

Garland of Stockings

Standard Gauge Knitting Machine 4.5mm

Yarn: 3/15 – light weight sport weight – main color red or green on each lettered stocking with contrast white

Tension: 7 & 6

Cuff: With carriage on the right bring 48 (24-24) needles into work position – then every other needle all the way out. E-wrap onto the needles all the way out with white. **T 6:** Knit 10 rows on every needle; **T 10** knit 1 row; **T 7** knit 11 rows.

Hang the hem from the cast on loops onto every other needle.

RC 000: **T 7** Carriage on the right with main color (red or green) knit 14 rows. Knit a letter or motif (upside down with contrast white) in the next 17 rows. Knit to RC 50 with the main color.

Heel: Carriage on the right change to white and place 24 stitches left of 0 into hold position and carriage into hold. Put the last knit stitch opposite the carriage (R 1) into hold and knit across and manually wrap. Put the stitch opposite the carriage into hold, knit and manually wrap. Continue to short row the heel until 7 stitches left in work. Reverse short row by putting the last stitch knit opposite the carriage into work and knit across. Continue until all 24 heel stitches are in work. Remove hold.

Foot: RC 000: change to main color and knit 25 rows.

Toe: Carriage on the left and change to white and place 24 stitches right of 0 into hold and short row as in heel directions down to 7 stitches in work and reverse short row back out.

Scrap off 24 stitches right of 0 and 24 stitches left of 0 separately, or take off onto 2 small garter bars. Fold in half, right sides together and hang back onto the machine and bind off, leaving a tail to seam.

You may want to alternate red and green stocking with a message of MERRY CHRISTMAS, SEASONS GREETINGS or whatever spelled out one letter per stocking with a plain or motif stocking to separate the words. Lay the stockings next to each other, slightly overlapping the heels. Tack the tops of the stockings together to form a garland.

Jane Niemi, December 1986

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