

AUSTRIAN ALPINE TREASURE

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THE TRADITIONAL AUSTRIAN TRAVELING-STITCH MOTIFS ON THIS STOCKING FOR EXPERIENCED KNITTERS SUGGEST A WINTERY DAY IN THE ALPS, SAYS DESIGNER CANDACE EISNER STRICK. THE SIDE PATTERNS ARE NAMED JAGERSTEIG, AFTER A NARROW UPHILL PATH USED BY HUNTERS. THE MIDDLE MOTIFS SUGGEST SNOWFLAKES AND TREES, AND THE NARROW PATTERNS ON EITHER SIDE OF THOSE ARE CALLED ALMWEG, OR ALPINE PATH. "AFTER THE MAIN LEG OF THE STOCKING IS COMPLETED, THE PATTERNS 'TRICKLE DOWN' LIKE A MOUNTAIN STREAM INTO THE FOOT, AND GRADUALLY DISAPPEAR," STRICK SAYS.

Note See "How to Work Traveling Stitches and Read the Charts" on page 81.

LEG

Border: With circular needles, CO 120 sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts, and place m for beginning of rnd. Knit 3 rnds for the hem. Work one rnd of *yo, k2tog* across rnd for picot turning. Knit 3 more rnds. Begin 20 sts repeat of pattern, making 6 points.

Rnd 1: *(P1, k1tbl) 4x, CD, (k1tbl, p1) 4x, yo, k1, yo; rep from * 6 times to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: *(P1, k1tbl) 3x, p1, CD, (p1, k1tbl) 3x, p1, yo, k3, yo; rep from * 6 times to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: *(P1, k1tbl) 3x, CD, (k1tbl, p1) 3x, yo, k5, yo; rep from * 6 times to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: *(P1, k1tbl) 2x, p1, CD, (p1, k1tbl) 2x, p1, yo, k7, yo; rep from * 6 times to end of rnd.

Finished Size

About 9" (23 cm) across top of stocking; 18½" (47 cm) from top to heel; 14" (35.5 cm) from heel to toe.

Yarn

Very tightly spun sport weight yarn, approximately 690 yd (630 m). Substitutions are not recommended for this stocking; see yarn information on page 95 for specifications.

Needles

Size 4 (3.5 mm): 16" (40 cm) circular and double-pointed (dnp). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions

Marker (m); tapestry needle.

Gauge

20 sts and 28 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st. The traveling stitch patterns are somewhat stretchy, like ribbing, so gauge in patt st will not match the above gauge. Use the given gauge to help ascertain correct needle size for your knitting tension.