.

Chart below shows where to work surface crochet at bottom and top of stockings.



Techniques

The colourwork parts of this stocking are worked in stranded colourwork, the additional colour is not carried between stitches but at the back of your work, see Carrying Yarn below.

1. To get a neat colour change you need to change colours one stitch before: for example, if the third stitch needs to be a different colour, change yarns on the second stitch. Work to one stitch before colour change, stop the last stitch when you have two loops on hook.
2. Drop colour **A** and finish the stitch with colour **B**.
3. Work in colour **B** until you need to go back to colour **A** on the next stitch, finish the last stitch of colour **B** with colour **A**, ready for next stitch.

Continue repeating the three steps while following the chart.

Tip: To avoid yarns twisting, make sure you keep colour **B** to your right and colour **A** to your left.

Carrying Yarn

When working stranded colourwork you need to carry both yarns with you all the way around and use them when necessary. Carry the non-working yarn on the wrong side of the piece.

The yarn that is not in use for few stitches needs to be stranded. The neatest way to do this is to catch the yarn every second stitch when not in use. This results in neat and lovely colourwork.

Step 1: When inserting hook to work next dc, make sure that the yarn to be stranded is placed on top of the hook at the back of work.

Step 2: Work dc as normal, enclosing the strand in the stitch. Continue repeating the two steps, enclosing the yarn not in use every second stitch.

Contrast Stocking

Pattern Note

You will work in a continuous spiral until turn-up. Do not ch 1 at the beginning of rnd and do not join rnds with a sl-st.

Foot

Change to 4.0mm crochet hook and break off **B**, join in **D** and using **D**.

Rnd 1 to 22: 1 dc in every st to end.

Heel Opening

Rnd 23: 1 dc in first st, ch 22 loosely, miss next 22 sts, 1 dc in every st to end.

Leg

Rnd 24: 1 dc in every ch and st to end. 44 sts.

Rnds 25 to 57: 1 dc in every st to end.

Join in B and using B.

Rnd 58: 1 dc in every st to end, sl-st to first dc, turn.

Turn Back

Change to **4.5mm crochet hook** and proceed as follows:

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You will now work in continuous spiral again, **keep marker in place** on first st and move it up as you work.

Rnds 2 and 3: 1 dc in every st to end.

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Rnds 10: 1 dc in every st to end.

Edging

Next rnd: 1 dc in first st, * miss next 2 sts, [2 tr, ch 3, 2 tr] all in next st, rep from * to last st, 1 dc in last st, sl-st to first dc. (18 fans)

Fasten off.

Heel (all stockings)

Afterthought Heel

Using C for the Striped Stocking, **using A** for the Colourwork Stocking and **using B** for the Contrast Stocking.

Pattern Note

Heel is worked in continuous spiral.

With **RS** facing and **4.5mm hook**, join yarn with 1 ch at the bottom right corner of the heel space, working along the foot part, 1 dc in each st to last of foot part, **place red marker** on last st, working along the other side of ch, 1 dc in each ch to last, **place green marker** in last st. 44 sts.

Rnd 1: Dc2tog, 1 dc in every st to 2 sts **before red marker**, dc2tog, 1 dc in st with marker, dc2tog, 1 dc in every st to 2 sts **before green marker**, dc2tog, 1 dc in st with marker. 40 sts.

Rep rnd 1 a further 5 times. 20 sts.

Fasten off leaving a tail of approximately 15cm. Using a tapestry needle and the tail, sew up the heel opening.

Finishing (all stockings)

Weave in all ends.

Block stockings by laying them flat on the side pin to finished measurements and steam gently with an iron being careful that the iron does not touch the fabric. Just hover the iron slowly over stockings so that the steam penetrates the fabric.



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