

All The Trimmings Stocking Pattern

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The stockings are hung by the chimney with care, because never have stockings shown such flair! A new holiday tradition has started, you see – making stockings so cute no one looks at the tree! From one single pattern, different sizes emerge. Make as many as you like, give in to the urge! These holiday stockings are simply the bomb – Season’s Greetings to all from DS Quilts.com!

This adorable, festive, and easy-to-sew pattern is designed by Denyse, but needs *your* creative input. Make an **All The Trimmings Stocking** for every family member. You decide the size, the color, the fabrics, and the trimming! Personalize each stocking by using fabric from your loved one’s favorite shirt, dress, or tie (better ask permission first, though).

Make extra to use as unique holiday gift wrappers for everyone on your list. Don’t forget pets, the mail-carrier, the Super, your mother-in-law, the snow shoveler, your children’s teachers, and the cop who let you slide on that ticket...

Oh, and by the way – Denyse suggests the stocking be designated a coal-free zone!



What You Need (for the large stocking):

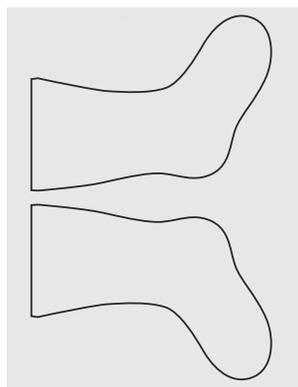
For the stocking front and back, you’ll need a piece of cotton fabric 21 inches x 27 inches. For both the stocking lining and batting, you’ll need pieces 23 inches x 29 inches. For the stocking trimmings, you’ll need three scraps about 9 inches x 3 inches. We used scraps of Denyse’s Greenfield Hill fabric collection. For the stocking hanger, you’ll need 8 inches of trim or rick rack.

Creating multiple stockings? First make a template of the stocking pattern out of lightweight cardboard or template plastic. It will hold up better to multiple tracings.

How to Sew the All The Trimmings Stocking: Prepare Fabric for Quilting

Cut a 21 inches x 27 inches rectangle of fabric for the stocking front/back. Cut a 23 inches x 29 inches rectangle of fabric for the stocking lining, and a 23 inches x 29 inches piece of batting. Sandwich the batting between the stocking front/back rectangle (right side up) and the lining rectangle (wrong side up). Baste the three layers together with large (1 – 2 inches long) hand-basting stitches, or use basting pins or straight pins around the perimeter to keep the layers from shifting as you stitch. Lightly trace the stocking pattern as shown in Figure A (flip the pattern over to create the stocking back) as a guide for machine-quilting.

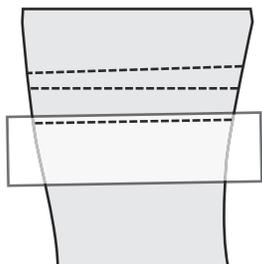
Figure A



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Figure B



Quilt the Stocking Material

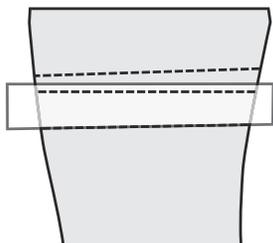
Since machine-quilting can distort unusual shapes, you'll quilt the front and back of the stocking as rectangles, and then cut out the stocking shape. With your machine set to about 10 stitches per inch, machine-quilt through all layers, in any pattern you prefer. You don't need to quilt the entire rectangle – focus on the area just outside and within the stocking shape. If you're new to machine-quilting, it's a good idea to practice first on some layered scrap fabric.

TIP: You can cut the fabric rectangle in half to separate the stocking front and back before quilting to make it easier to handle.

Cut the Fabric

Retrace the stocking pattern on the quilted fabric. The quilting may distort the fabric a bit, so it's important to accurately transfer the pattern to the material before cutting. Cut out the stocking front and back pieces. Transfer the trimming guidelines to the stocking front.

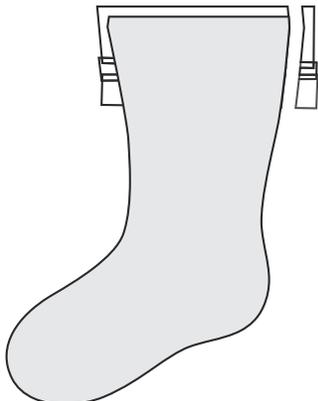
Figure C



Trim Your Stocking

Right sides together, arrange your first trimming piece on the stocking front so the top edge is 1/4 inch above the bottom guideline (Figure B). Stitch through all layers, along the guideline. Press the trimming piece up. Trim excess fabric so the edge of the trimming piece extends 1/4 inch above the next guideline (Figure C). Right sides together, arrange the second trimming piece so the top edge aligns with the edge of the first trimming piece, and stitch through all layers. Press up and again trim the excess fabric so the edge of the trimming piece extends 1/4 inch above the next guideline. Repeat for the last trimming piece. Flip the stocking front over and trim excess trimming fabric (Figure D). Stitch along the top of the stocking front, 1/4 inch from the edge.

Figure D



Sew the Stocking

With right sides together and the edges aligned, pin the stocking front and back pieces together. Using a 1/4-inch seam allowance, stitch along the perimeter of the stocking, leaving the top open. Turn the stocking right side out, and gently press.

Finishing Touches

Zig-zag, serge, or pink the raw edge of the stocking top. Turn the edge 1/2 inch to the inside and pin. Fold the trim or rick rack in half, and insert the raw ends under the folded hem, on the heel side of the stocking. Stitch around the top of the stocking, close to the pinked edge.

Now, you decide what goes inside!

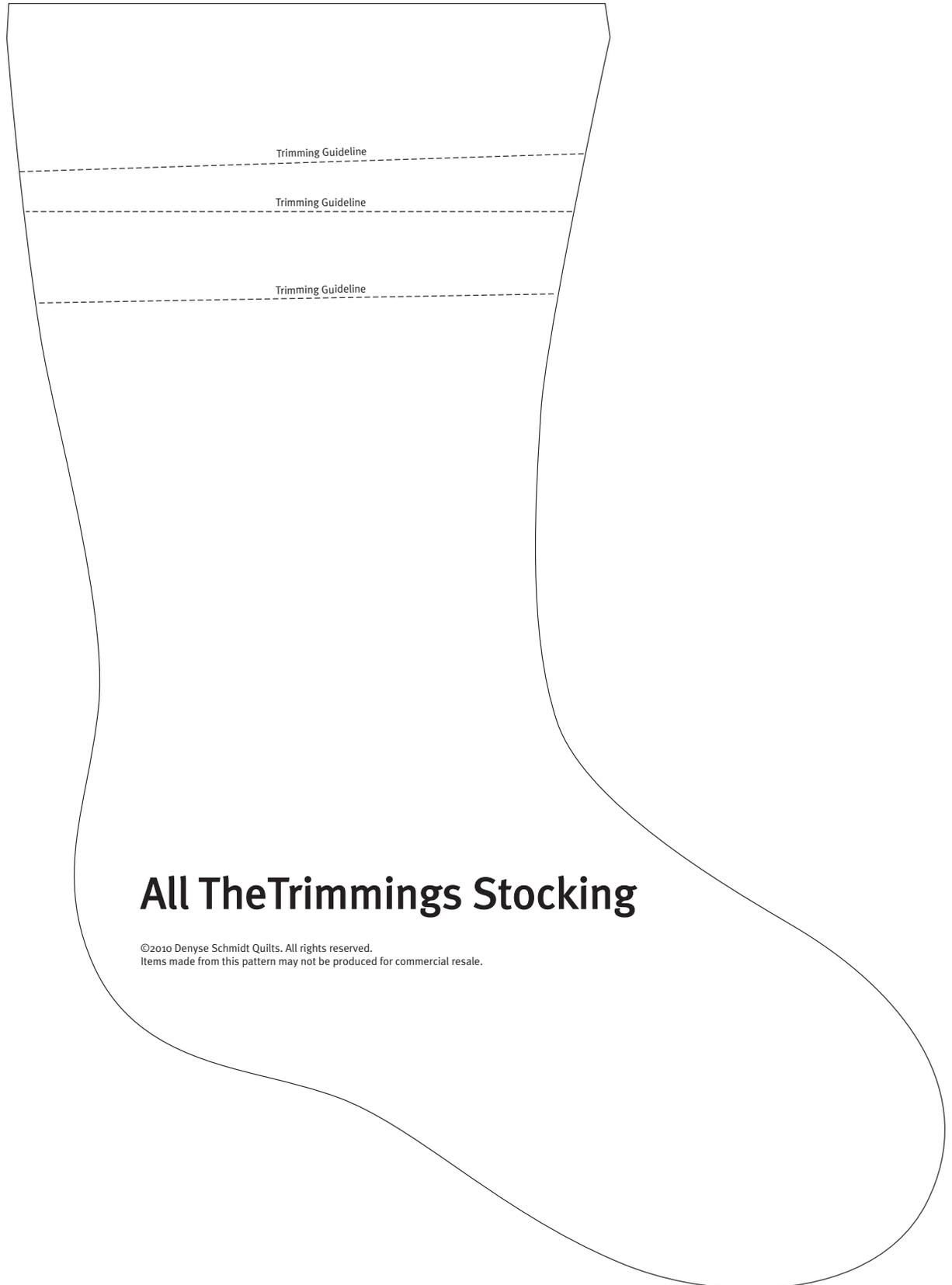
 Wrong side of fabric  Right side of fabric

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Enlarge 222% for large stocking as shown. Enlarge 156% for small stocking as shown.



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