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Stocking Finishing Instructions

These instructions are designed to assist you in completing the Shepherd's Bush Stockings. Please be aware that these are very basic instructions and will leave much of the detailed finishing work to your imagination. If you have trouble making sense out of the steps listed, feel free to disregard these instructions and use your own creative ideas in designing the backing and lining for the stocking. Have fun!!

You will need 3/4 yard fabric for backing and cording, and you'll need 1/2 yard fabric for lining. Additionally, you will need 1 yard of 1/2" cotton cording.

1. Using the dark line found in the book, baste an outline of the stocking on your stitching fabric. Trim the stocking 1" beyond this basting line--The basting line will be your stitching line. Zigzag or serge raw edges to prevent fraying.
2. Cut the backing fabric the same size as the trimmed fabric. Cut two lining pieces the same size. Cut two 3" strips 45" wide of the cording fabric. Cover the cotton cording and stitch closed.
3. Lay cording on the front of the stocking, raw edges out. Sew on the outside of the basting line to tack.
4. Put the backing fabric over the cording, right sides together. Stitch this directly on the basting--follow basting line exactly!! Stitch down the sides and not along the top. Pull out basting threads along all sides.
5. Sew lining together with the exception of 4-5" along the bottom. Turn on the bottom of the foot--you will turn it all through here. Do not stitch top.
6. On the outside of the stocking, put piping around the top edge. Cut cording so it overlaps and covers the raw edges.
7. Hand stitch the hanging loop so the fabric covers a 5" piece of cording. Fold back raw edges and hand stitch down to give a finished look to the cord. Tack into place on the stocking. The raw ends should stick up and the loop should go inside the stocking.
8. Turn the lining fabric so the right sides are out. Stuff the lining down inside the stocking so the right sides of the lining touch the right sides of the stocking. Stitch the lining to the top of the stocking. Sew all around the top (you will be sewing through the lining, the cording, the loop and the stitching fabric).
9. Pull the lining out of the stocking so you can turn the entire stocking through the bottom of the foot of the lining fabric. Whip stitch the hole closed. Stuff the lining back down into the stocking and tack down.

You Are Done!!