

Hands Free Christmas Stockings

Here is a way to add linings to your Christmas stockings without having to construct 2 separate stockings. And... there is no hand sewing involved!

method 1: No Cuff, Bound upper edge: Construct the front and back of your stocking as desired. Trim the outer edges so that the front and the back are the same size. Now cut 2 lining pieces the same size. Layer your 4 pieces in this order: Lining pieces on table top with right sides together, stocking pieces on top of them with right sides together. Stitch around the outer edge, through all four layers, leaving the top of the stocking open. Trim seams, and clip curves. Reach between the 2 layers of the outer stocking and turn right side out. Use a point turner or a similar tool to smooth the curves. Add a standard binding and a hanging loop (if desired) to the top edge.

method 1a: If you would like to add a cuff to your stocking instead of binding the top edge, construct the stocking in the same way as method 1, up to the point of the binding. Instead of making a binding, construct your cuff as desired. Make sure the cuff is right side out as you want it to appear on the stocking with raw edges showing only at the top of the cuff. Insert the cuff into the inside of the stocking with the right side of the cuff against the lining. Pin securely around the top of the stocking and stitch the stocking to the cuff. Trim the seam. Turn the cuff to the outside of the stocking, hiding your seam. Steam press this seam so the cuff lies nicely against the stocking.

