

**TIP of the MONTH**  
From Emilie Richards

Take a few minutes to see what's needed to make the stockings really pop, then add those touches before you complete the stocking or block.

It's so much easier to embellish first. Try sewing rick-rack on our 3-D stocking without accidentally sewing it shut, and you'll understand.

See the **General Directions** document for instructions on finishing the stocking and attaching it to the background.

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# *A Season of Grace*

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Based on Emilie's book 'Sisters Choice'

Cut each stocking  
Background 7½" x 9½"

## Block 4 - Rick Rack Candy Cane

Since my last stocking pattern, the crazy patch, was a bit complex, I decided on something simpler but equally festive for this month.

Choose two contrasting fabrics and remember contrast is the key. Decide whether you prefer "uneven" or "even" stripes. As you can see, I did one of both, and if you're doing the Advent version, you can, too.

Cut fabric strips and alternate them to make a block large enough for our standard stocking pattern. I made 10" blocks (finished size) which gave me lots of room to twist and turn my pattern to get the diagonal slant I wanted.

For my "even" stripes I cut the strips 1 ½" wide so that when the block was finished they would be 1 inch".

For my uneven stripes I cut the darker fabric 1 ½" and the lighter 1".

Sew strips together. Then place the cut-out of your stocking over the block until you're pleased with the result. Mark and cut—don't forget a seam allowance if you're making the Advent quilt.

Now use your imagination and embellish.

I hadn't initially intended to use rick-rack, but my stockings were too plain, and I had the rick-rack on hand. I liked the idea of an additional "stripe" with my candy cane motif.

For a more Victorian look, try lace or ribbon.

Or embellish in a completely different way.

Finish according to our basic instructions. I told you this one was easy

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