

needle #2. You should now have 6 upper sts on one needle and 6 sole sts on one needle. Graft toe sts together using Kitchener stitch (see Glossary, page 9). Weave in all loose ends.

FINISHING

Fold cuff to RS along turning ridge. **Attach photo:** Cut a piece of clear acetate the same size as the photo you have chosen for decorating your stocking, approximately 2½" × 3" (6.5 × 7.5 cm). Place acetate over photo, and using a hole punch place holes in each corner. Thread sheer ribbon through a tapestry needle, and beginning with bottom right corner and moving counter-clockwise, sew photo onto stocking, tying ends of ribbon together on WS of stocking. Decorate the bottom corners with beads, bells, and sequins as shown. Using a 10" (25.5 cm) length of sheer and metallic ribbon held together, make a bow for top of photo. Trim ends, and sew bow to stocking with sewing thread, hiding the holes where photo is attached. If desired,

use a fabric pen to write baby's name and date of birth on the ends of ribbon. **Twisted cord:** Cut 45" (144.5 cm) lengths of yarns A and B. Hold together, and tie one end to a door knob or chair rail, and attach the other end with a slip knot to a dpn. Holding the dpn in your hand so the yarns are not slack, twist them clockwise until they begin to kink. Fold the yarns in half, allowing the kink to travel all the way up so that they are evenly twisted. Tie a knot to secure them, weave in ends, and sew to cuff of stocking with a bead or button and sewing thread. **Note:** See page 96 for information on ordering a notions kit for this stocking.

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