

Textile Project Skill: Make a two different sizes of stockings using a knitting loom.

Life Skills: Learning to learn, making decisions, applying technology

Level: 1A

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# Christmas Loom Stocking

## Regular and Mini

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### Supplies Needed:

1 skein main color worsted weight yarn

1 skein contrasting worsted weight yarn

23/24 peg loom

(12 peg loom for Mini stocking, instructions are in parentheses)

Yarn needle

Gauge: 1"= 3 stitches and 4 rows

**Note:** Work with 2 strands held together as one throughout.



**Cuff:** With contrasting color, wrap loom with 2 rows of 2 yarns each. Knit 20 (15) rows and then fold up for a cuff (See hat brim instructions), knit off. Cut the yarn leaving about a 4 inch tail. Do not tie any knots in your yarn.

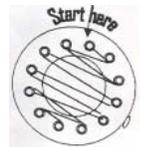
**Body:** Using main color, knit 35 (16) rows. Cut the yarn leaving about a 4 inch tail.

**Heel:** With contrasting color, start wrapping the yarn at the 5<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>) peg to the right of the tack and continue wrapping toward the tack and continue until the 5<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>) peg to the left of the tack (10 [6] pegs). Knit off. Wrap the same 10 (6) pegs in the opposite direction and knit off. Decrease one stitch on each end by wrapping four pegs on each side of the tack (8 [4] pegs), knit off. Wrap the same pegs in the opposite direction, knit off. Continue decreasing by two each time until you have one peg on each side of the tack wrapped (2 pegs). Knit off the two pegs. To complete the heel, begin increasing by adding one peg on each side of tack, (4 pegs) and knit off. Wrap those four pegs again and knit off. Repeat these steps, until you have increased to 10 (6) pegs and knitted those 10 (6) pegs twice. Cut the yarn and leave a 4 inch tail.

**Foot:** Anchor main color on the tack and knit 15 (8) more rows. Cut the yarn and leave a 4 inch tail.

**Toe:** Anchor contrasting color on the tack and knit 10 (5) more rows.

**Taking off the loom:** Thread a large needle with a separate 2 feet of doubled yarn. To remove the stocking from the loom, thread needle through yarn loop starting with the 7<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>) peg to the right of the tack, go to the next peg to the left, then to the next peg to the right, zigzagging back and forth across the stitches (see illustration). Knot one end and pull the other end of yarn to adjust stitches and secure. This will make a nice straight smooth flat toe with the seam running across the end of the toes.



**Finishing stocking.** Weave in all of your loose yarns. In making the heel there will be holes on each side. The best way to cover them up is to weave the loose ends that you have hanging inside, back and forth over the holes with the yarn needle, the same way you would darn socks. To make a hanging loop use a size G crochet hook and doubled yarn. Make a slip knot and attach to stocking at upper edge of cuff, heel side. Chain 16 (10) and slip stitch into 1<sup>st</sup> chain. Secure and weave in ends.