

The Christmas Stocking Planner

A Simple Plan for Hanging and Styling Your Stockings

1. Count Your Stockings and Spots

Count who needs a stocking first, then match the number to the space you have.

Where	What to measure	Your number
Mantel	Length and depth of the mantel top	
Stair banister	Length of railing you can use	
Wall or hooks	Free wall width and ceiling height	
Floor stand	Open floor corner, width and depth	
Stockings needed	People, pets and a spare or two	

- Leave about 8 to 10 inches between stockings.
- Pick one style and color story for the whole row.

2. How to Hang Stockings

Choose the hanger that matches your space.

Space	Try this	Check first
Mantel	Mantel stocking holders	Mantel depth and the weight of a filled stocking
Stair banister	Garland ties or twist ties	Railing width and a test knot
No mantel or fireplace	Freestanding stocking stand	Floor space and hook weight limit
Wall	Removable hooks	Wall surface and hook limit

- Test one hook with a filled stocking before you hang the rest.

3. Style Plan

Match the stocking to the mood of the room.

Style	Stocking	Add
Traditional	Red velvet with white cuff	Gold ornaments and ribbon
Farmhouse	Buffalo plaid or burlap	Greenery and wood tags

Cozy	Cable knit or faux fur	Warm lights and a garland
Vintage	Fair Isle knit	Bells and pinecones

4. Safety Checklist

- Keep stockings and candles at least a foot apart.
- Do not hang stockings over a lit fireplace.
- Check that each hook holds the weight of a filled stocking.
- Keep ties and cords out of reach of pets.
- Use battery lights and turn them off when you leave.

5. Stocking Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Stockings			
Holders or hooks			
Name tags			
Garland and lights			
Total			

- Start with the stockings and the hangers.
- Add name tags, garland and lights as the budget allows.