## Easiest Stocking Ever! By Kathi Lehman



Draw out the design of the size stocking you want to make for a template- or do it the lazy way like me! I bought a nice-sized stocking from Dollar General for \$1 because it had a cardboard shaper in it. Took the cardboard out and used it for a pattern!

- Use your template to cut out 2 pieces of fabric for the front and back of the stocking (main fabric and 2 pieces of fabric for the lining. You can use coordinating fabric to make it reversible, if you like.
- If you chose to use batting, cut out pieces of batting with the template too. (We used 1 pc) I used fusible batting and fused it to the wrong side of one piece of the main fabric before sewing.
- For the sample we made I cut 2 pieces of cuff fabric 9" by the width of the top of the stocking template. You might want to change these measurements if you're changing the size of the stocking.

Sew the right sides of one piece of lining and one piece of cuff at the top of each. Repeat for the second piece.

Making sure you have the corresponding pieces of front and back (toes pointing the same way when finished) - sew a piece of the main fabric to the other end of the cuff. Repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> pieces.



Pin the 2 sewn pieces, right sides together, matching seams at cuffs and matching toes.

If you want a loop, insert a loop of ribbon into the seam of the lining, about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the cuff seam. Extend the ribbon to the inside of the 2 pieces of lining fabric with raw edges extending outside the seam you are about to make.



Leaving several inches open in the lining to turn, stich one whole seam from the opening, around the entire lining, cuff and main fabric and back to the opening. Turn the stocking right-side out and press. You can blind stitch the opening to make the stocking reversible or top-stitch it closed.

Push the lining down inside of the stocking. You can either leave the cuff up or turn it under, whichever you prefer. Press again and YOU'RE DONE!!!