

# Bavarian Christmas Stockings

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Bavarian twist-stitch patterns bring Christmas bells and trees to life in these holiday stockings. Worked circular, the socks begin with a cast-on above the toe and proceed upwards to the garter stitch cuff. Identical patterns are used on each side. The toe is worked by picking up stitches from the cast-on edge. There is an afterthought (peasant-style) heel. Running stitches embellish the motifs.



## SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 6½" wide x 16" long

## MATERIALS

- Kreinik Heavy Braid, polyester metallic, (10m per spool)  
Bells: 2 spools #001 Silver; 1 spool #008 Green  
Tannenbaum: 2 Spools #202HL Aztec Gold; 1 spool #003 Red
- Brown Sheep Lanaloft Bulky, 100% wool, (7oz/ 160 yds per hank):  
Bells: 1 hank #LL62 Choke Cherry  
Tannenbaum: 1 hank #LL72 Scottish Hillside
- Size 10 (6mm) 16" circular and double-pointed needles (dpn)
- Cable needle (cn)
- 1 yd smooth CC scrap yarn
- Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

26 st panel = 6½"

Gauge is not critical to this project.

## DESIGNER NOTES

- All knit stitches, except for toe and heel, are worked through the back loop (tbl).
- Stocking begins at the 'knuckles' of the toes and is worked upwards to the cuff.
- Toe is worked by picking up stitches in the cast-on edge.
- Heel is worked as for toe.

## **STOCKING**

With circular needle and color of choice, using Long-Tail method, cast on 52 sts.

Place marker in first st. Do not carry marker up while working stocking. Join without twisting.

Set up pattern

Rnd 1: [Place marker, work Rnd 1 of either Bells or Tannenbaum chart] twice.

Work even in established pattern until 24 rnds of chart have been completed.

Mark for heel

Next rnd: Work Rnd 1 of chart across 13 sts. Drop working yarn and knit next 26 sts with CC scrap yarn. Sl 26 sts just worked back to LH needle. Pick up working yarn and work in established pat to end of rnd.

Work even until 48 rnds have been completed above marked heel sts – 3 complete reps of chart.

[Knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd] 3 times.

Bind off knitwise.

## **TOE**

With dpn, begin at marked st of cast-on edge, [pick up and knit 1 st in each cast on st] 13 times on Ndl #1, 26 sts on Ndl #2, and 13 sts on Ndl #3 – 52 sts.

\*\*Join yarn in first st of Ndl #1.

Dec rnd: Ndl #1: knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; Ndl #2: ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; Ndl #3: ssk, knit to end of ndl.

Rnd 2: Knit even.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 20 sts remain.

Knit sts from Ndl #1 onto Ndl #3 – 10 sts on each of 2 ndls.

Cut yarn leaving an 18" end.

Sew toe tog using Kitchener St. \*\*

## **HEEL**

Remove CC scrap yarn and place 26 sts closest to toe on one ndl (this will be Ndl #2), and sts closest to top of sock on 2 ndls, having 13 sts on each ndl – 13 sts on Ndl #1; 26 sts on Ndl #2; 13 sts on Ndl #3.

Rep from \*\* to \*\* of toe.

## **EMBROIDERY**

Referring to close-up photos, embroider motifs and wavy lines in Running st with double strand of braid.

Bells in silver, wavy lines in green.

Tannenbaum: Gold for trees, wrapping thread around top of tree before final circle twice. Wavy lines in red.

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