

Crocheted Character Stockings

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It's hard to imagine that my sister could have topped these "Yip-Yip" stockings that she sent to all of us for Christmas (see more in my post for Dec 4).

But I think it's fair to say that she did just that with the surprises she had tucked inside of them.



In keeping with a long-standing family theme, most of the siblings got one of these hilarious crocheted piggies -- complete with a detachable Santa hat.

The open mouth makes him into a stocking, and you can easily slip some small gifts inside, which my sister did.

It's Santa Piggy, and he's an absolute delight.

But he's not all.

It was no surprise to the rest of the sibs that my prairie brother-in-law, whose fondness for lobster is well known and celebrated throughout the family, received the perfect animal stocking.

My sister has done a great job of turning the sea creature into a stocking, and as with the piggy, the gifts slip inside his open mouth. Too funny.



I might count the lobster as the tour-de-force of the collection . . . if it weren't for the stocking my own DH received.

This witty Sylvester is very cleverly designed -- his lower jaw opens to give access to the inner cavity, but it also fastens closed with a loop that slips over his button nose.

Hubby loves him -- and so do I.

Best of all, my sister also crocheted a teeny Tweety Bird to tuck inside! Ya gotta love that.



These character socks are large enough to accommodate more than a few of Santa's treasures. They'll be part of our Christmas celebrations for years to come.

I should mention that my sister is a freestyle crocheter, producing all of these delights by eye, without a pattern, so each one is an original. Pretty amazing, isn't it? She's a whiz -- not only at crochet but at any craft she chooses to try, and I'm thrilled to be on her gift list.