Jingle Bell Stockings

These colorful stockings are perfect for your tree or clever holiday giving. Use them to present gift cards, to put treats at each dinner place setting, or to create a banner by hanging them from a ribbon.

Stocking measures 7” (18 cm) long and 5” (12.5 cm) across from toe to heel

Special Stitch
sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Notes
1. Each stocking is made from 2 identical pieces sewn together with one right side facing and the other with the wrong side facing.
2. Each stocking requires 16 bell beads; 96 bell beads are needed to make one stocking in each color yarn.

STOCKING (make 2 of each color)
Working from toe, ch 5.
Row 1 (right side): Working in back loops only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, turn—4 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last sc, 2 sc in last st, turn—6 sc.
Row 3: Repeat Row 2—8 sc.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st, turn.
Row 5: Repeat Row 2—10 sc.
Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each st to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—22 sc.
Row 7: Working in back loops only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 12 ch, working in both loops, sc in next 10 sc, turn—23 sc.
Row 8: Ch 1, sc in first 14 st, hdc in next 4 st, dc in next 5 st, turn—14 sc, 4 hdc, and 5 dc.
Rows 9-15: Ch 1, sc in each st, turn—23 sc.
Row 16: Repeat Row 8.
Row 17: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 2 sc, turn—22 sc.
Row 18: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st, turn—21 sc.
Row 19: Ch 1, sc in first 14 st, hdc in next 3 st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, slip st in last st. Fasten off.

Assembly
Holding pieces of same color together with toes, heels, and tops matching, whipstitch around edges, leaving top open. Turn inside out.

Cuff
Note: Continue working in rounds.
With heel seam facing, insert hook in first sc to left of seam and pull up a loop.
Round 1: Working across ends of rows, ch 1, *sc in next 2 rows, 2 sc in next row, sc in next 7 rows, 2 sc in next row, sc in each of next 2 rows and seam; repeat from * once; join with slip st in first st, turn—32 sc.
Rounds 2-4: Ch 1, sc in each st; join with slip st in first st, turn.
Round 5: *Ch 1, remove hook; with steel hook, pull loop through bead hole; with standard hook, ch 1, skip next sc, slip st in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first ch—16 bell beads. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Turn over cuff.
To make loop hanger: With double strand and leaving 4” (10 cm) tails, ch 10. Fasten off, leaving 4” (10 cm) tails. Pull tails through back of cuff over seam and tie together.
Weave in all ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = spaces; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.