

# HOW TO MAKE UP 2487/1 Merry Christmas Mini Stocking Advent Panels

Make a mini stockings advent calendar that will hold treats and surprises year after year, as it becomes part of your family's Christmas traditions.



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These cute advent stockings come pre-printed on a panel so all you have to do is cut out and sew.

## You will need

- The Makower Stocking Advent panel - 2487/1
- 60cm of backing fabric - we used 1473/R
- Thread to match
- 2.30m of 1cm wide ribbon (8cm per stocking)
- Length of ribbon, tape or garden twine to hang the mini stockings from
- Point turner or fat knitting needle
- Optional: Pinking Shears

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MINI STOCKING ADVENT PANEL

1. Place the backing fabric behind the printed panel, WRONG side up (so wrong sides are together). Pin and cut out the stockings, following the dotted lines around each one (cutting the backing fabric at the same time).
2. Neaten the top edges – either trim a very scant amount away with pinking shears or overedge stitch/zigzag. Turn the edge over to the back along the printed line (and the same amount on the backing), press. Top stitch in place. Stitch stocking after stocking, without stopping, stitching on nothing between them for 2-3 stitches – this saves considerable time and thread. Then cut the stockings apart. Press the tops.
3. Match a back with a printed stocking, and with right sides together, and the printed stocking uppermost, stitch around the stocking following the printed outline you can see through the back of the fabric. Start about 1cm from the top edge, then reverse to the top before continuing down. This avoids the fabric being pulled into the feed dogs and having thread tails at the very top. At the toe and heel curves, stop with needle down, raise presser foot, pivot fabric a little and continue – do this every 2-3 stitches to get a lovely smooth curve.
4. Trim seam allowance to a generous 3mm (1/8”) and then clip into the seam allowance diagonally, close to but not through the stitching all the way round the curved areas. This helps the fabric turn through properly for a smooth curve. Press the stockings and then turn through. Push out the heels and toes with a point turner or fat knitting needle. Press again.
5. Cut the ribbon into lengths of 9cm (3 ½”). Fold each into a loop. Stitch the loop to the back of the stocking at the top heel edge.
6. Hang the stockings on tape or garden twine in your chosen order. Mini pegs or stitching can be used to hold them in place. TIP: Other ways to display the stockings include hanging them on a tree or stitch or button them on to a piece of fabric.

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