

# Making Stockings the Winner Designs Way!

## Things to Think About Before You Get Started

### 1. Which template?

- Traditional Stockings:
  - 21.5" Christmas Stocking
  - [Medium](#)
  - [Medium with Fussy Cut](#) Frame
  - [Small](#) Stocking
  - [Small with Fussy Cut](#) Frame
  - [Stocking Long Small](#)
- Specialty Stockings:
  - Elf -
  - Paw 20"-
  - [Paw](#) 10 1/8"
  - Mermaid, Bass, Shark

You could also create garlands to hang on your mantle, banister or staircase or even an Advent Calendar! The following templates are perfect for these: [Small Stockings](#), [Long Stockings](#), [Mittens](#) and [Gnomes](#). Pick one or combine several.

### 2. Type of Fabric?

- Cotton, Pre-Quilted Fabric, Flannel, Fleece, Heavier Weight or Dressier Fabric
- Solid Fabric or Pieced?
- Directional Fabric
- Patterned Fabric
- Does fabric need to be Fussy Cut?

### 3. Which cutter? (45mm, 60mm or 28mm)

### 4. Lining or No Lining?

### 5. Interfacing, Batting or None?

### 6. No Cuff, Fold Down Cuff or Separate Cuff?

- If cuffed, monogrammed or embroidered?

### 7. Toe to the Right or Left?

### 8. Hanging Loop or Not?

### 9. Sewing Machine or Serger?

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[www.winner-designs.myshopify.com](http://www.winner-designs.myshopify.com)

There are lots of ways to make stockings but one of my favorites is the quick and easy **Magic Stocking Method**. It will work with most of my Stocking Templates!

## Magic Stocking Method

This is a super-fast, super-easy method to create a stocking. You'll cut all layers at the same time then sew them all together. Turn and pull and – magic – a stocking! The top can be turned down to create a cuff from the lining or add trim or a separate cuff. So fast and easy – magic!

### Materials:

Fabric Front, Fabric Back

2 Pieces non-directional lining fabric

2 pieces thin batting or non-fusible interfacing

Basic Sewing Tools – sewing machine, pins or clips, snippets, iron, etc.

No Slip Stocking Template

Rotary Cutter, Cutting Mat

Trim or additional fabric for a Cuff and Hanger

### Cutting:

Place fabrics on cutting mat in this order.

- 2 pieces Stocking fabric RST
- 1 thin layer of Batting or Interfacing
- 2 pieces Lining fabric RST
- 1 thin layer Batting or Interfacing
- No Slip Template on top



### Steps:

1. Cut (all layers at same time with Martelli Rotary Cutter & No Slip Template)
2. Remove template and pin or clip all layers
3. Stitch (around sides but not top)
4. Snip (especially at curves)
5. Reach in between Lining fabrics & pull out.
6. Reach in between Stocking fabrics & pull right sides out (RSO).



7. With lining out, give a good press.
8. Turn stocking right sides out. (RSO)
9. Manipulate all layers to form stocking then press.



### **Cuffs and Hangers:**

There are lots of options for both of these. Look at your stash of stockings or online for inspiration.

### **Add a Hanger:**

Whether you have a cuff or not, you'll want to add a hanger. How and when you add it will depend on your cuff.

- Use ribbon, twine or binding or create your own.
- To create your own, cut a 2 ½" strip of fabric at whatever length you'd like and fold then stitch as you would binding. Attach at top on opposite side of toe by hand stitching or machine stitching. Embellish with button or jingle bell if you like.

### **Top of Stocking/Cuff:**

Here are a few options.

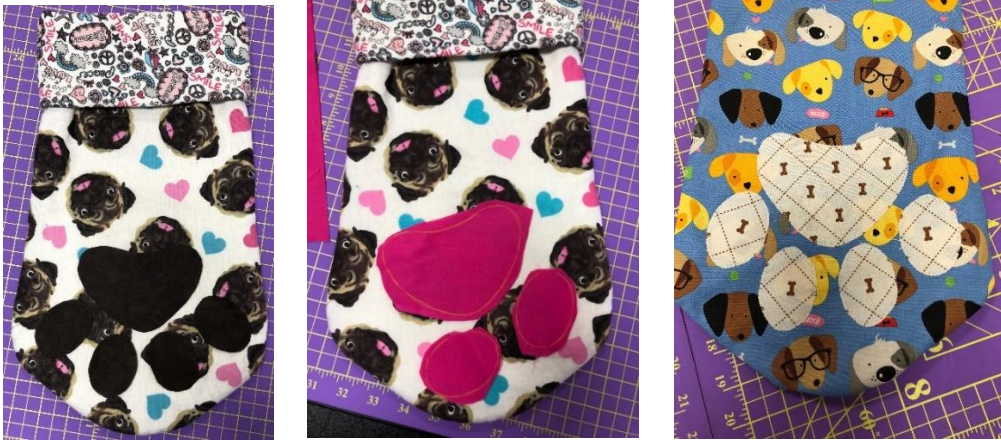
- Turn raw edges at top in and topstitch to finish.
- Stitch all raw edge layers together and fold down to create cuff. Leave cuff as is or add trim or embellishments.
- Or add a separate cuff with or without trims or embellishments.
  - From your cuff fabric, cut twice the height you'd like plus 1" by the width of stocking all the way around plus at least 1".
  - Bring the short ends right sides together and sew with ¼" or 3/8" allowance.
  - Then fold in half in the opposite direction wrong sides together and stitch the unsewn edge. This will give you your stocking cuff the way that it will show.
  - Tuck this piece inside your stocking with raw edges together and line up the seam with the non-toe side of the stocking.
  - Add the hanger in between stocking and cuff with the finished fold pointing down to toe. Pin or clip.
  - Stitch all layers together and turn the cuff to the outside of the stocking.



Whether you attach a cuff or fold down the stocking to create a cuff, topstitch all layers down and then again so they won't unravel or separate later.



If you decide to use the lining as the cuff, stay away from directional fabrics as they won't create the look you're going for (as in the Fl. Gators example!)



If using the paw stocking, play around with fabrics – colors, type of fabric, how you'll attach or even inf you'll use a machine like a Cricut or an embroidery machine. Is this an heirloom stocking that you'll want to last a long time or is this just a quickie stocking where even felt would work?



Whatever you do, just play around and have fun.  
It's magic how quickly you can create these!