

Miniature stocking



Material

Yarn: Scheepjes Catona one main color (I used red nr 390) and white nr 106 for details.

Knitting needles nr: 4 doublepointed needles 2,5 mm.

Gauge: 28 sts/10 cm.

Size: Approx. 16 cm long.

Other stuff: Yarnneedle. Crochethook 3 mm for hanger.

Start:

Cast on 30 stitches with white and distribute them on 3 needles.

Cuff and leg

With white: Knit garterstitch for 4 rounds (knit 1 round, purl 1 round, knit 1 round, purl 1 round).

Change to main color and knit 24 rounds.

Original design by Maria Forzén

Heel

Put the first 14 sts on the first needle and knit back and forth, like this:

Row 1: *slip first st knitwise, knit 1, *slip 1 st purlwise, k1* repeat til end of row.

Row 2: slip first stitch purlwise, purl every stitch until end of row.

Repeat these two rows a total of 6 times (=12 rows).

Turned heel:

Row 1: slip 1st st knitwise, knit 6, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 2: slip 1st st purlwise, purl 1, p2 tog, p1, turn

Row 3: slip 1st st knitwise, knit 2, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 4: slip 1st st purlwise, purl 3, p2 tog, p1, turn

Row 5: slip 1st st knitwise, knit 4, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 6: slip 1st st purlwise, purl 5, p2 tog, p1, turn

8 sts left on knitting needle.

Put all sts that belong on the top of the sock, on the same needle (that is: all stitches that isn't the heel). Take a new knittingneedle (this will be needle 1) and knit the heel, and then pick up 7 sts along the side of the heel flap. Take another needle (this will be needle 2) and knit the sts on the top of the sock. Use a third needle (needle 3) and pick up 7 sts along the other side of the heel flap and knit the first 4 sts off the first needle. All sts are distributed on three needles again and the round starts at the center back/bottom of the sock. You might want to put a marker here, in case you forget.

You have a bit to many sts on the needles and it's time for some decreases. These will occur at the end of needle 1 and at the start of needle 3.

Decrease row 1:

Needle 1: knit every st until you have 2 sts left on the needle: k2tog.

Needle 2: knit all sts.

Needle 3: slip first st (knitwise), put it back on the left needle twisted and k2tog through back loop. Knit the rest of the sts on the needle.

Decrease row 2:

Knit every stitch the entire round.

Repeat decrease row 1 and 2 three times, and you then have 32 sts on the needles.

Foot:

knit stockinette for 21 rounds. (Just knit every stitch.)

Toe:

Toeround 1: k2tog all round.

Toeround 2: Knit every stitch

Toeround 3: k2tog all round.

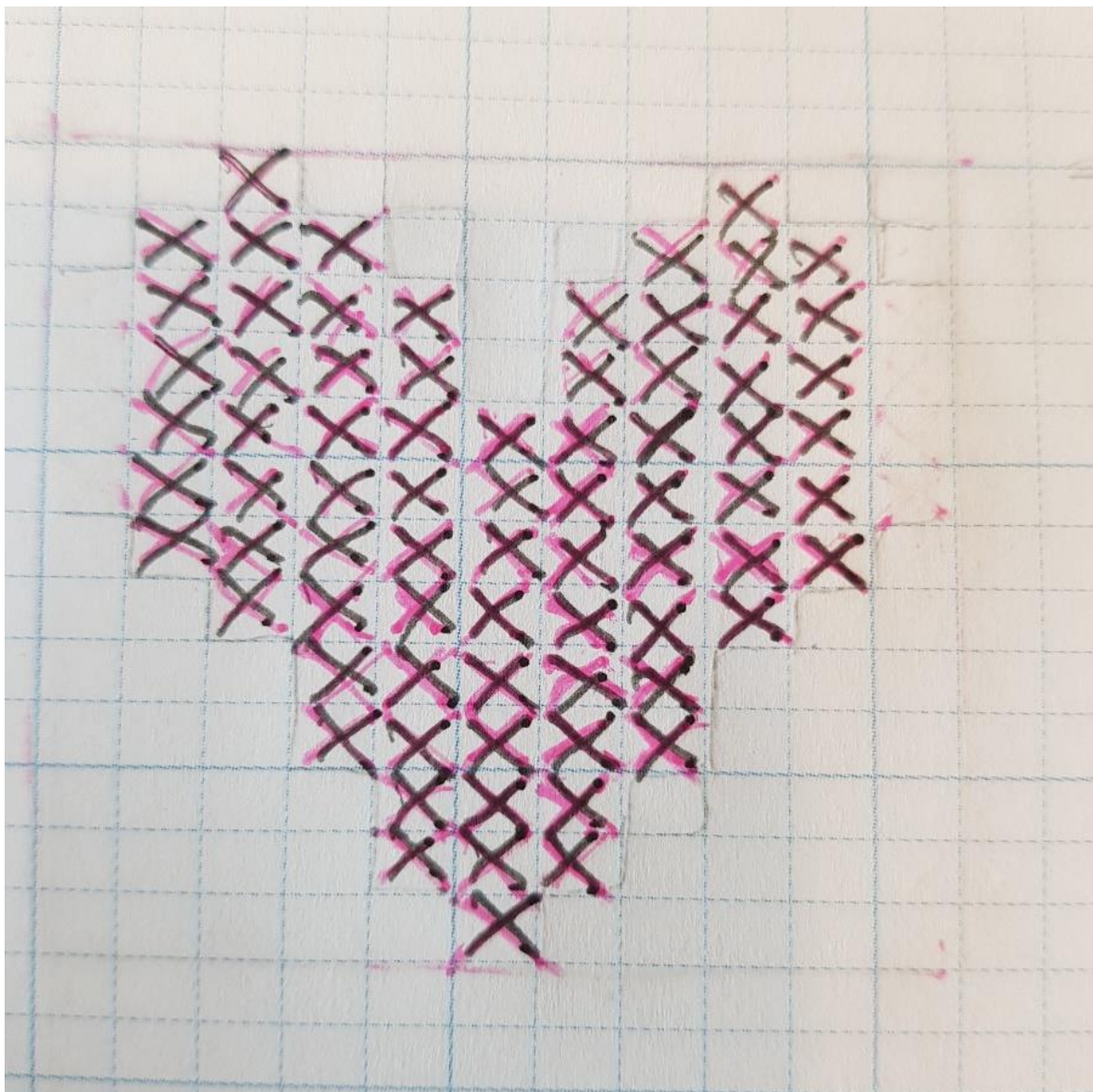
Cut yarn (not too short) and pull yarn through the loops and pull tight. Sew in all threads.

Hanger:

With white and crochethook 3mm: slipstitch in the middle back stitch of the first knitted row of white (look at the picture to get the position☺). Chain 16. Slips stitch in the same stitch as the first slip stitch was made into. Turn and sc into each chain. Cut yarn and sew in the threads, sewing the hanger so it looks nicely at the same time.

Duplicate stitch:

Embroider the heart using white yarn and duplicate stitces. It's easy to alter the motif, but I made a heart.



Duplicate stitch tutorial:



I sew my duplicate stitching from the bottom upwards, one row at a time. When I row is done, the next row is begun from the bottom again. I attach the thread about every other stitch on the previous row before starting next row, to avoid long strings of loose threads. I think this method will make the prettiest and most even stitching.

Notice the little thread the needle is under on the photo, it's important to catch this when stitching.



Time to sew! The very first thread (that can't be attached anywhere) I usually let hanging on the right side a bit below where the first stitch is sewn. I attach this yarnpiece when I've made the first row of stitches. The topstitch from where the thread "comes out" is the start of the first stitch.



If you look at the knitstitch as a heart did the stitch start by having the needle come up from the tip of the heart. Next step is to sew “right through” the heart.



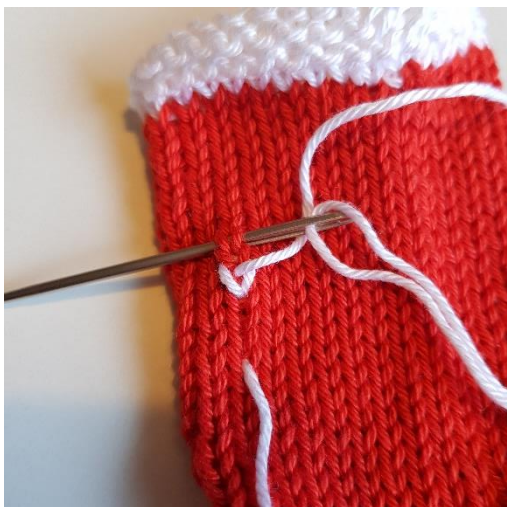
This is what it looks like, when the yarn is pulled a bit. Don't pull too hard.



Time for the left side of the "heart". Pull needle through the tip of the first heart (again) and come up through the tip of the next heart. Remember to catch that horizontal thread of the first photo!



First complete stitch is done!



Next stitch is made the same way as the first.

