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# CHRISTMAS STOCKING

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A traditional knit Christmas stocking, customized with the name and year of birth if desired. The top of the stocking is worked flat, then is joined to knit in the round at the heel.

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## MATERIALS

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### YARN

Patons Canadiana worsted weight yarn (or any worsted weight yarn you like) in red, green and white. 1 ball of each colour

### NEEDLES

4.5 mm (US 7) in both straight/circular AND dpn

### NOTIONS

Yarn needle, jingle bell for the toe  
Graph paper to chart name and year if desired

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## DIRECTIONS

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Using either straight or circular needle, cast on 64 st using red yarn.  
Knit 2.5cm (1 in) in K2, P2 ribbing and break yarn.

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### NAME AND BIRTH YEAR

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Change to white yarn and knit 4 rows in St st. With graph paper, design name with letters 10 st (rows) tall and wide enough (5 st) for good appearance and using a dash and then the year (i.e. ---- 17) to suit the 64 stitches. Leave 1 or 2 stitches between each letter depending on the length of the name. Work the name using green yarn in Fair Isle, being careful not to pull the yarn too tight. Knit 3 more rows in St st in white after the name is finished. On the 4<sup>th</sup> row, decrease 1 st at each end. 62 st.

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### SANTA CLAUS

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Change to green yarn and knit 4 rows in St st. On the next row, K15 in green, then K1 in white, K31 in green, K1 in white and finish the row in green. Continue in graph pattern for Santa Claus. Knit 3 rows in St st in green. On the 4<sup>th</sup> row, decrease 1 st at each end. 60st.

Change to dpn to work the remainder of the stocking.

Put 13 st on 1<sup>st</sup> needle, 17 st on next needle, 16 st on 3<sup>rd</sup> needle and the remaining 14 st on the last needle. Using white yarn, slip the first stitch of each row and knit heel (nothing fancy is needed here – just St st). Knit for 6.5 cm (2 ½ inches). End so that the next row is a purl row.

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### TO SHAPE THE HEEL

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Row 1: P16, P2tog, P1 Turn

Row 2: Sl 1, K6, SSK, K1 Turn

Row 3: Sl 1, P7, P2tog, P1 Turn

Row 4: Sl1, K8, SSK, K1, Turn

Row 5: Sl 1, P9, P2tog, P1 Turn

Row 6: Sl1, K10, SSK, K1, Turn

Row 7: Sl 1, P11, P2tog, P1 Turn

Row 8: Sl1, K12, SSK, K1, Turn

Row 9: Sl 1, P13, P2tog, P1 Turn

Row 10: K1, K14, SSK, K1 (Change to red yarn half way through this row)

Continue using red yarn and pick up 10 st along heel flap, K 17 st on 2<sup>nd</sup> needle, K16 st on 3<sup>rd</sup> needle and pick up 10 st on heel flap. Knit 17 stitches on heel flap and redistribute stitches from heel onto needles 1 and 4. 70 Stitches.

The beginning of the round is at the bottom of the foot.

Row 1: Knit to three stitches before the end of the first needle. K2together, K1. Knit stitches on needles 2 and 3. On needle 4, K1, SSK, Knit to end.

Row 2: Knit

Repeat these two rows until 54 stitches remain.

Work even in red yarn until red section measures 7cm (2 ¾ inches – approx 18 rows).

Break yarn and change to green yarn. Work a further 7cm (2 ¾ inches – approx 18 rows).

### TO SHAPE THE TOE

Break yarn and change to white yarn. Work decrease rounds as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Needle – Knit to last 3 st. K2tog, K1.

2<sup>nd</sup> Needle – K1, SSK, Knit to end.

3<sup>rd</sup> Needle – same as first

4<sup>th</sup> Needle – same as second.

Work decrease rounds 5 times and then work a decrease round and an even round. Continue until there are 8 stitches remaining.

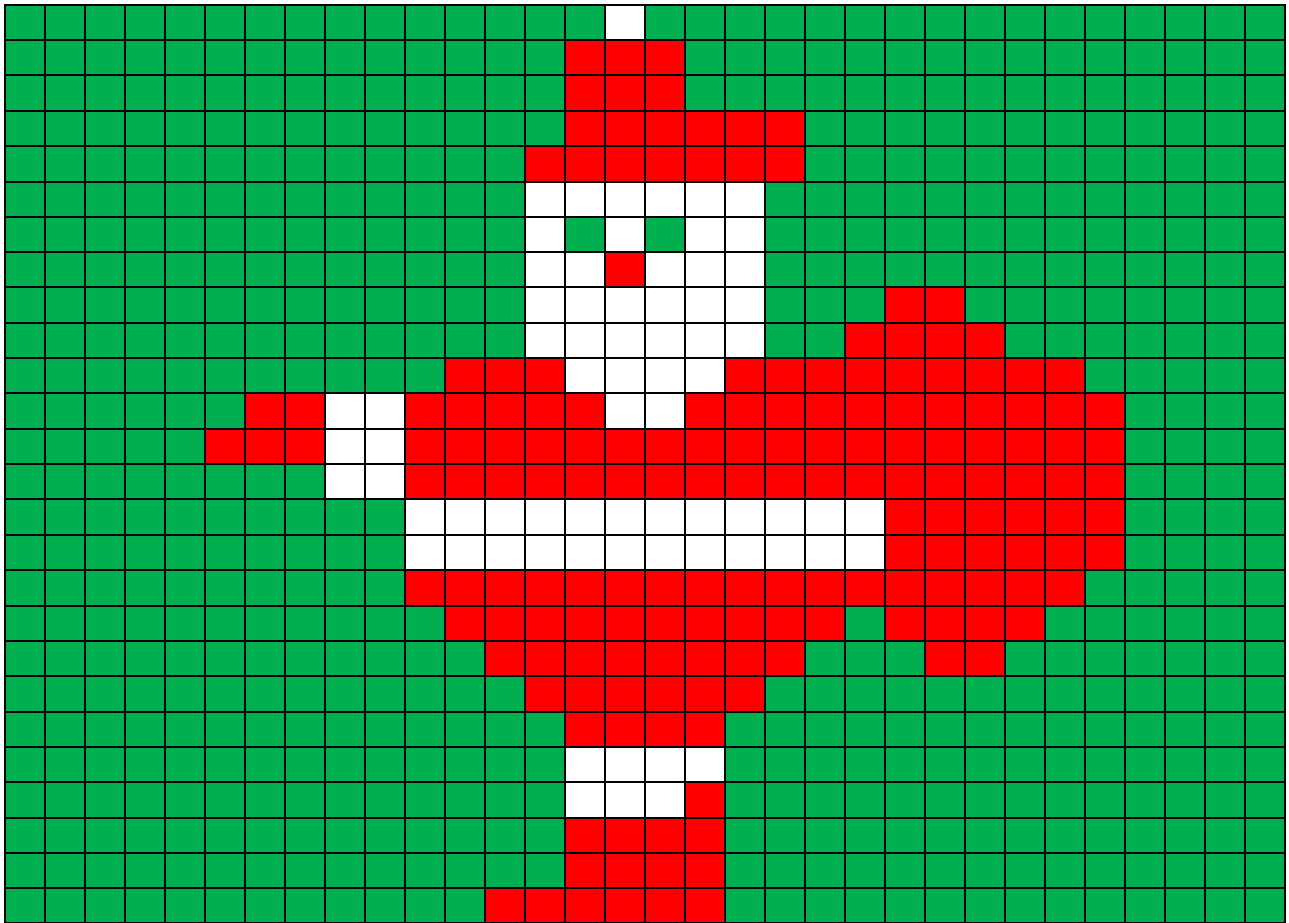
Graft remaining stitches and attach a bell to the toe.

Weave in all ends.

Merry Christmas.

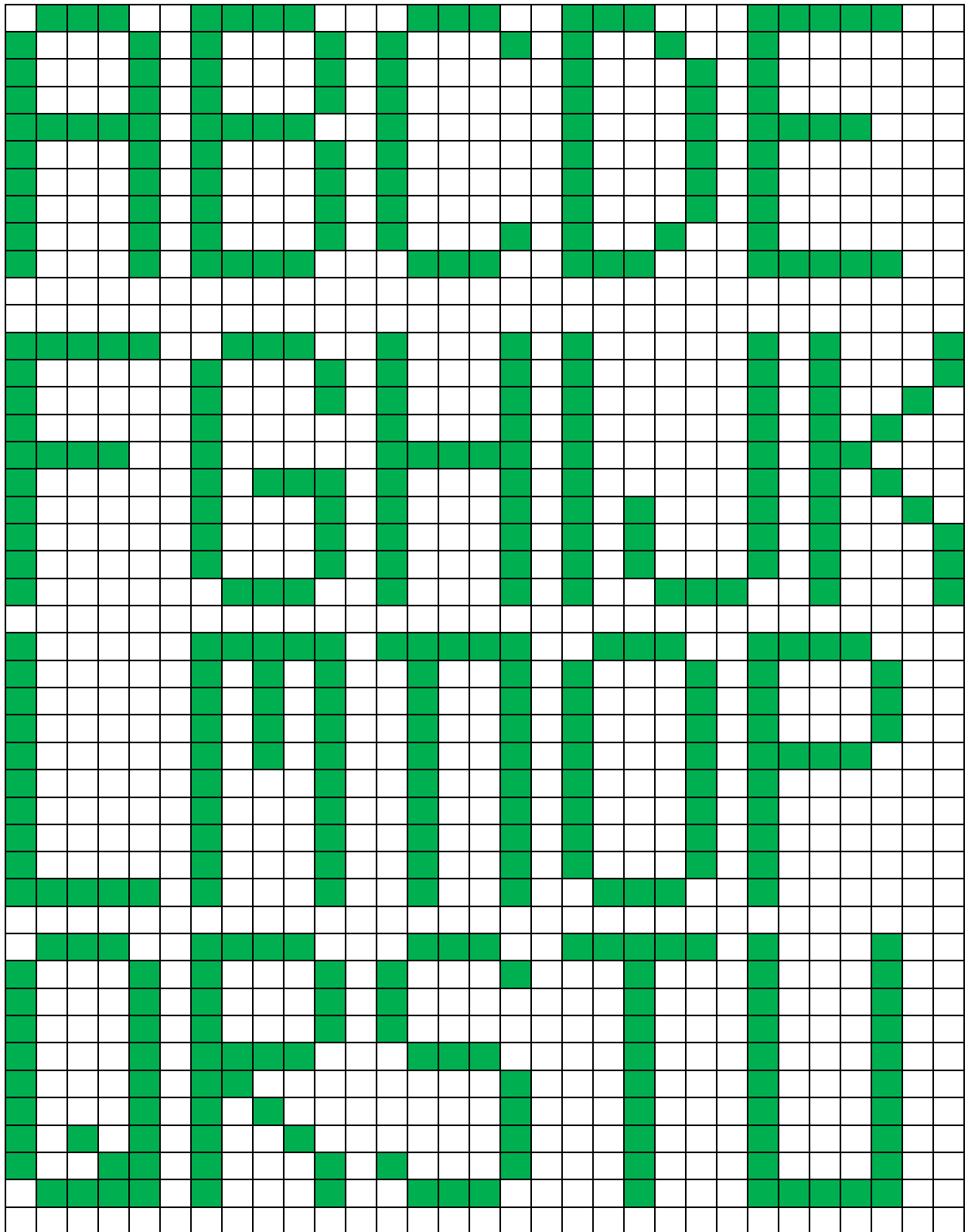
# SANTA CLAUS GRAPH

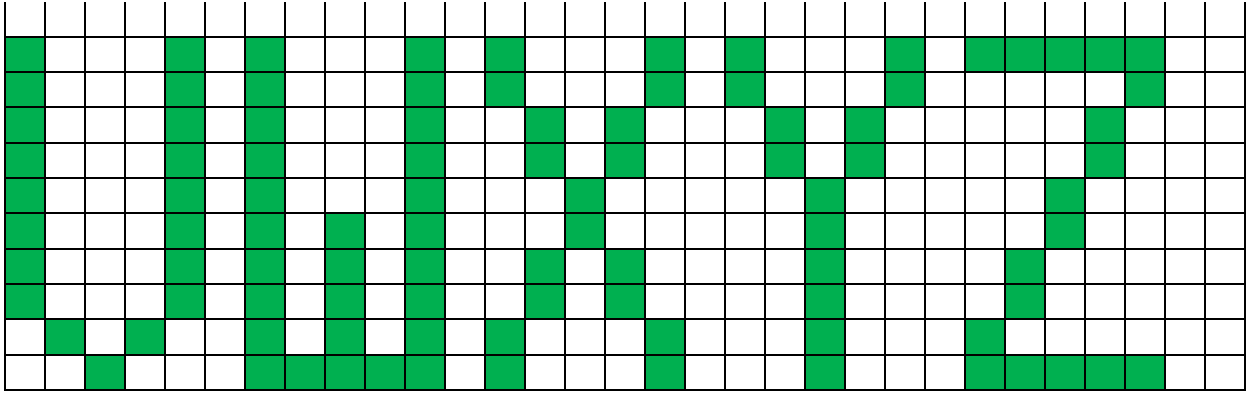
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# ALPHABET GRAPH

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NUMBER CHART

