



THE HAMPTON —STRIPE—

Festive Stocking

Get a little Classy next Christmas with a Hampton Stripe Stocking and Ruched Flowers.

Requirements

Stocking 24" / 60cm The Hampton Stripe 0011 1
Flowers Fat 1/4 The Hampton Stripe

Collar Fat 1/4 or 12" / 30cm Maywood Studio Shadowr

Collar Fat ¼ or 12" / 30cm Maywood Studio Shadowplay R

Thin adhesive batting eg. Pellon 640 20" / 50cm

- 1. Join diagram sections together to make a stocking template.
- 2. Using the template and your the Hampton Stripe fabric folded in half, selvages together; trace two pairs of stockings with the stripe running straight down the leg. **Figure A.** Also cut a 10" x 2" strip on the bias for the hanging loop.
- 3. Cut one contrast cuff 10 $\frac{10}{2}$ " x 16 $\frac{10}{2}$ " from Shadowplay Fabric.
- 4. Fold the cuff in half right sides together and with short sides together stitch along the $10 \frac{1}{2}$ " side creating a loop, press the seam open.
- 5. Fold the cuff in half wrong sides together. Press the fold. Set aside.
- 6. Take two of your stocking pieces and apply iron on batting to both. Place right sides together and stitch the long continuous outer edge seam, leaving the top straight edge open. Clip the heel and toe curves, use pinking shears if you have them. Leave inside out.
- 7. Take the remaining two stocking pieces (lining pieces) and stitch as you did in step 6, this time leaving a 4" opening for turning through later, mid way down the front of the stocking lining. Turn right side out. **Figure B.**

Figure A

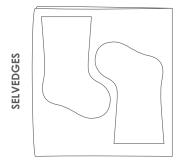


Figure B



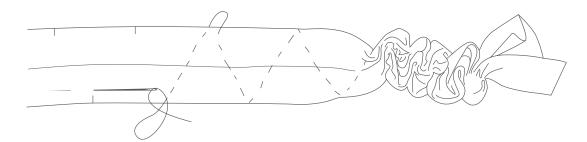
- 8. Take the 10 x 2" hanging loop strip, fold both long raw edge into the centre, wrong sides together and press well. Fold in half again so the strap is four thicknesses thick. Top stitch down each side.
- 9. Now take the outer stocking, position the cuff loop inside the stocking with all raw edges aligned and cuff seam aligned with back stocking seam. Pin.
- 10. Fold the hanging loop in half, position it with the raw edges even and aligned with the top of stocking and the back stocking seam. Pin.
- 11. Place the stocking lining inside the stocking and cuff, aligning all raw edges around the top and right sides together. The cuff and loop are sandwiched between the stocking and lining. Pin.
- 12. Stitch around the top edge.
- 13. Turn stocking through the opening in the lining. Stitch the opening in the lining closed and push the lining inside the stocking. Press stocking well.

Ruched Flower Embellishments

- 1. Cut two bias strips 2" x aprox. 20" from the Hampton Stripe fabric.
- 2. Fold and press the long sides of each one into the middle, wrong sides together, so the strips are now 1" wide. Along one side, mark lightly with a pencil at 1" intervals. Then along the other side, but place the marks in between the ones on the first side as shown.

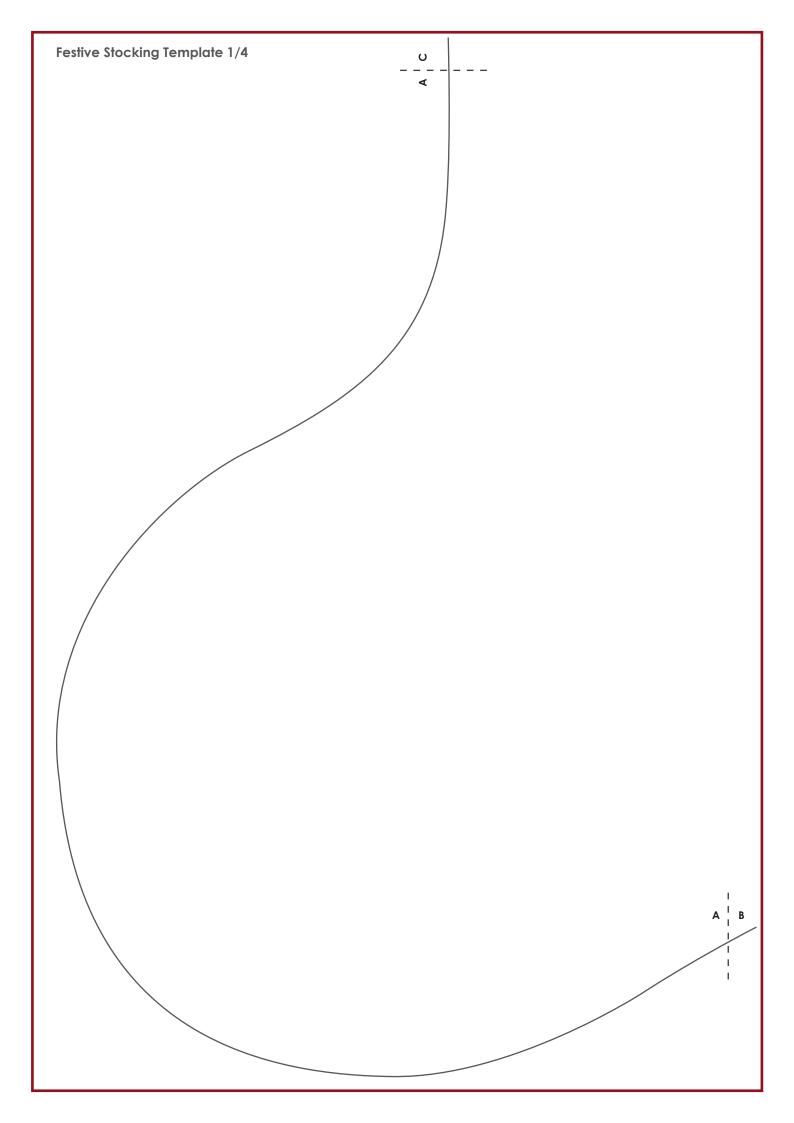
DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE, TO DEMONSTRATE HOW TO MARK ONLY.

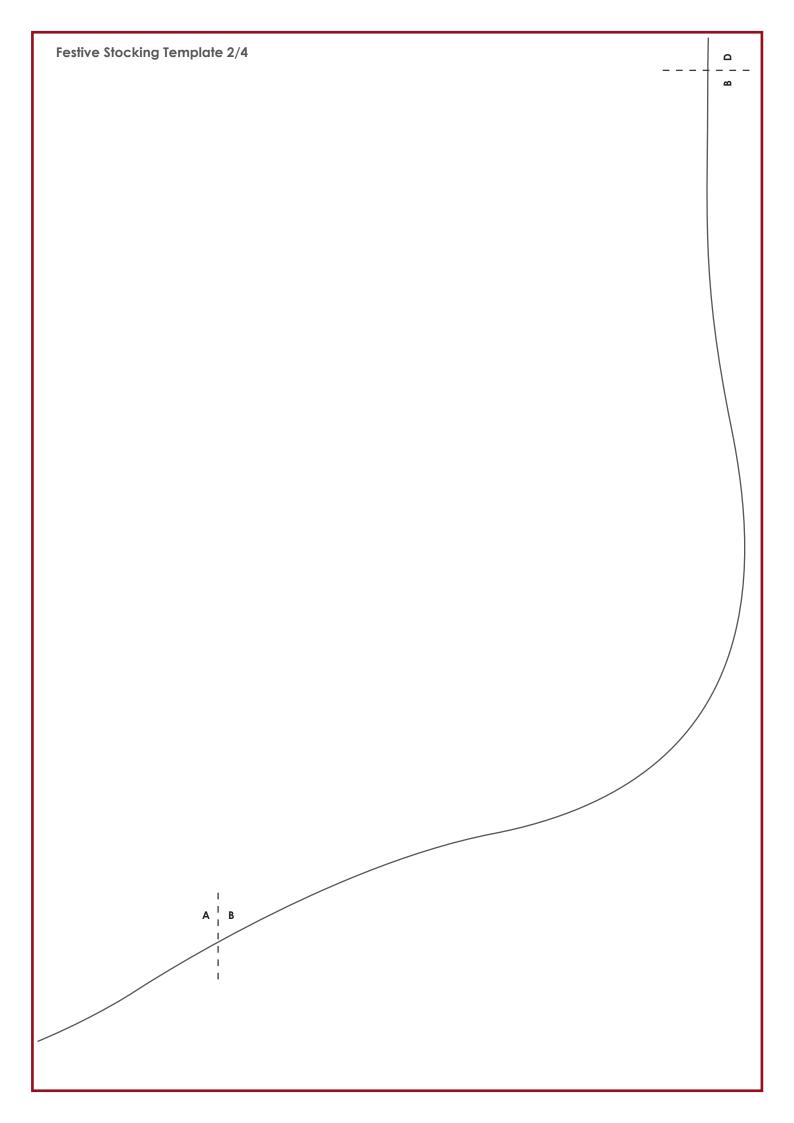
3. Using a knotted thread, gather in a zigzag fashion with a running stitch across the strip. Use stitches about 1/8" apart, too close together and you won't get a nice gather. Each time you get to the folded edge, take the thread up and over it, so that it pulls in the edge nicely.



- 4. Once you have gathered up the complete strip, tack onto a scrap piece of the same fabric, shaping in a spiral fashion as you go. Fold edges of the scrap fabric under the flower to conceal it and tack it in place. When stitching the flower in place, you will find it quite easy to hide your "tacking" stitches in the gathered folds of the flower. I also like to make sure that the raw edges of the strip don't "kick up" by securing them down, especially on the outer edge of the flower.
- 5. Stitch flowers onto your preferred side of the Stocking collar.

6. Stuff your Stocking with Goodies!





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