

# Buffalo Plaid Christmas Stocking

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*When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?*  
[G.K. CHESTERTON]

*Thank you, Mary Shue, for your help with this pattern.*

## Materials & Supplies

**YARN:** Sock-weight yarn and smaller needles will produce people-size socks using this pattern. The Christmas stocking uses worsted weight yarn such as Lion Brand Wool-Ease or Plymouth Encore—1 Red, 1 Black and 1 White.

**NEEDLES:** US #5 (3.75 mm). Sock set or small circular for knitting in the round. *Note This needle size is smaller than usually used for this weight yarn, but the sock needs to be firmer than most garments.*

**NOTIONS:** Decorative buttons (snowflakes) and jingle bells.

**TOOLS:** In addition to knitting needles, large eye sewing needle, scissors, stitch marker, crochet hook that fits through button and bell shanks.

## Gauge

5 sts/in, 6.5 rows/in.

## Abbreviations & Techniques

**rnd** – round

**sts** – stitches

**k** – knit

**p** – purl

**3-st dec** – slip two stitches as if to knit two together, knit one, pass slipped stitches over; the center stitch lies on top of the other two

## Stocking Cuff

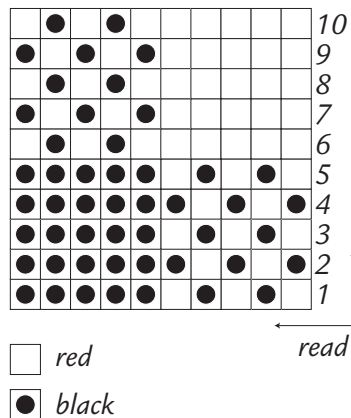
- Cast on 70 sts using white yarn
- Join and knit 1 rnd. Place marker at beginning of round/center back.
- K1, p1 ribbing for 10 rnds
- Knit 1 rnd
- Purl 1 rnd

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## Stocking Leg

Change to red and black yarns. Knit in the round using stranded knitting technique and following the charted color pattern below. Work chart 7 times per round, 6 times (60 rounds) for leg. Start and finish at the back of the leg. For people-sized socks, repeat the number of rows desired for leg and foot length.



SAMPLE OF  
READING CHART:  
Row 1 (right to left)—knit  
1 red, 1 black, 1 red,  
1 black, 1 red, 5 blacks

## Heel Slot

This style of heel is knit after the foot and toe are complete. The first round of the heel is knit while creating the slot before finishing the foot and toe (using a separate double-pointed needle for this makes it easier).

- Cut black and red yarns at end of last color round (back of leg).
- Slip 17 stitches to the right from the center back.
- Using white yarn, knit 34 stitches (the 17 stitches to the center back plus 17 stitches to the center of the other side).
- Using waste yarn of a different color (this will be removed and discarded later), purl back across the 34 white stitches.
- Move to the working end of the white yarn (34 sts) where the waste yarn purls were started. Using the white yarn, purl back across the 34 stitches on top of the waste yarn purls.
- Slip 17 stitches from the right to the left needle to get to the center back.

## Foot

Using the black and red yarns, work the foot like the leg for 2.5 repeats of the chart (25 rounds). End the color work at the center back (bottom of the foot).

## Toe (Heel) Shaping

TOE:

- RND 1: Using white yarn, knit 1 round. (70 sts)  
RND 2: P16, 3-st dec, p32, 3-st dec, p16. (66 sts)  
RND 3 AND ALL ODD-NUMBERED RNDs: Knit around.  
RND 4: K15, 3-st dec, k30, 3-st dec, k15. (62 sts)  
RND 6: K14, 3-st dec, k28, 3-st dec, k14. (58 sts)  
RND 8: K13, 3-st dec, k26, 3-st dec, k13. (54 sts)  
RND 10: K12, 3-st dec, k24, 3-st dec, k12. (50 sts)  
RND 12: K11, 3-st dec, k22, 3-st dec, k11. (46 sts)  
RND 14: K10, 3-st dec, k20, 3-st dec, k10. (42 sts)  
RND 16: K9, 3-st dec, k18, 3-st dec, k9. (38 sts)  
RND 18: K8, 3-st dec, k16, 3-st dec, k8. (34 sts)  
RND 20: K7, 3-st dec, k14, 3-st dec, k7. (30 sts)  
RND 22: K6, 3-st dec, k12, 3-st dec, k6. (26 sts)  
RND 24: K5, 3-st dec, k10, 3-st dec.

Distribute the last 5 sts along with the first 5 sts and one 3-st decrease onto one needle (11 sts). Distribute next 11 sts onto a second needle. Weave the front and back sts together using Kitchener technique.

HEEL:

Remove the waste yarn from the heel slot placing the live sts onto sock needles. There should be 68 sts. Attach yarn at center back. This is the beginning of the round.

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Weave the front and back sts together using Kitchener technique as done on toe.

## Finishing

Work in yarn ends and block. Make a hanger at the back of the cuff using I-cord, gold braid, ribbon or the chain of a name tag. Sew decorative snowflake buttons on sock as desired. Jingle bells can be sewn to heel and toe.