

# Christmas Stockings



Classic



Cowboy Boot



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## What you need

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### Per Stocking

#### Standard Stocking

- 16" (40cm) Fabric
- 10" (25cm) Contrasting Fabric (Cuff)
- 16" (40cm) Lining

#### Cowboy Boot Stocking

- 16" (40cm) Fabric (Cowboy Stocking Top)
- 10" (25cm) Contrasting Fabric (Cowboy Stocking Heel)
- 10" (25cm) Contrasting Fabric (Cowboy Stocking Applique)
- 16" (40cm) Lining

- 10" (25.5cm) Trim (To hang the stocking)
- 8" (20cm) Medium Weight Fusible Interfacing  
*(Light weight fabrics Only - See Step 4 for more info)*
- Scissors (Fabric & Paper)
- Thread
- Sewing Machine
- Printer & Paper
- Pins / Clips
- Tape
- Decorative Trim & Accessories (Optional)
- Embroidery Thread & Embroidery Needle (Optional)

## Fabric Recommendations

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Mediumweight non-stretch (a little stretch is fine) fabrics such as:

- Lace (over a solid)
- Sherpa
- Velvet
- Upholstery
- Quilting Cotton
- Faux Fur
- Canvas
- Metallics
- Vinyl

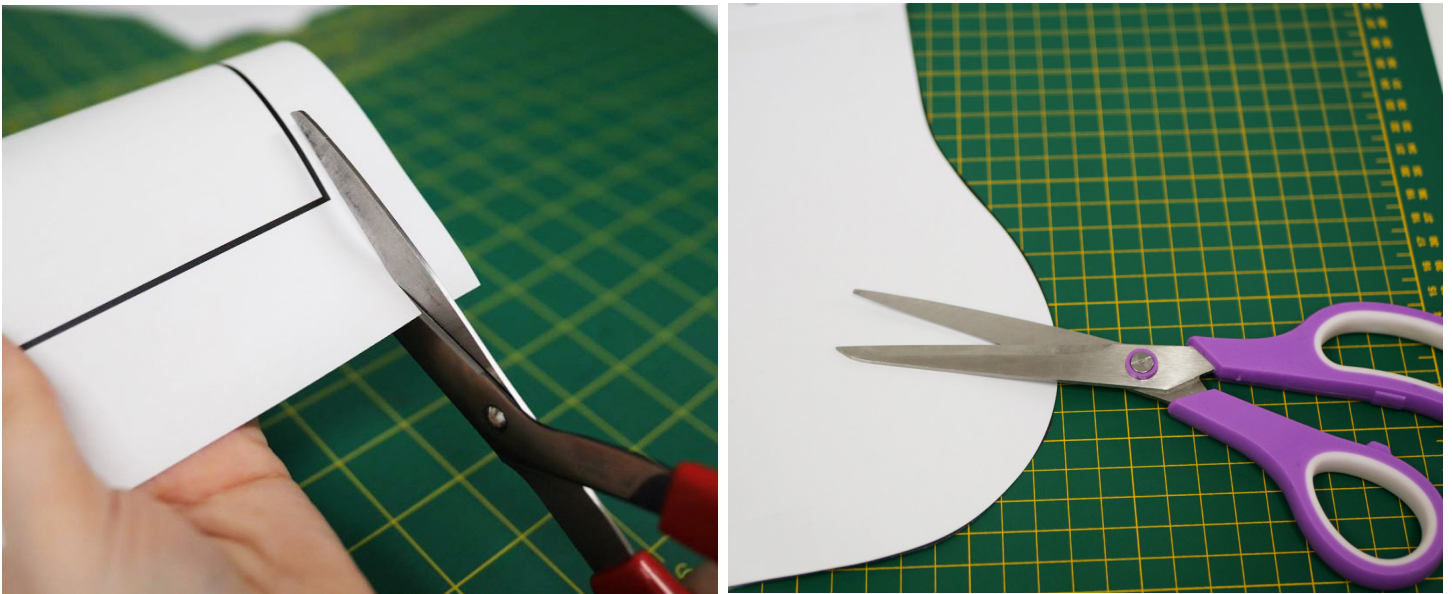
## Tips before you start

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- Please read all the instructions before starting this project. Notice that some of the steps are for the Cowboy Boot Stocking only, the Standard Stocking only, or for both stockings. All steps are labeled.
- It's a good idea to pre-wash and press your fabric before you start, especially with cotton because it will shrink. However, some fabrics, such as faux fur, are not machine-washable, so follow the care instructions for your chosen fabric.
- Try sewing on a scrap piece of fabric before sewing your project pieces. Adjust your tension, stitch length, and needle type accordingly.
- When sewing with faux fur, be mindful that the fur can be very thick to sew through. To reduce fur bulk, cut down the fur pile to the backing. The width of the edge pile being trimmed should be the same width as the seam allowance. The remainder of the fur pile can be brushed towards the centre to ensure it doesn't get in the way of the seam when sewing. Tips & Tricks - <https://fabricland.ca/howto/faux-fur.php>

## Instructions

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### Step 1: Print & cut out the pattern (Cowboy Boot & Standard Stocking)

Print out the pattern and tape the pages together in order. Next, cut out the pieces with paper scissors.

**Note for the Standard Stocking:** Alter the cuff pattern by cutting on the dotted alteration line. This is helpful when using faux fur trim which has a smaller length to the pattern piece. Make sure to cut the cuff lining the same size as the cuff main fabric by using the same altered pattern.



## Step 2: Cut out pattern pieces from fabric **(Cowboy Boot & Standard Stocking)**

Pin and cut out the pattern pieces from the fabric and the lining with fabric scissors.

### Note:

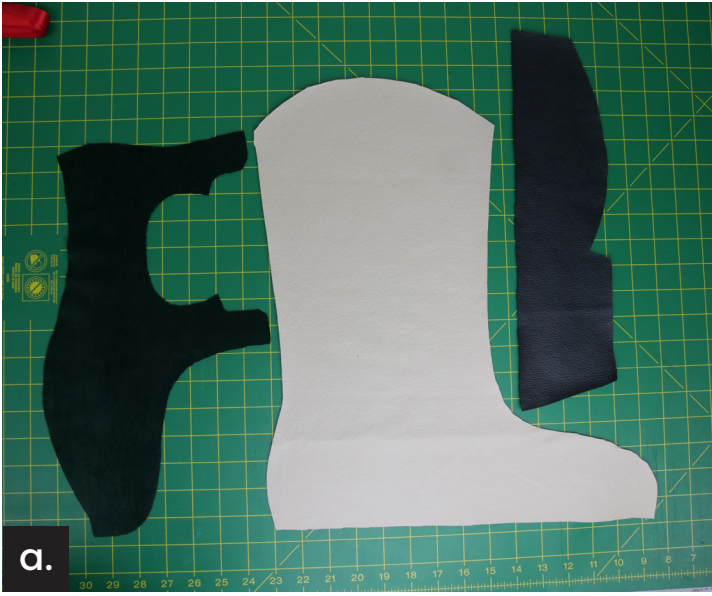
- Be mindful of directional prints and textures when placing the pattern pieces onto the fabric.
- If you want the top cuff to be in a coordinating or contrasting fabric (for the standard stocking) pin and cut accordingly.
- If the fabric is lightweight also cut the same pieces in interfacing.



## **(Cowboy Boot & Standard Stocking)**

### Tips for basting:

- If there are overlapping layers, such as lace over canvas, cut out the same pattern pieces in both fabrics (or in the shape that you would like the overlapping layer to be), and baste stitch around the edges with a 1/2" (1.3cm) seam allowance around the layered piece.
- When baste stitching, use a wide width stitch as this stitch is just to hold these pieces together temporarily.



### Step 3: Cowboy Boot Appliqué (Cowboy Boot Stocking)

- a. Cut out the appliqué pattern pieces.
- b. Place the Cowboy Stocking Heel appliqué wrong side down onto the right side of the Cowboy Stocking Top along the dotted line.
- c. ZigZag stitch (a smaller stitch length is recommended) across the edge of the Cowboy Stocking Heel to secure.
- d. Place the Cowboy Stocking Appliqué wrong side down onto the right side of the Cowboy Stocking Heel and Cowboy Stocking Top. Try to overlap the pieces as closely as possible. ZigZag stitch across the edges of the Cowboy Stocking Appliqué to secure.

Once the pieces are stabilized, making one solid piece, you can add hand embroidery, trim and other notions as you wish! Don't be afraid to be creative!



## Step 4: Interfacing (Optional) (Cowboy Boot & Standard Stocking)

If the fabric is lighter weight, such as quilting cotton, cut and fuse with an iron the medium weight interfacing to the wrong side of the pattern pieces.



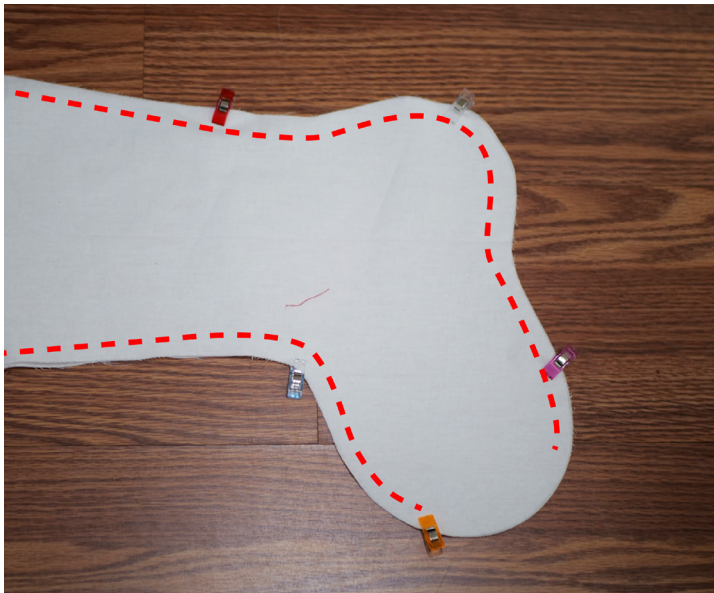
## Step 5: Attach the cuff to the stocking (Standard Stocking)

Pin or clip the long side of the cuff lining to the top of the main stocking fabric, right sides together, and sew  $1/2$ " (1.3cm) across the layers. Do this for both pieces of the cuff lining and the main stocking fabric.

Pin the long side of the cuff fabric and the top of the stocking lining right sides together. Do this for both pieces of the cuff fabric and the stocking lining. Sew across the pinned area of both pieces.

Sew the lining cuff to the fabric cuff, right sides together. Make sure that, when folded, the stocking toes are facing the same direction.

With one stocking piece, take the 10" (25.5cm) trim and fold it in half. Place the two raw ends of trim between the pinned fabric of the cuff and the stocking lining, with all raw edges aligned. The trim should be placed 1.5" (3.8cm) from the edge of the fabric.



## Step 6: Sew around the perimeter of the attached pieces (Standard Stocking)

With right sides together, sew around the two stocking fabrics and cuffs with a  $5/8$ " (1.6cm) seam allowance and backstitch.

Make sure to leave a 4" (10cm) opening on the lining's main piece, and backstitch, as this opening is where you will turn the stocking inside out.

After sewing, snip on the seam allowance towards the seam on any curves. This will help keep the fabric flat when the stocking is turned flat.



## Step 6: Sew around the perimeter of the attached pieces (Cowboy Boot Stocking)

Place the right sides of the lining together and sew around the edge leaving the top of the boot open. Do the same with the main fabric.

After sewing, snip on the seam allowance towards the seam on any curves. This will help keep the fabric flat when the stocking is turned flat.

With right sides together and raw edges aligned, pin around the top of the boot, attaching the lining, and main fabric. There needs to be a 4" (10cm) or greater opening on the Cowboy Boot Stocking on the back side of the stocking (where there is less decoration).



Take the 10" (25.5cm) trim and fold it in half. Place the two raw ends of trim between the pinned lining and fabric on the seam that is on the same side of the boot as the heel.

Sew across the pinned area with a  $5/8$ " (1.6cm) seam allowance and backstitch.

**(Cut curves on Cowboy Boot & Standard Stocking)**



## Step 7: Turn the fabric (Standard Stocking)

Turn the fabric right side out through the 4" (10cm) opening in the lining.

Straight stitch and backstitch closed the opening in the lining.

Finger press all seams to make sure the shape is consistent.



## Step 7: Turn the fabric (Cowboy Boot Stocking)

Turn the fabric right side out through the 4" (10cm) opening in the lining.

Finger press all seams to make sure the shape is consistent.

**Option 1:** Hand stitch the opening of the lining and the main fabric closed. Then sew the lining through to the seam allowance for a clean look. Ensure that the needle does not go through the main fabric that is visible from the outside.

**Option 2:** With the Cowboy Boot Stocking there is the option to place and sew bias tape around the top of the boot, which will in turn close the opening in the lining and the main fabric.





### Step 8: Where to tack on the stocking cuff (Standard Stocking)

Push the lining inside of the main fabric.

Fold the cuff over so that only the main fabric of the stocking and cuff are showing.

*Tip: The stocking can be tacked in place if you feel it's necessary. The best place to tack is the seams connecting the cuffs to stocking. This is a good way to stabilize the cuff lining and have it stay parallel to the main cuff. Another great place to tack is the edge of the cuff to the stocking. Tacking in between the seam allowances helps to hide the thread.*

Your stocking is now complete! Feel free to accessorize or personalize it further!



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