

# Knit Before Christmas Stocking



## Materials

- Main Color (MC): 1 skein of Purl Soho's [Gentle Giant](#), 100% merino wool
- Contrast Color (CC): 1 skein of Gentle Giant
- US 17, 16-inch [circular needles](#)
- A set of US 17 [double pointed needles](#)
- A size P [crochet hook](#)
- A jumbo [stitch marker](#) or scrap yarn

## Gauge

8 stitches and 11 rounds = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

## Size

Finished Circumference: 13¼ inches

Finished Length From Top Of Heel To Top Of Leg (rolled): 10 inches

Finished Length From Top Of Heel To Tip Of Toe: 10½ inches

## Note

### Short-Row Shaping: Wrap + Turn (wrp-t)

On the right side: Keeping yarn in back, slip next stitch purlwise from left needle to right needle. Bring yarn to front. Return slipped stitch to left needle. Bring yarn to back. Turn work so wrong side is facing you.

On the wrong side: Keeping yarn in front, slip next stitch purlwise from left needle to right needle. Bring yarn to back. Return slipped stitch to left needle. Bring yarn to front. Turn work so right side is facing you.

For a step-by-step video and photo tutorial of how to work this technique, please visit our [Short Row](https://www.purlsoho.com/create/short-rows-wrap-turn/) tutorial. <https://www.purlsoho.com/create/short-rows-wrap-turn/>

## Pattern

### Cuff

With Contrast Color (CC), loosely cast 24 stitches onto circular needles, leaving an 36-inch tail to use later for the Hanging Loop. Place a marker and join for working in the round, being careful to not twist the stitches.

Knit every round until piece measure 4 inches from cast-on edge, unrolled.

Cut CC.

### Leg

With Main Color (MC), knit every round until piece measures 11½ inches from cast-on edge, unrolled.

Cut MC.

### Heel

Short Row 1 (right side): With CC, k4, wrap and turn (wrp-t, see Note).

Short Row 2 (wrong side): P8, wrp-t.

Short Row 3: K7, wrp-t.

Short Row 4: P6, wrp-t.

Short Row 5: K5, wrp-t.

Short Row 6: P4, wrp-t.

Short Row 7: K3, wrp-t.

Short Row 8: P2, wrp-t.

Short Row 9: K2, [knit wrap together with next stitch] 4 times, wrp-t.

Short Row 10: P6, [purl wrap together with next stitch] 4 times, wrp-t.

Short Row 11: K5.

Cut CC.

### **Foot**

Set-Up Round: With right side still facing you and using MC, k5, knit wrap together with next stitch, knit to last 6 stitches of round, knit wrap together with next stitch, knit to end of round.

Knit every round until piece measures 5 inches from Foot Set-Up Round.

Cut MC.

### **Toe**

Rounds 1 and 2: With CC, knit to end of round.

Distribute stitches evenly over 4 double pointed needles. [6 stitches on each needle]

Round 3: For Needle A, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog; for Needle B, ssk, knit to end of needle; for Needle C, knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog; for Needle D, ssk, knit to end of round. [4 stitches decreased]

Repeat Round 3 until 8 stitches remain. [2 stitches on each needle]

Next Round: For Needle A, k2tog; for Needle B, ssk; for Needle C, k2tog; for Needle D, ssk. [4 stitches]

Cut CC, leaving an 8-inch tail.

Thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread needle through remaining 4 stitches. Pull tight and bring tail to inside of stocking and weave it in.

### **Hanging Loop**

With wrong side facing you, use crochet hook to bring cast-on tail to wrong side of piece 6 rounds below cast-on edge, through first column in the round.

Insert crochet hook into stitch below where cast-on tail exits and draw tail through to create a loop on the crochet hook.

Chain 10.

Insert crochet hook from back to front into first chain stitch and pull tail through to secure Hanging Loop to itself.

Weave in ends and lightly steam, if desired!