

# Gabrielle's Christmas Stocking

~~ by Gabrielle Bolland, age 12

Construction: Top Down with 2 needles.  
Cuff: 13 inches  
Gauge: 4 stitches per inch  
Total Stitches: 52  
Heel Style: Flap/Standard  
Stitch: Stockinette  
Toe Style: Standard;  
Toe Shape: Standard  
Needle Size: US 5 / 3.75 mm  
Yarn: Green, Red, & White worsted weight acrylic



## **Pattern:**

### **Ribbing and Leg:**

Cast on 52 stitches with Green. Join in a ring being careful not to twist. Mark join as the beginning of the round and center of heel. Divide stitches over 2 needles (26, 26) . Begin knitting in stockinette stitch for 10 rounds. Purl one round. Continue knitting in stockinette until stocking measures 8 inches from purl row. Change to Red yarn for heel.

### **Begin Heel:**

NOTE: Heel is worked in rows on 26 stitches.

Heel Pattern:

Row 1 Slip 1, knit across

Row 2 Slip 1, purl across

Knit in heel pattern until you have 26 heel flap rows. Heel flap shape should be close to square. End with a purl row.

### **Turn Heel as follows:**

Row 1: Sl 1, K14 sts, K2 tog, K1 turn

Row 2: Sl 1, P5 sts, P2 tog, P1, turn

Row 3: Sl 1, K6, K2 tog, K1, turn

Row 4: Sl 1, P7, P2 tog, P1, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4, increasing 1 additional K or P stitch after the Sl 1 until all side stitches are consumed. End with a purl row. Change to Green yarn.

### **Gusset:**

Rnd 1: With needle 1, knit across heel flap. Pick up and knit 13 stitches from the side of the heel flap plus knit one stitch in the gusset corner. Knit in pattern across needle 2.

Rnd 2: Using a spare needle, pick up one stitch in the gusset corner and 13 stitches from the side of the heel flap. Using needle 1, knit these stitches. Knit the remaining stitches on needle 1 and knit in pattern across needle 2. Stitch count is (43, 26) respectively.

### **Gusset Decrease and Sock Foot:**

Rnd 1:

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit until the last 3 stitches k2 tog, k1.

Needle 2: Work in pattern around.

Rnd 2: Work in pattern around.

Repeat these 2 rounds until total stitches equal 52. Transfer stitches as necessary so that you have returned to your original stitch placement. (26, 26)

### **Sock Foot:**

Continue knitting in stockinette on needle 1 and in pattern on needle 2 (if desired) until you are approximately 1 1/2 to 2 inches from the top of your longest toe. Change to White yarn for toe.

### **Shape Toe:**

Rnd 1:

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit until the last 3 sts, K2 tog, K1

Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit until the last 3 stitches, k2 tog, k1.

Rnd 2: Knit around

Continue in this manner until you have approximately 20 stitches remaining or until sock has your desired toe shape. Graft toe closed.

