

# Teddy Bear Stocking Instructions

Teddy bear stocking with couched white fur and name

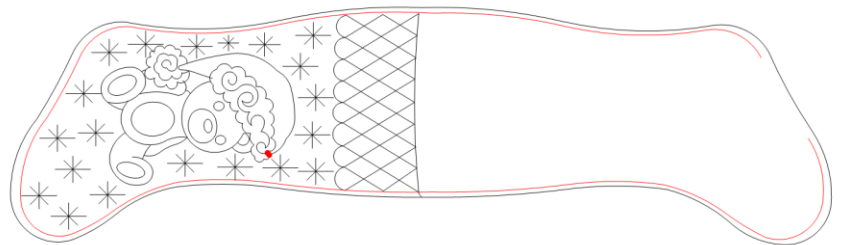
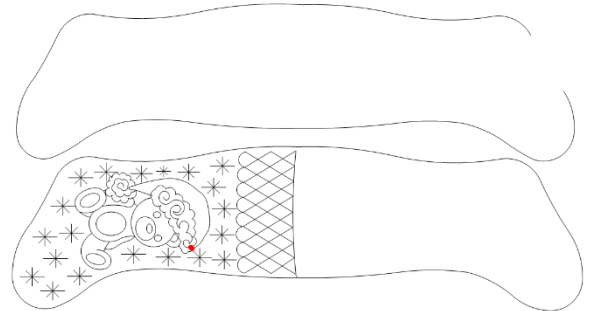
The stocking fabric will be the fabric that will become the front of the stocking. The pattern as drawn makes a fairly big stocking, so I generally use 58"- 60" wide fabric, flannel-backed cotton is great). Yarn: you need thicker yarn; You can't just use the \$2.99 yarn from Walmart. Remember we are just couching with a straight-stitch so we need thicker yarn in order for the needle to catch the thread.

Set the SPI for the project to 14. You can set your machine to stop at jump stitches or you can let it sew continuously, (If you have a Statler, it will automatically pause where it needs to so that you can add your yarn and couch the yarn for the hat brim and ball.) I also set my speed to a medium slow. When we couch on the yarn, we need slow speed and if it's going too fast you can get a ball of yarn before you can manually reduce the speed slow enough.

You will need to add teddy bear stocking 003 and teddy bear stocking 003a to your project. Teddy Bear Stocking 003a is the stitch line that will be used to put on the backing.

Place both patterns on the screen at the same time. If you want to adjust the size, make sure to select both patterns at the same time and then make your adjustments.

Move the outline so that it fits inside the outline of the main stocking. (The outline is shown in red)

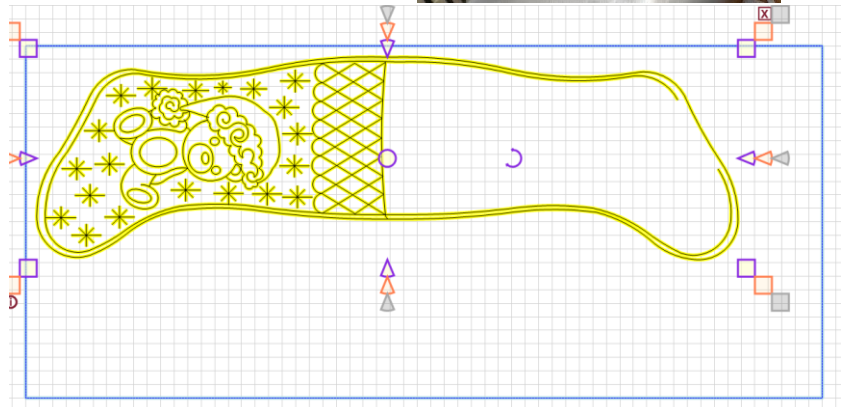


Load muslin, batting (use a fairly thin batting) and the stocking fabric (right side up) onto the longarm and baste the edges.

Did you know you can iron your satin fabric right on the longarm? Satin fabric always has such hard fold lines.

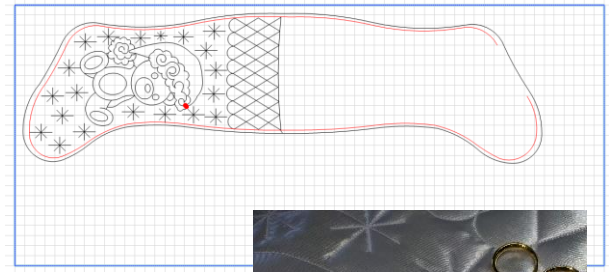


Draw a boundary showing your stitching area. Move your two patterns into the boundary.



We are going to stitch pattern 003 first. You need to mark pattern 003a as sewn.

Put thread in the machine to quilt the main body of the stocking and hit quilt.



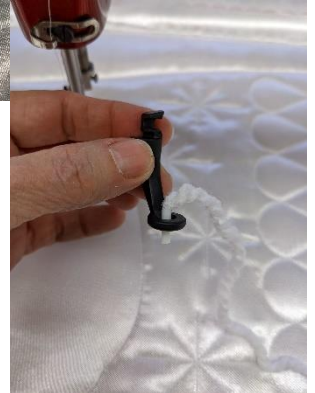
If you have not set your machine to stop at the jump stitches it will just keep traveling from element to element. The machine will pause when it gets to the fur part of the hat brim. If your machine doesn't support pause feature you will need to have your stop at jump stitches on and when you stitch the last snowflake, as pointed to in the picture, you will know here is where we will couch on our yarn. If your machine supports pause feature it will just pause.



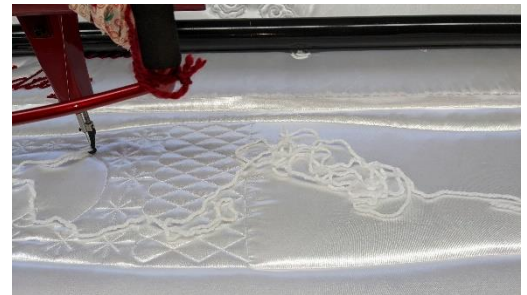
Now we are going to couch on our white yarn.

If you have the Gammill Approach Foot System, you will need the couching foot.

You want to have thread that matches the yarn. Thread the yarn through the hole in the foot from the top so that the short piece comes out from the bottom of the foot. On the Approach system, remove the foot and thread the yarn. Then put the foot back on once yarn has been threaded.



Click continue and the head will move to the starting position and take a stitch for pulling up the bobbin thread. Once you have the bobbin and top thread up, pull out a bunch of yarn so it's easily accessible and laying in front of the machine.



Hold onto the yarn and the thread and click OK. Let it do the tie off and drop the speed down to 2 (20%).



Hit pause. Clip the thread and cut off the tail.

Hold your loose yarn in your hand and click resume. I found that holding my yarn up at about handle height and at about 4 o'clock resulted in the best couching.



The machine will automatically tie off when the brim is done and pause before moving to the ball of the hat.

Move the head out of the way and clip the thread and yarn.

Hit continue and machine will move to the ball and take a bobbin stitch.

The machine will stop when it gets to the end of the ball.

The head is loose so you can pull the head away from the end and clip the threads and yarn.

Click continue.

Clip threads and yarn.

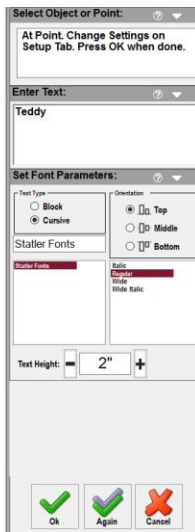
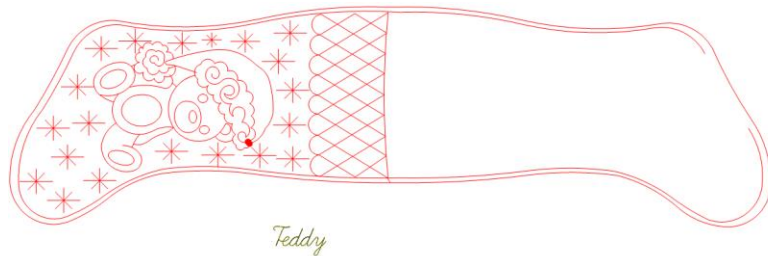
Next we will stitch the name onto the cuff of the stocking.

Using your text tool, click on a blank area of the CAD screen and then click Draw Text.

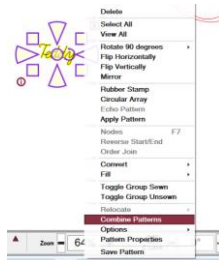
Type in the Name.

Select Statler Cursive text.

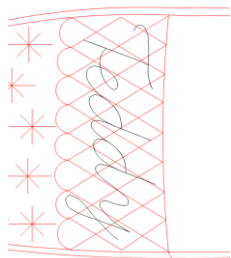
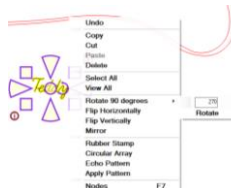
Click OK.



Select all the letters in the name and click combine patterns.



Rotate the text 270 degrees or -90 degrees.



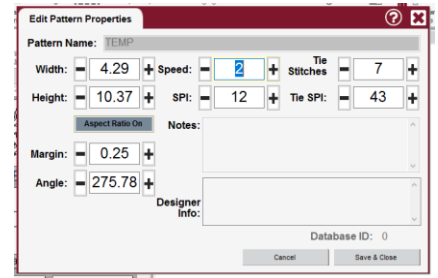
Move the text into the cuff and size it.

Make sure the main body of the stocking (003) and the outline (003a) are both in marked as sewn (red).

Now load up the yarn and thread that you want to use for the name.



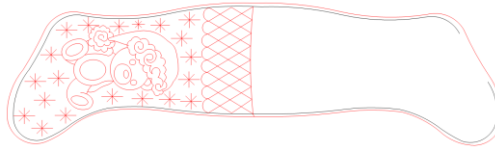
Go to the properties of the Name and change the speed to 2 (20%). Save and Close.



Click quilt. Let it tie off and stitch a few stitches then hit pause. Clip the threads and the yarn, then click resume. Hold your yarn up and let the machine couch on the name. When it is done, clip thread and yarn. Click continue. The main body of the stocking is now done. Now we will put on the backing fabric.



Select the inside outline and mark it as unsewn.



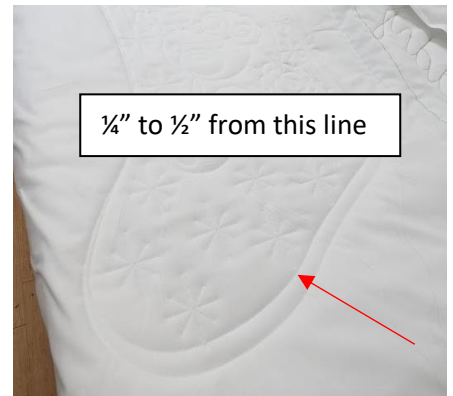
Lay your stocking back fabric over the quilted stocking, you will place it right side down. I put a few pins around the edges just to make sure it stays in place.



Click quilt and it will stitch the outline.

Remove the stocking from your machine. Lay your stocking on your work surface with the back (muslin side) up. You can see the outside edge from the side.

Cut out the stocking trying to stay about 1/4 to 1/2 an inch away from the inside outline.



At the turning hole I like to cut a wider margin. It makes it easier to tuck in and close the opening.



Clip the curves.

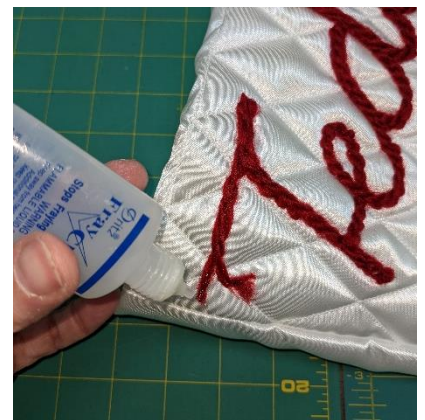


Stick your hand down into the stocking through the turning hole. Go to the other end and grab the toe of the stocking and pull and continue pulling until the entire stocking turns right side out.



Using your hand make sure you get all the edges pushed out.

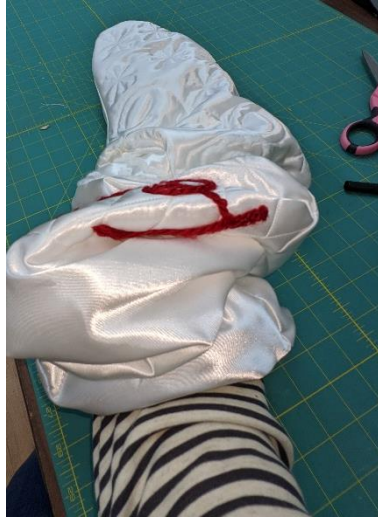
At this point I put some fray check onto all the yarn starts and end and made sure all the yarn edges are held together. You can trim off any stray threads when the fray check dries.



Now close the opening on your domestic machine.



Now you will grab end of the stocking you just closed and stuff it inside the quilted side.



Make a hanging loop from a 2" x 8" piece of stocking fabric and attach to the stocking.

