Crochet Christmas Stocking Pattern

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TERMINOLOGY: Pattern in U.S. crochet terminology

SKILL LEVEL: MEDIUM but definitely not hard



MATERIALS:

- Hook: The original pattern calls for a US I/5.50mm but in the end I think a US J/6.00mm would give the sock a little extra size - better for a stocking.
- Worsted weight size 4 Yarn 4 skeins each in 4 different colors (I used Red Heart Soft -256 yrds in white, grey, berry and leaf).
- Darning needle & scissors

Size: From toe to heel 7" long, from heel to top of sock (when folded over) 10", 4.5" wide.

Abbreviations:

- st = stitch
- ch = chain
- sl = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sc2tog = single crochet 2 stitches together

- Xst = Modified X Stitch
- Color A = Color choice 1
- Color B = Color choice 2
- Color C = Color choice 3
- Color D = Color choice 4

Special Stitch: Modified <u>XSt</u> <u>– X Stitch</u> – Worked over two stitches crossing the second stitch in front of the first stitch and encasing the first stitch within it – think of it as the second stitch hugging the first stitch! Skip next st, dc in next stitch, working around stitch just made, work dc in skipped stitch.

Notes:

- Weave ends as you work
- Ch1 at beginning of round/row does not count as stitch.
- Stitch count is in () at end

of the round. Stitch count is same as previous round, unless noted.

- Work instructions in [] as designated
- When a number precedes a stitch, such as *3hdc,* work that number of stitches in the next stitch.

Tips:

- Join each round with sl st to first st. Start each round in the join.
- Do not fasten off at each color change, instead carry the unused color along inside.
- Make color change in last pull through of last st before the color change.
- Refer to Maria's slipper sock pattern <u>here</u> if you're having any challenges.



Pattern

Round 1: Color A, Ch2 (does not count as st), 8hdc in 2nd ch from hook, join. (8)

Round 2: Ch1, 2hdc in each st around, join. (16)

Round 3: Ch1, [2hdc, hdc] repeat around, join. (24)

Round 4: Ch1, [2hd, hdc next 2] repeat around, join. (32)

Round 5: Color B, Ch3, dc in next st to the RIGHT (beg XSt made), working in the usual direction, XSt around to end, join. (16 XSt)

Rounds 6 - 7: Color A, Ch1, sc in each st around, join. (32)

Round 8: Color C, Ch3, dc in next st to the RIGHT (beg XSt made), working in the usual direction, XSt around to end, join. (16 XSt)

Round 9 - 10: Color A, Ch1, sc in each st around, join. (32)

Round 11: Color D, Ch3, dc in next st to the RIGHT (beg XSt made), working in the usual direction, XSt around to end, join. (16 XSt)

Round 12 - 13: Color A, Ch1, sc in each st around, join. (32)

Round 14: Color C, Ch3, dc in next st to the RIGHT (beg XSt made), working in the usual direction, XSt around to end, join. (16 XSt)

Round 15 - 16: Color A, Ch1, sc in each st around, join. (32)

Round 17: Color B, Ch3, dc in next st to the RIGHT (beg XSt made), working in the usual direction, XSt around to end, join. (16 XSt)

Round 18: Color A, Ch1, sc in each st around, join. (32)

You will work heel gusset in rows and then continue working remainder of sock in rounds (see Maria's photo <u>here</u> to help give you a visual idea of how this works).

Heel Row 1: Ch1, sc in next 18 sts. (18)
Heel Row 2: Ch1, turn, sc in each st. (18)
Heel Row 3: Ch1, turn, sc next 6 sts, sc2tog, hdc next 2, sc2tog, sc last 6 sts. (16)
Heel Row 4: Ch1, turn, sc next 7 sts, hdc next 2, sc last 7 sts. (16)
Heel Row 5: Ch1, turn, sc next 5 sts, sc2tog, hdc next 2, sc2tog, sc last 5 sts. (14)
Heel Row 6: Ch1, turn, sc next 6 sts, hdc next 2, sc last 6 sts. (14)
Heel Row 7: Ch1, turn, sc next 4 sts, sc2tog, hdc next 2, sc2tog, sc last 4 sts. (12)
Heel Row 8: Ch1, turn, sc next 3 sts, sc2tog, hdc next 2, sc2tog, sc last 3 sts. (10)
Heel Row 10: Ch1, turn, sc next 4 sts, hdc next 2, sc last 4 sts. (10)
Heel Row 11: Ch1, turn, sc next 2 sts, sc2tog, hdc next 2, sc2tog, sc last 2 sts. (8)
Heel Row 12: Ch1, turn, sc next 3 sts, hdc next 2, sc last 3 sts. (8)

Continue working in rounds.

Round 19: Ch1, turn, sc2tog, sc next 4 sts, sc2tog, working down side of gusset, work 6sc (approximately one every other row), working along stitches from Round 18, work sc in next 14 sts (you should be at the beginning of the other side of the gusset), work 6 sc up side of gusset, join. (32)

Rounds 20 - 44: Repeat rows 5 - 18 two times, excluding row 5 the second time around (see photo for color change example).

Round 45 - 64: With color A, Ch1, sc in each st around, join. (32). *Note: In row 35, at the back edge of the sock, I chained 12 and then slipped stitch back into the same stitch to create a little loop for hanging the stocking but this is completely optional.*

Round 65: sc in first st, [Ch 4, slip st into st, sc in next st], repeat across row.

Break yarn, weave in ends.