The Christmas Stockings Project of Arizona Reservation Ministries

Attached is the pattern for our Christmas Stockings. Please feel free to share both the pattern and these instructions with your friends and family! We are hoping that ALL of the stockings we receive are the same size, etc. We want every child to know that they are special, and that their gift is similar to all of the others. In 2022, we were blessed to distribute over 800 Christmas stockings, filled with the special things that brought huge smiles to so many. These stockings are typically created from a cotton/poly blend of Christmas fabric, the cuff of a solid color. All seams are ½ inch. Press fabrics as you go. There will be a cord run through the casing at the top of the cuff to tie the stocking into a bag. This way, bigger kids can't take their treasures, and "Grandma" could perhaps tuck the stocking away for a special time.

Each stocking will consist of the following fabric pieces:

- ♥ Two stocking pieces
- ♥ One contrasting cuff piece
- ♥ One cord, one yard long.

Please refer to the pattern attached for the sizes of these pieces.

1. Stitch the stocking pieces right sides together, leaving the top open. Clip curves if necessary. Turn to right-side out.
2. With the right sides together, stitch the cuff into a tube, leaving an opening as marked. Top stitch the seams flat.
3. Turn the hem of the cuff twice, ¼ inch each time, and top stitch the edges.
4. Stitch the cuff onto the stocking, right side of the cuff to the inside (wrong side) of the stocking, seam of cuff to the back seam of the stocking. Turn cuff out and over the right side of the stocking. (It should be right side out now, and the seam should be hidden inside the casing.) Top stitch the cuff down to the stocking, just below the opening, so it makes a casing to run a cord through.
5. Tie the cord to a large safety pin and feed it though the casing and back out the opening. Tie knots in each end of the cord so it will not unravel, but DO NOT tie the two ends of the cord together. They'll be tied together when the stocking is filled.
6. Pick up the next stocking and repeat. ☺

A couple of handy suggestions:

- ♥ A work party to cut out the stockings is a lot of fun, and it's easier to do the cutting assembly-line style. Even some of the men might get involved!
- ♥ Cutting the cuff fabric in long strips, sewing it together, then cutting the right length for cuffs works well and saves fabric. Just lay out the fabrics and use a rotary cutting, cutting across the width of the fabrics. You can do several layers at a time, and have someone on the sewing machine putting them together as you go.
- ♥ Bundle the stockings by 10's or 20's to be sewn by people at home, and hand them out in bags. Keep a record of who you gave them to, how many, and when…noting when they return them.