

MAGIC CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

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In order to create this Magic Stocking, you MUST layer the fabrics correctly. Take the time to double check that you have layered your fabrics as listed below:

1. Lay down 2 pieces of stocking fabric RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER (RST) on the cutting table. (Remember to make adjustments. If you are worried about nap or print all going in the same directions. This means you might have to cut your fabric at the fold and turn one of the pieces around so that the nap or print will all be running the same direction before you cut.)
2. On top of the stocking fabric layers, place 1 single layer of thin batting.
3. On top of the batting layer, place 2 pieces of Lining Fabric (RST). Here I've used an old sheet.
4. Trace around your pattern (I had a Plexiglas template made) with a felt tip marker.
5. Stitch on the drawn line
6. Reach inside the lining fabric and turn the stockings. The lining will now be on the outside of the stocking. Now trim away the excess fabric. (I use a waffle cutting blade to help grade the thickness.)
7. Pin a 7" piece of ribbon or self made hanger to the HEEL side of the stocking facing the lining fabric.
8. Cut a "cuff" for the stocking out of fabric of your choice. Using my pattern and regular fabric, cut a 9" piece, by 17-1/2", fold in half RST and stitch on the short side. Turn so wrong sides are together and press. If using a different pattern, measure the top of the stocking, double that measurement and add 1/2" for seam allowance. I prefer to use fleece because you only need a 4-1/2" wide piece single layer. I cut the raw edge with a waffle blade in the rotary cutter. That is what you see on the photo below.
9. Now pin the cuff to the lining (if using fleece or a single layer the raw seam faces out) toward you. Stitch around the stocking taking backstitches at the hanger to secure it.
10. Reach inside and turn the stocking so the focus fabric is now on the outside, turn down your cuff and you are finished!

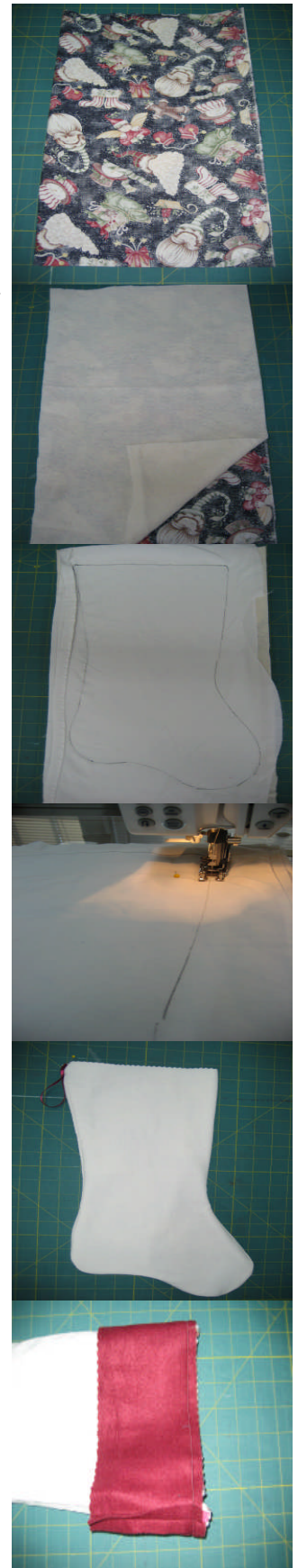
I only use 1 piece of batting for the stockings we are shipping to Iraq/Afghanistan to help reduce the cost of shipment. If you were making these for family/friends, you would lay another piece of batting on top of the lining fabric and then draw around your stocking.

If you need a paper pattern, send me a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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Your help in making Christmas Stockings for our troops serving in the war zone is very much appreciated. THANK YOU!