

# KEEPSAKE BABY STOCKING

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*THIS SENTIMENTAL CHRISTMAS STOCKING IS PERFECT FOR A BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS, AND MAKES A SWEET MEMENTO OF BABY'S FIRST YEAR. "THE TWISTED CORD, ATTACHED TO THE CUFF FOR HANGING THE STOCKING, IS A FAVORITE EMBELLISHMENT OF MINE," SAYS DESIGNER JENNIFER CARPENTER. "IT'S USEFUL ANYWHERE A DECORATIVE CORD IS NEEDED."*

## STITCHES

**Braid Pattern** (Nancy Bush, *Folk Socks*, Interweave Press):

*Rnd 1:* \* K1 with color A, k1 with color B; repeat from \* around.

*Rnd 2:* Bring both colors to the front of the work. Keep them in the same order as on previous round. \*P1A, p1B, always bringing the next color to be used OVER the top of the last color used. Repeat from \* around.

*Rnd 3:* \*P1A, p1B, always bringing the next color to be used UNDER last color used. Repeat from \* around.

## LEG

**Braided edging:** Make a slip knot with yarns A and B, CO 49 sts using

the continental CO (see Glossary, page 7), with yarn A over the thumb and yarn B over the index finger during the CO process. Remove the loop formed by the slip knot after all sts have been cast on—48 sts. Arrange the sts on dpns so that there are 12 sts on each of 4 needles, place m at beg of rnd. Work 3 rounds in Braid Pattern. Break off yarns A and B, join yarn C and work in k2, p2 ribbing for 4" (10 cm). Purl 1 rnd to create turning ridge. Turn work to WS, this side is now the RS of work. **Leg:** Rejoin yarn B, break off yarn C, and work 2 rnds St st. Join yarn D, and work 2 rnds St st. Cont stripe pattern as established, working 2 rnds with color B and 2 rnds with color D alternately for about 5½" (14 cm), working last two rnds in Color D.

## Finished Size

About 5" (13cm) across top of stocking; 10" (25.5) top to heel; 6½" (16.5) heel to toe.

## Yarn

Worsted weight chenille yarn, approximately 60 yd [55 m] each sky blue (color B) and teal (color D); worsted weight bouclé yarn, 100 yd [92 m] natural white (color C). Metallic yarn, 20 yd [19 m] gold (color A).

## Needles

Size 7 (4.5mm): double pointed needles (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

## Notions

Wallet-size baby photo, clear acetate cut to same size as baby photo, ½" [1.4 cm] wide sheer blue ribbon, 2 large sequins, 2 small beads, 4 bells, ½" [1.4 cm] wide metallic ribbon, light blue sewing thread, sewing and tapestry needles.

## Gauge

18 sts and 28 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st.