

SUPPLY LIST

100% cotton fabric - 1 yard each of 5 solid colors
 100% cotton fabric - 1 yard of solid color for stocking front
 100% cotton fabric - 1 yard of coordinating print fabric for stocking back

Fabric marking pencil
 Straight edge {ruler}
 Very sharp scissors
 Thread to match front solid fabric color
 Access to a sewing machine and clothes dryer

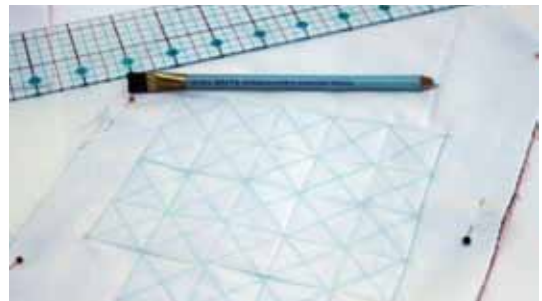
1. Download and print all pattern pieces. Align top and bottom Stocking pattern pieces and tape together to form one pattern.
2. Select five yards of solid fabric plus the print fabric and lay them flat in a single stack with the print fabric on top.
3. Pin the Stocking pattern and Cuff pattern UPSIDE-DOWN to the stacked layer and cut all six layers at one time. Unpin but keep stacked.



4. Repeat step 2 with the solid stocking front fabric on top of the stack.
5. With the pattern facing RIGHT-SIDE UP repeat step 3 . Do NOT unpin yet.
6. Cut one Hanging Loop from one of the fabrics.
7. Using a straight pin, carefully poke a hole in the pattern where the grid lines cross. Using the Fabric marking pencil, make a mark onto the fabric using the holes in the patten as guides.



8. Carefully lift the pattern to check that all poke holes have been marked including around the outer edges of the grid. Remove the pattern but keep the fabric layers pinned together.
9. Using the Fabric marking pencil draw the grid from dot to dot, vertically, horizontally and diagonally making sure that all dots are connected.



10. With matching thread, sew through all six layers following the lines vertically and horizontally. DO NOT SEW THE DIAGONAL LINES.
11. CUTTING: With very sharp scissors, carefully cut a small nick through the top fabric where the diagonal lines cross within one of the sewn squares. Work very slowly. From that center point, cut diagonally toward a corner of the sewn square being very careful not to snip the thread. Repeat the cutting through FIVE layers of fabric being careful NOT TO CUT THE BOTTOM FABRIC. Repeat on all diagonal lines to each corner and through all five layers leaving the bottom layer intact.



12. ASSEMBLY:

With the front of the stocking facing up, pin the front of the cuff along the top with the cuff print fabric facing the wrong side of the stocking.



13. To create the hanging loop, sew along the long edge and turn right-side out. Pin the hanging loop, with the loop down, between the cuff and the top of the stocking. It should be pinned on the corner opposite the toe. {pink piece in my example above}

14. Sew along the top edge. Lift the cuff up and turn over flat. The print cuff will now be on the same side as the inside of the stocking front {pink fabric in my example below}. The loop should be attached between the cuff and stocking.



15. Turn the stocking front over again and neatly trim the seam. Sew a 1/4 inch stitch along the remaining edge of the cuff {shown as the top of the print fabric in my sample above}

16. Repeat steps 12 through 15 {except you do not need another hanging loop} to complete the back of the stocking. The toe should face the opposite direction from the front. The print fabric will be on the top layer.

17. Place the wrong sides of the stocking pieces together with the cuffs open {back side of the front cuff is shown in pink in my example below}. Pin along all edges EXCEPT THE TOP.



18. Sew a 3/8 inch seam along all sides. Do NOT sew the top. The seams will be exposed as part of the design. When you fold the cuff down, it should look like the image below.



19. BLOOMING:

Wash the stocking in warm water and dry completely in a hot dryer. The heat from the dryer will cause the cotton fabric to "bloom".

