

Every year since the first grandchild was born, I have included a Christmas ornament as one of their gifts. That way, when they marry and/or move away from home, they will have some meaningful ornaments to decorate their tree and bring a legacy to their new home.

I am getting older and will soon be gone. I thought this year I would try and make a handmade ornament for them to keep. I have tried to follow in my mother and grandmother's footsteps and learn to crochet. However, my stitches are no where near as neat as theirs and my projects do not always turn out the same each try, even though I do the same thing each time. Not sure why this happens, but it does. So expert crocheters please forgive my attempts.

I decided to make a Christmas stocking for their keepsake ornament this year. I found a pattern, but modified it a bit to fit with the design I desired. Here is how I made the crocheted stocking:

Project materials needed:

White and Red yarn (I used Yarn Bee Soft Secret 100% Acrylic)

a 4.5 mm crochet needle

Ornament hook (optional)



The Finished Stocking

Presentation materials needed: (optional)

Card stock (printed with the package top)

Double sided tape

Clear treat bag

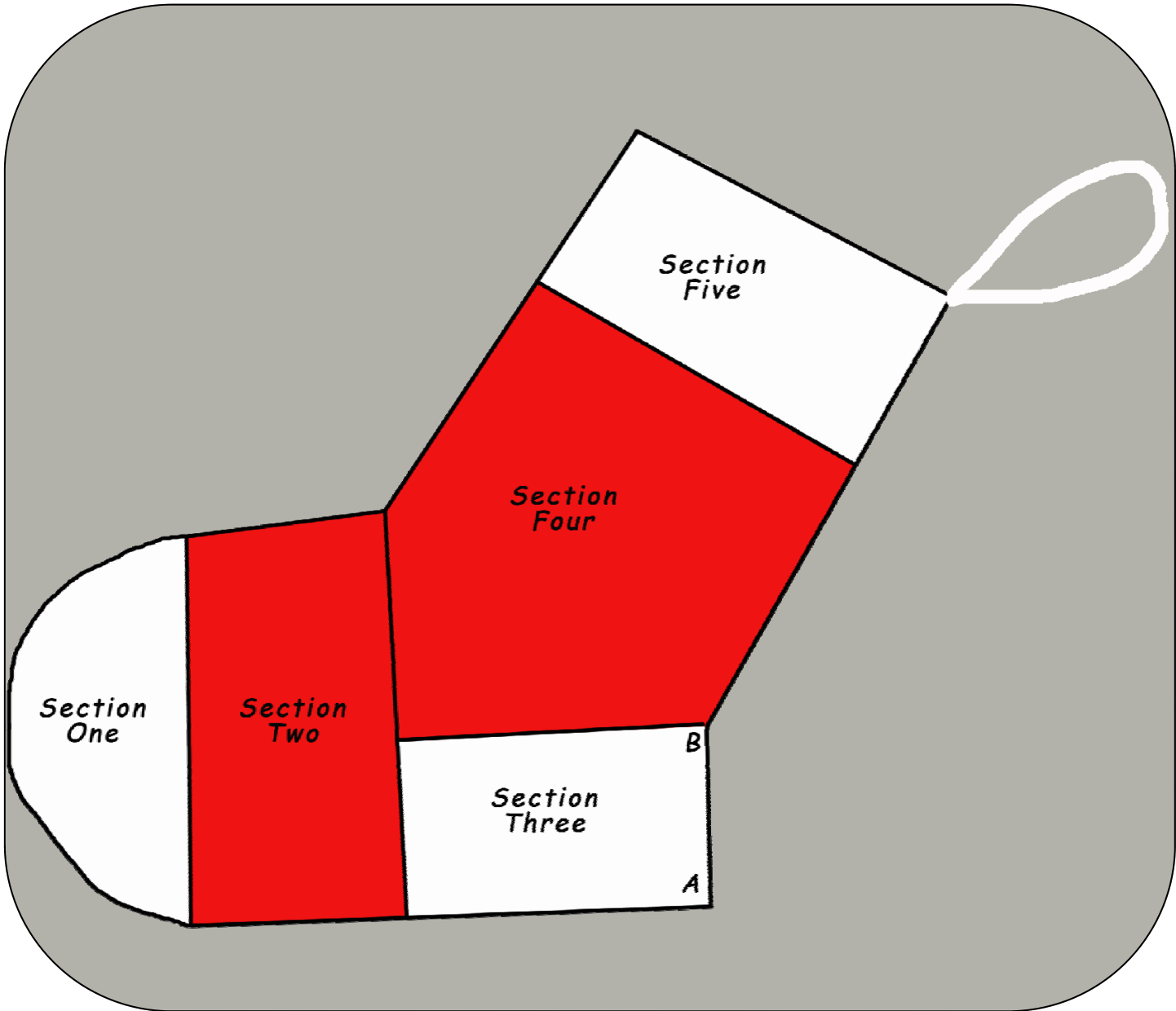
(Optional: I sewed a label inside stocking)

White embroidery thread (to sew the label)

Quilting needle



The Finished Project



The Stocking will be made in sections as illustrated above

Section One: White toe of stocking

With white yarn chain 3 and join

R1: 5 SC inside the circle (5 SC)

R2: 2 SC in each SC of R1 (10 SC)

R3: 2 SC in each SC of R2 (20 SC)



What it should look like
After Row 3

R4-R8: 2 SC in each SC of previous row

Finish off



Section One complete

Section Two: Red instep of stocking

R9: Join red yarn and SC in each SC of R8

R10-R13: SC in each SC of previous row

Finish off



Section Two Complete

Section Three: White heel of stocking

R14: Join white yarn SC in 10 SC, turn

R15-R20: SC in each 10 SC of previous row.



Fold heel section from A to B with right sides together

Sl ST down the heel

Finish off



Section Three Complete

Section Four: Red leg of stocking

R21: Join red yarn at top of heel;

6 SC in ends of heel rows;

SC in each SC of instep;

6 SC in ends of heel rows



This is how it should look
After Row 21

R22: SC in each SC of R21

R23-R30: SC in each SC of previous row



Section Four Complete

Section Five: White top of stocking

R31: Join white yarn at back of stocking;

SC in SC of R30

R32-R35: SC in each SC of previous row

R36: SC in each SC of previous row;

Chain 17 to form hanging loop;

Sl ST in last SC

Finish off



Attach an ornament hanger to loop

Optional:

Turn down cuff of stocking;

Using 3 strands of embroidery thread,

sew a "handmade by" label inside cuff;

(Be careful not to sew the label upside down)

(However, it will look upside down while sewing)



Gift Bag Instructions

Print the gift bag labels on card stock

(See page 9)

Cut out the label



Fold label in half



Finishing project:

Fill the stocking with Hershey's hugs and kisses

Mine took 10 of each for a total of 20 candies



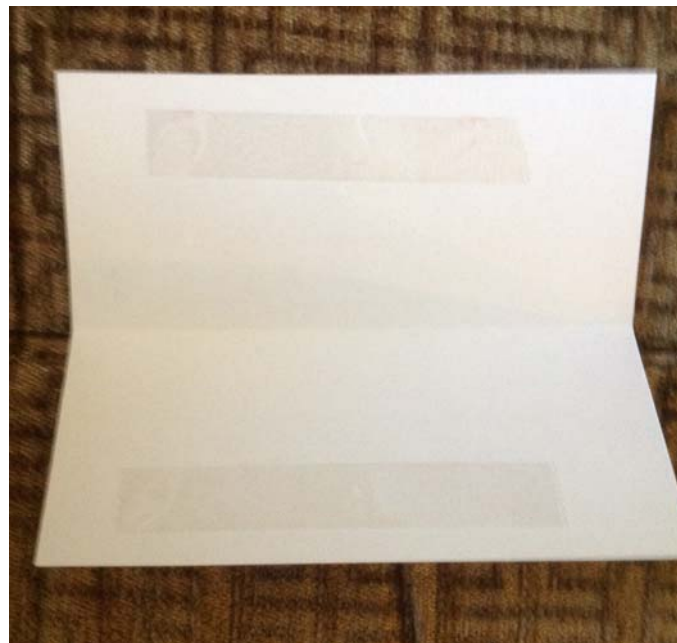
Carefully slide the filled stocking into the bag

(I tried to keep the folds folded as I did this which made it easier to staple)

Fold down the top of the bag and staple in place



Attach two strips of double stick tape
to the backside of the label at top and bottom



Lay the gift bag topper right side down;
(front of topper at top and backside at
bottom)

(tape side should be facing up)

Lay the gift bag with stocking over the
bottom tape

Carefully pull the folded bag topper over the top of bag;

Press to seal



The Finished Project Front



The Finished Project Back

Voila!!!!