FREE PATTERN



Gum Leaf Stocking

A complete free crochet pattern from AlandTina

From Aussie Christmas Stockings Vol 1

One of 6 Aussie Christmas stocking crochet patterns

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Before you start

All six stockings are worked in the round from a 48-stitch count, with the heel and shaping fully written out — if your stitch count at the end of a round matches the number in brackets, you are exactly right. Patterns use US crochet terms; UK equivalents are in the table below. Yarn amounts are given per design in grams and metres (DK (8 ply) yarn, approx 210 m per 100 g ball).

Materials for the whole volume

For every stocking in this volume: DK (8 ply) yarn in the colours listed in each pattern (approx 210 m per 100 g ball), a 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook, a yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, and a small amount of waste yarn in a contrast colour for the afterthought heel in Pattern 2. Amounts per design are in each pattern's at-a-glance box, in grams and metres.

Abbreviations — US terms with UK equivalents

US	US term	UK equivalent
ch	chain	chain (same)
sl st	slip stitch	slip stitch (ss)
sc	single crochet	double crochet (dc)
hdc	half double crochet	half treble (htr)
dc	double crochet	treble (tr)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together (decrease)	dc2tog
hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 together	htr2tog
dc2tog	double crochet 2 together	tr2tog
inc	increase — 2 sts in one st	increase (same)
MR	magic ring	magic ring (same)

BLO	back loop only	back loop only (same)
FLO	front loop only	front loop only (same)
fpdc	front post double crochet	front post treble (FPtr)
bpdc	back post double crochet	back post treble (BPtr)
st(s)	stitch(es)	stitch(es) (same)
rnd / rep	round / repeat	round / repeat (same)



Pattern 6

Gum Leaf Moss Stocking

Two-green moss stitch, gum leaves and a bottlebrush

Type	Christmas stocking — cuff-down, moss (linen) stitch
Size	Leg 20 cm (8 in) from cuff to heel; foot 25 cm (10 in); circumference 30 cm (12 in)
Hook	4.0 mm (US G-6)
Gauge	20 sts (moss patt) × 22 rnds = 10 cm (4 in)
You will make	Moss-stitch leg and foot in one piece, heel, toe, 6 gum leaves, bottlebrush, hanging loop
Yarn	Eucalyptus green DK 50 g (105 m); Sage green DK 35 g (74 m); Christmas red DK 5 g (10 m). Total 90 g (189 m)
Level	Confident beginner — one repeating 2-stitch pattern

The quiet, botanical one of the set: moss stitch in two bush greens makes a woven, almost knitted fabric, and the decorations are the bush itself — a trail of gum leaves and one fat red bottlebrush, the flower that shouts Christmas in an Australian summer.

CUFF — BACK-LOOP RIB (eucalyptus green)

Rnd 1: ch 48, join with sl st to first ch; ch 1, sc in each ch around, join **(48 sts)**

Rnds 2–5: sc in the back loop only of each st around, join **(48 sts)**

LEG — TWO-TONE MOSS STITCH

Moss stitch note: every round is *sc in next st (or ch-1 sp), ch 1, sk 1*; on following rounds work the sc INTO the ch-1 space of the round below. Count = 24 sc + 24 ch-1 sps per round **(48 sts)**

Rnd 1: with eucalyptus green, *sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st* rep 24 times, join **(48 sts)**

Rnd 2: with sage green, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st* rep 24 times, join **(48 sts)**

Rnds 3–14: rep Rnds 1–2 six more times, alternating colours every round **(48 sts)**

Rnd 15: with eucalyptus green, sc in each st and each ch-1 sp around, join **(48 sts)**

HEEL — SHORT ROW (sage green)

Set-up: with the leg inside out, join sage green yarn at the first back-needle st; the heel is worked over the back 24 sts only **(24 sts)**

Heel Row 1: ch 1, sc in first 23 sts, turn **(23 sts)**

Heel Row 2: ch 1, sc in first 22 sts, turn **(22 sts)**

Heel Row 3: ch 1, sc in first 21 sts, turn **(21 sts)**

Heel Row 4: ch 1, sc in first 20 sts, turn **(20 sts)**

Heel Row 5: ch 1, sc in first 19 sts, turn **(19 sts)**

Heel Row 6: ch 1, sc in first 18 sts, turn **(18 sts)**

Heel Row 7: ch 1, sc in first 17 sts, turn **(17 sts)**

Heel Row 8: ch 1, sc in first 16 sts, turn **(16 sts)**

Heel Row 9: ch 1, sc in first 15 sts, turn **(15 sts)**

Heel Row 10: ch 1, sc in first 14 sts, turn **(14 sts)**

Heel Row 11: ch 1, sc in first 13 sts, turn **(13 sts)**

Heel Row 12: ch 1, sc in first 12 sts, turn **(12 sts)**

Heel Row 13: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(13 sts)**

Heel Row 14: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(14 sts)**

Heel Row 15: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(15 sts)**

Heel Row 16: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(16 sts)**

Heel Row 17: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(17 sts)**

Heel Row 18: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(18 sts)**

Heel Row 19: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(19 sts)**

Heel Row 20: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(20 sts)**

Heel Row 21: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(21 sts)**

Heel Row 22: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(22 sts)**

Heel Row 23: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(23 sts)**

Heel Row 24: ch 1, sc in each st across and work 1 sc into the side of the next short row, turn **(24 sts)**

Heel complete — 24 heel sts restored; do not fasten off (24 sts)

FOOT

Rnds 1–9: with eucalyptus green, sc in each st around **(48 sts)**

TOE — WEDGE (eucalyptus green)

Rnd 1: *6 sc, sc2tog* rep 6 times **(42 sts)**

Rnd 2: sc in each st around **(42 sts)**

Rnd 3: *5 sc, sc2tog* rep 6 times **(36 sts)**

Rnd 4: sc in each st around **(36 sts)**

Rnd 5: *4 sc, sc2tog* rep 6 times **(30 sts)**

Rnd 6: sc in each st around **(30 sts)**

Rnd 7: *3 sc, sc2tog* rep 6 times **(24 sts)**

Rnd 8: *2 sc, sc2tog* rep 6 times **(18 sts)**

Rnd 9: *sc, sc2tog* rep 6 times **(12 sts)**

Rnd 10: *sc2tog* rep 6 times **(6 sts)**

Fasten off leaving a 25 cm tail; thread the tail through the front loops of the last 6 sts, pull tight to close and weave in (6 sts)

GUM LEAVES — make 5 (sage green)

Ch 10. Working from the 2nd ch from the hook: sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in the last ch (the tip) **(10 sts)**

Working down the other side of the chain: sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in the first ch **(17 sts)**

Fasten off, leaving a 25 cm tail for sewing; pinch the base to shape the leaf (17 sts)

GUM LEAF — make 1 (eucalyptus green)

Ch 10. Working from the 2nd ch from the hook: sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in the last ch (the tip) **(10 sts)**

Working down the other side of the chain: sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in the first ch **(17 sts)**

Fasten off, leaving a 25 cm tail for sewing; pinch the base to shape the leaf (17 sts)

BOTTLEBRUSH — make 1 (bright red)

Core Row 1: ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn **(4 sts)**

Core Rows 2–6: ch 1, sc in each st across, turn **(4 sts)**

Fringe: join Christmas red at one short end; working around the core, *ch 5, sl st in next st* in every st of both long sides (12 loops) **(12 loops)**

Fasten off, leaving a 25 cm tail; fluff the loops out with your fingers (12 loops)

Assembly & finishing

1. Weave in ends and block flat — moss stitch squares up beautifully under pins.
2. Arrange the six leaves in a loose trail down the front of the leg, alternating greens, and whipstitch each in place.
3. Sew the bottlebrush at the top of the trail, just under the cuff, angled like it's growing off a branch.
4. Hanging loop: with eucalyptus green, join yarn at the top inside edge of the cuff at the heel side; ch 14, sl st into the same stitch, fasten off and weave in the ends. The loop sits flat inside the cuff until the stocking is hung.
5. PICOT EDGE (optional flourish): join eucalyptus green at the top edge of the cuff; *sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook* rep 16 times around; fasten off.

Maker's tip

Make spare leaves — they double as gift tags and table scatter all December.

Finishing notes — for every stocking

Weaving in ends

Work every end in with a yarn needle in two directions so nothing creeps out in the wash or under the weight of presents. Stripe ends can be carried up the inside seam instead — each pattern says where.

Blocking

Pin each finished stocking flat to its finished measurements on a blocking board or folded towel and leave it to dry completely. Crochet stockings stretch under load; blocking sets the shape so all six hang at the same length on the mantel.

Hanging loops

Every pattern ends with a crocheted chain loop worked into the top inside edge at the heel side — strong, flat and invisible from the front. For a dressier finish, swap it for a 20 cm length of ribbon or twill tape sewn in a loop at the same spot.

Personalising

Names are easy: work the name in surface slip stitch across the cuff with a contrast colour, or embroider it in chain stitch. Practise on a swatch — cuffs are ribbed, so keep letters tall and simple.

Making it bigger or smaller

The stitch count (48) sets the width; the length is yours. Add or remove plain rounds on the leg for a longer or shorter leg, and on the foot before the toe for a longer or shorter foot — the heels and toes work the same at any length.

Care

Hand wash in lukewarm water, roll in a towel, dry flat away from direct sun. Store flat with a sprig of dried lavender in the toe — moths dislike it and next Christmas smells wonderful.

Happy crocheting!

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