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Tatted Christmas Stocking
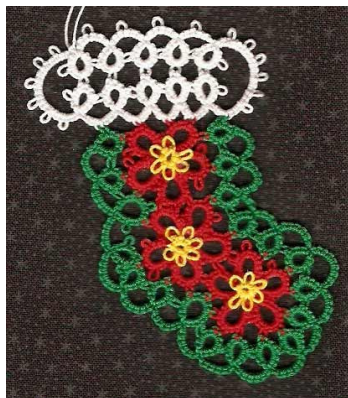
I've had a number of requests for a Christmas stocking lately, so I thought I'd put one together. This little stocking is perfect for adding as a decoration to a card or a gift package. It's about three inches long when stitched with size 20 thread.

This design is experienced beginner level and uses one shuttle. I used size 20 Flora thread in emerald green, Christmas red, white, and bright yellow.

ds=double stitch
p=picot
j=join

Instructions:

Flowers (red)

R: (3ds p) 5 times, 3ds, close
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 4 times, 3ds, close
Repeat last ring twice more for a total of four rings
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds j to first p of first R in flower, 3ds, close, cut and tie.

Repeat first three rings of previous flower
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds p 3ds j to 4th p of any ring on previous flower, 3ds j to 3rd p on same flower, 3ds p 3ds, close
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to next p on previous flower, (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds j to first p of first R in flower, 3ds, close, cut and tie.

Repeat first three rings of previous flower
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds p 3ds. There are three rings in the previous flower that are not attached to the first flower. Join to the 2nd p of the middle R of these three. 3ds j to 4th p of next R on previous flower, 3ds p 3ds, close
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds j to first p of first R in flower, 3ds, close, cut and tie.

Stocking (green)

On flower 1, count the ring joined to flower 2 as R1.
R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of second R from R1 (counting clockwise when the stocking toe is pointing to the right), 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to center p of next R in flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to next p on same R in flower, 3ds p 3ds j to first available p on 2nd flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of next R in flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to same p on flower as previous R, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to 4th p of next R in flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to next available p on flower, 3ds j to first available p on next flower, 3ds j to next available p on flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
*R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to next available p on flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn*
Repeat between * six more times. There should be seven rings beyond the large ring.
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to first p on next R of flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 4ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to 2nd p on closest R in the next flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 3ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to center p of next R on flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to center p of closest R in the next flower, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
Ch: 6ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to 4th p of next R on the flower, 3ds p 3ds, close.
Cut and tie.

Stocking top (white)

R: (3ds p) 3 times, 3ds, close, turn
**Ch: 3ds p 3ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, (3ds p) 2 times, 3ds, close, turn**
Repeat between ** for a total of 5 rings.
Ch: (3ds p) 6 times, 3ds j to last p of last green R, 3ds, turn
R: 3ds p 3ds j to center p of last R, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn
***Ch: 3ds j to next available p along the top edge of stocking, 3ds, turn
R: 3ds j to last p of previous R, 3ds j to center p of next white R, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn***
Repeat between *** across.
Ch: (3ds p) 6 times, 3ds
Cut and tie, but do not trim threads. Tie the threads ends together in a knot at the ends and use as a hanger.

Flower centers (yellow)

R: (1ds p) 6 times, close, cut and tie

Make one for each flower. Glue or sew in the center of each flower and add seed beads if you'd like.

3ds between all picots throughout. Start green and white sections at purple rings.