

## Re-imagine & Renovate Holiday Style: Elf Stockings

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Kick up your heels and curl your toes - these Christmas stockings are so eye-poppingly bright and fun, they're sure to put a smile on Santa's face when he lands at your house on Christmas Eve. We took the traditional Christmas colors of red, green and gold and turned them on their ear with stunning zebra prints from the *Super Fly* collection by Jennifer Paganelli, topped with lime stardust medallions from Tina Givens' *Star Flakes and Glitter* collection - both for FreeSpirit Fabrics. Add rick rack and poms and these stockings are perfect for the wild elves on your list. Our *Re-imagine & Renovate* projects are an on-going series here at S4H. It's a fun way to see how one project can turn out an unlimited number of ways, depending on the choices you make with fabrics, trims and notions.

Jennifer Pagnelli's *Super Fly* and Tina Givens' *Star Flakes and Glitter* were both June 2012 collections. We found quite a bit still available at Fabric.com: [Super Fly](#) at Fabric.com and [Star Flakes and Glitter](#) at Fabric.com.

As we always mention when it comes to finding fabric, if you see something you love, **get it while you can**. Because, like fashionable apparel, popular fabrics come and go; at some point, even the most amazing fabrics are no longer in stores or

online. You can check your favorite fabric source to find out if they have it in stock or can get it for you. Be sure to look at our [Marketplace](#) for our fave sources. You can also try Googling the fabric name along with the designer's name or the design house, for example: "Super Fly" and Free Spirit Fabrics. Small cuts from older collections can also sometimes be found from individual sellers on Etsy or eBay..

A big thanks to [FreeSpirit Fabrics](#) for sponsoring today's R&R project and providing the fabric. We used [Star Flakes and Glitter in Stardust Green](#) for the stocking crowns, and [Super Fly Lauralee in Green, Orange and Mustard](#) for the stocking bodies. The appliquéd letters are done with a simple white cotton, and white grosgrain ribbon and pom poms finish off the look.



The original tutorial for these stockings includes free pattern downloads for the body of the stocking, with its curlicue toe, as well as the pointed crown cuff.

## **To Re-imagine & Renovate your own Wild Elf Stockings, go to the original tutorial:**

[Citrus Holiday: Elf Stockings](#)

The addition of rick rack around the top of the cuff slightly changed the original order of construction as follows (*this is just a summary; see the full [original tutorial](#) for more detail*):

1. Cut the pieces.
2. Apply the appliquéd letter.
3. Sew the crown and crown facing, and turn right side out.

4. Baste the rick rack to the upper edge of the crown, centered on the seam line (1/2" from top).
5. Baste a 7" length of grosgrain ribbon to the upper edge of the crown, just to the left of the seam, for the hanging loop.
6. Sew the stocking with a 1/4" seam. Trim seam with pinking shears, or clip to the line of stitching (careful - don't clip through) every 1". Turn right side out and press.
7. Insert the crown into the stocking, matching seams. Pin in place. Stitch on the previous line of stitching. Turn the crown to the outside and press along the seam.
8. Add a pom pom at each crown point.
9. Stuff the toe of the stocking lightly with Poly-Fil® to maintain its curlicue shape.



## Hints and Tips

Looking for more information on blending, mixing and matching your fabrics? Check out these tutorials:

[How to Mix & Match Designer Fabric Collections](#)

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