



‘BASIC CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS’: Big Wool Colorwork Version
Instructions for regauging and adding simple colorwork to your
Churchmouse At Home ‘Basic Christmas Stockings’ in Rowan *Big Wool*.

- Finished Size:** *Jolly Big:* Approx. 8"/20cm across and 26"/66cm long.
- Yarn:** 4 skeins of Rowan *Big Wool* (87 yds/80m each): 1 skein each in Colors A, B and 2 in Color C.
Cuff: Approx. 55 yds/50m in Color C of an equivalent super chunky-weight yarn.
Leg & Foot: Approx. 150 yds/137m each in Colors A and B of an equivalent super chunky-weight yarn.
Heel & Toe: Approx. 45 yds/41m in Color C of an equivalent super chunky-weight yarn.
- Needles & Notions:** US 11 (8mm) 16"/40cm circular needle and double-point needles, or size to obtain gauge in plain stockinette.
US 13 (9mm) 16"/40cm circular needle, or one size larger than gauge needle if needed to obtain gauge in colorwork (leg and foot only).
- Gauge:** Approx. 12 sts = 4"/10cm in stockinette stitch and colorwork stitch in the round.
Note: It's important to swatch both stockinette and colorwork in the round—you may need to go up more than one needle size for the colorwork portion.
- Glossary:** **Dec('d)** = decrease(d); **Inc('d)** = increase(d); **K2Tog** = knit 2 sts together; **M1** = make one (with tip of left needle, lift strand running between needles from the front; knit into the back of it).

Please refer to the original pattern for complete instructions.
Only changes are covered in this adaptation.

We discovered that if you use the stitch counts for the Wee version of our ‘Basic Christmas Stocking’ using a biiiig yarn, it will turn out the size of the Jolly Big stocking! Adjusted for length, of course.

- Cuff:** With gauge needle and Color C, cast on 48 sts as directed in original pattern.
Continue working as directed in original pattern following cuff length given for *Jolly Big* size; at end of final round, M1. [1 st inc'd; 49 sts]
Break yarn, leaving 8"/20cm tail for weaving in later.

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- Leg:** Change to larger needle (if needed to get gauge) and join Colors A and B.
Tips: As you work, pull back on just-completed sts to keep floats loose and even. For color consistency, keep strand of one color always below the other as you 'float' them across the back; the lower strand will appear as a slightly larger stitch on the front, and thus 'pop' a bit more.
Round 1: *K1 with Color A, K1 with Color B*; repeat between * * to last st; K1 with Color A.
Round 2: *K1 with Color B, K1 with Color A*; repeat between * * to last st; K1 with Color B.
Repeat Rounds 1 & 2 until 14"/36cm from natural fold (not at color change), ending with Round 2.
- Placement for 'afterthought' heel:** Heel placement round: Continuing in pattern as established, work 37 sts. With contrasting waste yarn (use Color C— it will be removed later) knit 12 sts, slip marker, knit 12 sts [total of 24 sts knit in waste yarn]. Slip these 24 sts back onto left needle, and with working yarns waiting, work these 24 sts again in colorwork as established. Work to end of round.
- Foot:** Continue working in pattern as established until 7"/18cm from heel placement round.
- Toe:** Cut Colors A and B, leaving 8"/20cm tail to weave in later. Change to gauge double-point needles and join Color C.
Working 12 sts onto each double point needle as directed in original pattern, knit to last 2 sts before marker, K2Tog. [1 st dec'd; 48 sts]
Work toe decreases as directed in original pattern following stitch counts for Wee size.
Graft toe as directed in original pattern.
- 'Afterthought' heel:** Hold stocking with toe at top, cuff at bottom:
With double-point needle, insert tip of needle under right 'leg' of each st in row below waste yarn. [24 sts]
Rotate stocking (cuff is up, toe is down) and, with second double-point needle, repeat as above, beginning in first full stitch and ending in last full stitch. [23 sts on second needle]
Note: On second needle, stitches will look half and half in color. On the first round, knit these stitches normally.
Carefully unpick waste yarn, releasing sts on needles. Slide half the sts on first needle to another double-point needle. Slide half the sts on second needle to another double-point needle, and pick up 1 more st at one corner. Work as directed in original pattern following stitch counts for Wee size.
- Finishing:** I-cord hanger: With Color C and gauge double-point needle, pick up and knit 4 sts from first round of leg at inside of center back. Work I-cord as directed in original pattern until it measures approx 6"/15cm long.
Lay stocking flat on moisture-safe surface. Gently steam with a press cloth and pat flat.