

Katrina Stocking

(This pattern includes the Knit-Check system to easily track your progress – simply place a mark in the box next to each round's instruction as you complete it.)

The “Katrina Stocking” is a variation on a common theme, which I created during my evacuation from New Orleans following Katrina. I managed to get out of town with a lone size 7 circular needle and a ball of icky yarn which I had kept handy just to keep my hands busy during the 10 stressful days before I could be pulled out of town. Once I arrived in Houston to be with my children, the closest place for yarns was one of those giant-box “Whatever*Mart” stores where I picked out colors for my grandchildren. It was lucky I'd already learned the basics of stocking construction, so I was able to create a holiday stocking for each of my grandchildren during my extended hurricane vacation in Houston (my “hurrication”). I have modified the original stitches slightly, but it can still be made with a single circular needle.



Materials

- 1 Skein worsted weight acrylic yarn in solid color (MC)
- 1 Skein worsted weight acrylic yarn in contrast color or variegated (CC)
- cotton waste yarn for provisional cast on
- 16-inch Circular Needle, size 7
- blunt-tip large eye tapestry needle

(Original stockings were made in Caron Simply Soft – after a hurricane, one uses whatever is available! Any worsted weight yarns can be used.)

This design uses a variation of the famous Sherman Toe/Heel method, made famous here:
<http://www.knitlist.com/2002/ToeUpSock.htm>

Abbreviations:

CO – Cast on

MC – Main Color

CC – Contrast Color

Ku/Pu Pick up the purl bump **below** the next stitch and knit/purl it with the current stitch

pm Place Marker

r – round

St st – Stockinette Stitch

Instructions

Toe

To make the toe you will first cast on a knit flat, not circular, and form the short-row toe, and then pick up stitches from the cast on to complete the circular knitting form.

With waste yarn and provisional cast-on, CO. 30 st

- Row 1. K15, pm, K15, turn
- Row 2 P30, turn
- Row 3 Sl-1, K29
- Row 4 Sl 1, P28
- Row 5 Sl-1, K27
- Row 6 Sl 1, P26
- Row 7 Sl-1, K25
- Row 8 Sl 1, P24
- Row 9 Sl-1, K23
- Row 10 Sl 1, P22
- Row 11 Sl-1, K21
- Row 12 Sl 1, P20
- Row 13 Sl-1, K19
- Row 14 Sl 1, P18
- Row 15 Sl-1, K17
- Row 16 Sl 1, P16
- Row 17 Sl-1, K15
- Row 18 Sl 1, P14
- Row 19 Sl-1, K13
- Row 20 Sl 1, P11, Pu-1 This is the pivot row, ending the decreasing AND beginning the increasing.
- Row 21 K13, Ku1
- Row 22 P14, Pu-1
- Row 23 K15, Ku1
- Row 24 P16, Pu-1
- Row 25 K17, Ku1
- Row 26 P18, Pu-1
- Row 27 K19, Ku1
- Row 28 P20, Pu-1
- Row 29 K21, Ku1
- Row 30 P22, Pu-1

- Row 31 K23, Ku1
- Row 32 P24, Pu-1
- Row 33 K25, Ku1
- Row 34 P26, Pu-1
- Row 35 K27, Ku1
- Row 36 P28, Pu-1
- Row 37 K29, Ku1

Foot

Now you will pick up 29 st from the provisional cast on: pick up 15, M1, pick up 14, so that there are 60 st around on your circular needle. Join and K15 to marker. You are now knitting in the round. The marker will remain at the bottom of sole and back of heel during the work.

Join CC (do not break off MC which will be carried up the inside of the work). This design was created to be super-simple, so I simply carried the non-working yarns up the inside of the stocking, catching it behind the working yarn at each row. If you wish to cut yarns to change color, be sure to weave in loose ends when the stocking is finished.

- K 10 r CC,
- K 10 r MC,
- K 10 r CC

Heel

- Row 1. K15, pm, K15, turn
- Row 2 P30, turn
- Row 3 Sl-1, K29
- Row 4 Sl 1, P28
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- Row 32 P24, Pu-1
- Row 33 K25, Ku1
- Row 34 P26, Pu-1
- Row 35 K27, Ku1
- Row 36 P28, Pu-1
- Row 37 K29, Ku1

Leg

- K10 r CC
- K10 r MC
- K10 r CC
- K0 r MC
- K10 r CC

Rib Top

- In MC purl 2 rows

☐ With CC as purl stitches, knit 12 rows of Corrugated Rib.

☐ MC – Purl 2 rows

I-Cord Bind Off

With work on left needle, cast-on 3 st.

K2, SSK (knitting 1 of the I-cord stitches together with 1 stitch from the cuff of the stocking), return 3 st to left needle, repeat until last 3 st.

Cont. making I-cord for approx 3 in or until desired length. Graft into beg of I-Cord Bind Off to create hanging loop.

Weave in ends.

Enjoy!