Crochet a Christmas Stocking

These stocking have been created for a Christmas Treasure Hunt around our Libraries. Each will be numbered and have a Christmas item hidden inside.

Information:

Pattern is in UK Crochet terms

Yarn: small amounts of DK in red (approx. 18g) and white (approx. 5g)

Crochet Hook: 4.5mm

Abbreviations and special stitches

- **DC** – Double Crochet (UK)/Single Crochet (US)
- **TR** – Treble Crochet (UK)/Double Crochet (US)
- **HTR –** Half Treble Crochet (UK)/ Half Double Crochet (US)
- **SLST** – Slip Stitch
- **Ch** - Chain
- **DCINC** – Work 2 DC into stitch
- **around** – repeat that stitch for all stitches in row. Eg 'DCINC around' means DCINC in every stitch of row
- **'numberstitch',** eg **2DC**, means the next 2 stitches should be DC
- **(…)xnumber** indicates a pattern should be repeated a number of times, eg '(DCINC, 2DC)x3' means the next nine stitches should be: DCINC, DC, DC, DCINC, DC, DC, DCINC, DC, DC.
- **[number]** is total number of stitches in row
- **BOBBLE** – (yarn over hook, insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, pull loop through stitch, yarn over hook, pull through 2 loops only)x4, yarn over hook, pull through all 5 loops left on hook. Ensure final pull through is tight.

Notes:

- Ch1 and Ch3 count as the first stitch in the row except in Short Rows
- Be careful not to treat slip stitch as a stitch – <u>always</u> skip
- Pattern is worked in the round, except Short Rows
- Short Rows are worked adding one DC before and one DC after the previous rows stitches, Ch do not count as a stitch

Pattern:

In white yarn:

Round 1: 6 DC in a Magic Ring, SLST to top of first DC, Ch1. [6]

R2: DC in same Ch, DCINC around, SLST to Ch1, Ch1. [12]

R3: DC around, SLST to Ch1, Ch1. [12]

R4: DC in same Ch, DC, (DCINC, DC)x5, SLST to Ch1, Ch1. [18]

R5: DC around, SLST to Ch1, Ch1. [18]

R6: DC in same Ch, 2DC, (DCINC, 2DC)x5, SLST to Ch1, Ch1. [24]

R7: DC around, SLST to Ch, Ch1. [24]

R8: DC in same Ch, 3DC, (DCINC, 3DC)x5. SLST to Ch1, **Ch3 in Red yarn**. [30]

Fasten off white and continue in red:

R9-11: TR around, SLST to top of Ch3, Ch3. [30]

R12: TR around, SLST to top of Ch3, Ch1. [30]

R13: DC around, SLST to Ch. [30]

Short Rows:

Ch1 at the beginning do **not** count as stitches, skip over them.

R14: Ch1, 2DC, turn work [2]

R15: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 14, 3DC. Turn. [4]

R16: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 15, 5DC. Turn. [6]

R17: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 16, 7DC. Turn. [8]

R18: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 17, 9DC. Turn. [10]

R19: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 18, 11DC. Turn. [12]

R20: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 19, 13DC. Turn. [14]

R21: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 20, 15DC. Turn. [16]

R22: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 21, 17DC. Turn. [18]

R23: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 22, 19DC. Turn. [20]

R24: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 23, 21DC. Turn. [22]

R25: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 24, 23DC. Turn. [24]

R26: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 25, 25DC. Turn. [26]

R27: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 26, 27DC. Turn. [28]

R28: Ch1, DC in stitch before row 27, 29DC, SLST to first DC, Ch3. **Do not turn** [30]

Continuing rounds:

R29-32: TR around, SLST to top of Ch3, Ch3. [30]

R33: TR around, SLST to top of Ch3, Ch2. [30]

R34: HTR around, SLST to top of Ch2, **Ch1 in white yarn**. [30]

Fasten off red leaving 30cm tail, continue in white:

R35: DC around, SLST to Ch, Ch1. [30]

BOBBLES:

R36: (BOBBLE, DC)x14, BOBBLE, SLST to top of Ch. [15 Bobbles, 15 DC]

Pop the bobbles outwards, fasten off and weave in all ends except long red tail.

Hanging loop:

Attach white yarn between the two bobbles at the back (opposite SLST)

Ch16 and SLST between the bobbles to create loop. Fasten off securely and weave in ends.

Adding the Item:

Use red tail to attach the item inside the stocking, leave the tail long enough that the item can be easily pulled out and put back in.

Stocking with crocheted Candy Cane