



# Important Sewing Information

**As Goldilocks once said:**

“This Stocking is Too Big”    \*\*    “This Stocking is Too Small”

“ ... But This Stocking IS Just Right”

In a fervent effort to fit each filled stocking inside a 2-gallon ziplock plastic bag and then try to pack ten plastic bags in a shipping box, it is a good time to review the size of the pattern you are using as well as the requested finished size of the stocking you are donating, which should be **15” High by 9” Wide**.

Your fabric choice: Please, only use COTTON (holiday or patriotic prints) for BOTH sides of the stocking and Please, only use FELT for the top Cuff of the stocking. Felt should be **Red, Green, Blue** or White for this project.

Please check the direction of your print before cutting out the pattern. (Not fun for the recipient to get an upside down US Flag or holiday words like **“SAMTSIRHC YRREM”** (Merry Christmas) 😊

Suggested Seam allowance is 2/8”.

Please remember that it is not necessary to serge, line, top stitch or use trim on any part of the stocking.

Fleece or Pre-Glittered felt cannot be used as the Cuff because the glue & glitter will not adhere when we personalize each stocking. Plain felt is appreciated.

We are especially grateful for all your beautiful donated stockings. Thank You, on behalf of our troops, for making their holidays so much brighter by allowing us to send them your wonderful stockings.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are still requesting your beautiful homemade stockings, but we are requesting that you reduce the number of stockings that you send us. 😊

Please see our Page Two (below) for exact Sewing Instructions.

**THANK YOU**  
**Sewing Volunteers,**  
**For sending us you your**  
**beautiful Stockings.**

**15”  
High**



**9” Wide**



## Stockings For Soldiers – Delaware, Inc. Official Sewing Instructions

**Fabric:** Christmas, Patriotic, or any colorful cotton fabric.  
Same fabric for both sides, Please.  
**Cuff:** Red, Green, Blue or White **Felt only**  
**Loop/Tab:** Felt, Fabric or Ribbon  
**Finished Stocking Height:** 15” high **Width** at Boot: 9”



1. Place right sides of fabric together with the toe of the stocking pointing to your right. Stitch 1/4" seam allowance from the top of the stocking toward the toe, continue around the heel, stop and backstitch, leaving 9 -10" of side seam open and not stitched.



2. Place the felt strip (5 x 15) on your workspace. Open top of stocking flat and place over the felt strip with the right side of the fabric facing you and the wrong side against the felt. Fold a loop or tab in half and place the cut edges **between** the two layers of fabric (felt still to the underside and the print facing you). Edge of tab should be approx. 1/2" in from the cut, right edge of fabric. Excess felt will hang over on left side and can be cut off for additional tabs. Sew across the layers using 1/4" seam allowance. Trim extra felt so stocking and felt edges are aligned.



3. Place stocking right sides together again. Stitch remaining side seam of stocking fabric from the heel up **TO** but not including the **felt** and backstitch. This sews up the remaining 9 - 10" side of the stocking mentioned in Step 1. (Felt is not sewn until step 4).



4. Turn stocking right side out. Place felt edges together and stitch 1/4" seam allowance from bottom to top of felt. Clip all threads. Turn felt over stocking to resemble a cuff. The loop/tab should pop up at corner. (Finished stocking size: 15" x 9")

**THANK YOU ...**

You have successfully completed a stocking for a special member of the military!

**Any Questions?**

Please refer to our wonderful [Sewing Video Tutorial](#)

We personalize each stocking with the first name of one of our brave military heroes.

**Thank You for sewing with us.**

