## HOLIDAY STOCKING

Thanks for making a stocking for donation. Be creative! Anything goes! Below are some basic how-to directions:

- 1. Cut one stocking front from pattern (pattern is right side up, fabric is right side up).
- 2. Cut one stocking back from pattern (pattern is wrong side up, fabric is right side up).
- 3. Take a piece of fabric for lining and a piece of batting at least 23" high and 30" wide and 'sandwich' stocking as follows:
  - a. Lay down lining fabric (wrong side up).
  - b. Lay batting on top of lining.
  - c. Put both front and back of stocking on top of the batting, side by side and right side up.
- 4. Quilt and decorate as desired.
- 5. Put together stocking front and back (right sides together) and stitch 1/2'' seam around the stocking, leaving the top open. Clip curves and turn right side out.

To finish stocking either bind edge or put on cuff as follows:

## Bind top of stocking:

- 1. Cut strip of fabric 2 1/2" by width of fabric.
- 2. Fold strip in half (wrong sides together) and press.
- 3. Attach to top of stocking with raw edge of binding even with top of stocking, starting at heel seam. Stitch a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around the top. Stop sewing when you come around to where you started.
- 4. Press binding to inside of stocking and stitch down starting at heel seam. When you get back to the heel seam, cover up the raw edge and continue sewing binding off edge to create hanging tail.

## Cuff top of stocking:

- 1. Stitch hanging loop to inside of stocking, loop side down at heel seam.
- 2. Cut cuff 12" by 16 1/2".
- 3. Fold right sides together to form a 12" by 8 1/4" rectangle. Stitch the 12" side, press seam open.
- 4. Fold in half, wrong sides together (cuff should now be same size as top of the stocking), baste raw edge.
- 5. Pin cuff to inside of stocking matching seam of cuff to heel seam of stocking, raw edges together. Stitch around top, then turn cuff to outside.

Bring stocking to the November meeting, the Holiday Brunch, the MQ Office or mail to the office: Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

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