

Stockings for Servicemembers

Materials:

½ yard of two different fabrics NOT Christmas fabrics

½ yard for the outside or focus fabric & hanger 9" x 4" piece

½ yard for the lining

Fold focus fabric in half selvedge to selvedge, wrong sides of fabric together. Do the same with the lining fabric and stack on top of focus fabric (four layers). Trace pattern and mark openings on lining fabric. Cut all four layers together with a rotary cutter.

Using focus fabrics (outside fabric) right sides together, sew all the way around with ¼" seam and leave top edge open. Clip all the curves to just before seam line, turn right side out and press.

Using lining fabric (inside fabric) right sides together, stitch same all outside but remember to leave marked areas and top edge open. Clip curves do not turn.

To make the hanger cut a 9" x 4" piece from the left over fabric either fabric will do, your choice. Fold this piece lengthwise (wrong side together) in half and iron to make a crease. Open and now fold to center crease on each long side and iron. Don't open, fold in half, iron and sew a ¼" of stitching along each edge. Fold completed hanger in half, iron, insert into lining, folded side inside lining, raw edges will meet up with open seam edge, pin in place and sew seam and hanger closed.

Insert focus fabric inside lining, focus fabric right side out, lining should be wrong side out. Line up side seams and sew around top edge. Find opening in the lining and pull focus fabric through the opening and turn whole piece right side out. Toes should be facing same directions. Hanger should be sticking out of the back of the lining fabric. Close up opening in lining fabric. Push lining inside stocking, smooth and iron. Turn cuff down to the hanger and press again.

Thanks for your excitement in making servicemembers smile!

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