

Quick and easy Advent Calendar



Advent calendar with socks where you can put one small gift for each day before Christmas.

In Norway we usually have 24 small gifts to open, starting on December 1st, but you can make as many socks as will fit with your own tradition.

The small sock shapes are zig-zagged onto a base fabric. Heavy canvas or twill as the base will hold the shape without quilting, or if you use a more lightweight fabric, then layer and quilt for more stability.

The socks can be made with red fabrics, or you can use violets which is the liturgical colour for the Advent season.



You will need:

24 red or violet fabric scraps approx 5" x 5" each. If you cut all the sock shapes from one single fabric, you will need approx ½ yd at least 40" wide.

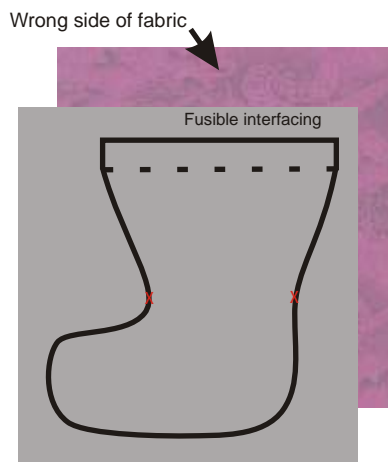
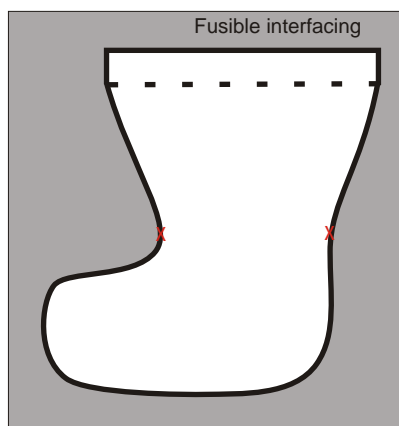
½ yd 40" wide iron on interfacing

Base fabric 24" x 32" or 30" x 30" depending on how you want to arrange the socks.

Batting and backing of approx same size if base fabric is lightweight.

8" red or violet fabric (40" wide) for the binding

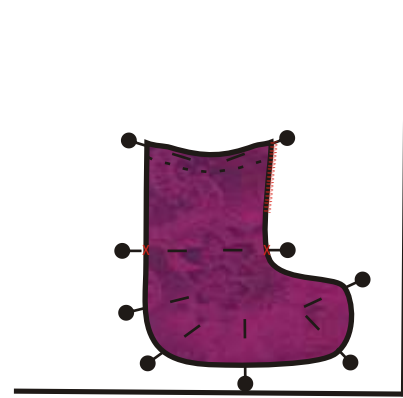
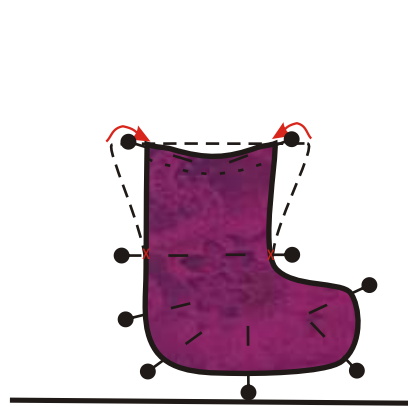
8" x width of base, for hanging sleeve



Draw the sock shape on fusible interfacing, draw on the non-glue side. (See next page for template). Mark the red crosses.

Iron on to the back of the fabric and cut out the sock shape.

<http://kameleonquilt.com>



Fold the top edge over to the back and sew the hem.

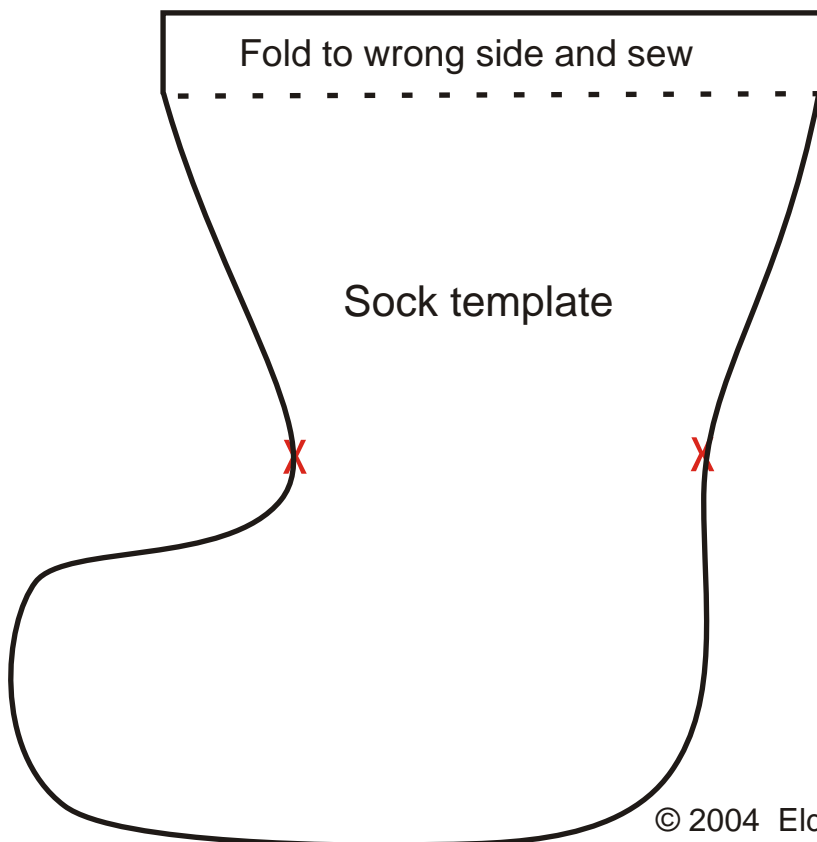
Place sock on base fabric, pin around the bottom shape between the red crosses. Move the right and left top corners towards the middle so the sock edges form a straight line upwards, and the sock will fold outwards from the base fabric. This is to make more room for the small gifts.

Sew the sock to the base fabric using a zig-zag stitch to cover the raw edges.

If you wish, you can embroider the numbers on the socks before you attach them to the base. You can also write the numbers on the socks using a permanent pen, or the numbers can be written on the small parcels instead of the socks.

If you have a sturdy base fabric, it can be bound directly. If the socks are sewn to a thinner fabric, layer the top, batting and backing, pin or baste, quilt around each sock shape.

Cut 3 or 4 2" strips for the binding, join end to end, fold lengthwise wrong sides together and iron, sew



Measure the width of the calendar, cut a piece of fabric 8" wide and the length equal to the width of the calendar, hem the short edges, fold lengthwise and sew to form a tube. Attach the tube to the top back of the calendar, the top seam can be sewn by machine, but the bottom seam must be done by hand so as not to sew across the socks. Push a rod through the sleeve and hang the calendar.