

How to make 1958/1 mini stocking panels

New design for 2018

These cute advent stockings come pre-printed on a panel so all you have to do is cut out and sew.
Wendy Gardiner provides easy steps and tips to make them super quickly.
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1958/1 Jolly Santa Mini Stocking panel before and after sewing.

You will need

- One 1958/1 mini stocking advent panel
- 60cm of backing fabric
- Thread to match
- 2.30m of 1cm wide ribbon (8cm per stocking)
- Length of ribbon or garden twine to hang the mini stockings from
- Point turner or knitting needle
- Optional: Pinking Shears

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MINI STOCKING BUNTING PANEL

1. Place the backing fabric behind the printed panel, WRONG side up (so wrong sides are together). Cut out the stockings, following the dotted lines around each one (cutting the backing fabric at the same time).
2. Neaten the top edges – either cut a very scant amount with pinking shears or overedge stitch/zigzag. Turn the edge over along the printed line (and the same amount on the backing), press. Top stitch in place. Stitch stocking after stocking, without stopping, stitching on nothing between them for 2-3 stitches – this saves considerable time and thread. Then cut the stockings apart. Press the tops.
3. Match a back with a printed stocking, and with right sides together, and the printed stocking uppermost, stitch around the stocking following the printed outline you can see through the back of the fabric. Start about 1cm from the top edge, then reverse to the top before continuing down. This avoids the fabric being pulled into the feed dogs and having thread tails at the very top. At the toe and heel curves, stop with needle down, raise presser foot, pivot fabric a little and continue – do this every 2-3 stitches to get a lovely smooth curve.
4. Trim seam allowance to 5mm (¼”) and then clip into the seam allowance diagonally, close to but not through the stitching all the way round the curved areas. This helps the fabric turn through properly for a smooth curve. Press the stockings and then turn through. Push out the heels and toes with a point turner or knitting needle. Press again.
5. Cut the ribbon into lengths of 9cm (3 ½”). Fold each into a loop. Stitch the loop to the back of the stocking at the top heel edge.
6. Hang the stockings on the garden twine in any random order.
TIP: Other ways to hang the stockings including hanging them on a tree or stitch or button them on to a panel of fabric

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