

# Last-Minute Looney Tunes Christmas Stockings

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When I picked up this cool scrub shirt with great vintage Looney Tunes Christmas images on it, it was with the intention of reclaiming the fabric to make gift bags. But my brother had a different idea: Christmas stockings!

Now, I really love making Christmas stockings, and I make at least one – and often more than one – every year (I made 7 in 2023, including these).

None of us actually *need* stockings, but the idea was too appealing to pass up, especially since I had three other Looney Tunes scrub shirts already on hand.

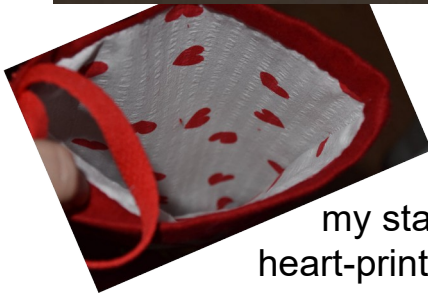


I liked the idea, but it took me a little while to figure out exactly how I wanted the stockings to look. In the end, I decided to go with a simple design that would show these gorgeous playful fabrics to advantage.

My first task was to digitize the names. Initially I'd intended to use Looney Tunes font, but the digitizing proved to be much more complicated and time-consuming than I'd anticipated. It was Christmas Eve, and the clock was ticking, so in the end I gave up on the LT font and selected this playful one for the only embroidered element on the stockings. I think it strikes just the right note.

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Once the digitizing was done, I got busy cutting and stitching this fairly straightforward design on four socks. Easy peasy, right? I began at 4am, imagining I could have the stockings completed by 10am. But although I didn't run into any major setbacks, the task took me until 6pm (!). ARGH! They turned out so gorgeous, though, that they were worth the effort.



A few details: I embroidered the names on plain white panels, which I find best for showing off the embroidery, and I trimmed the bottom of the panels with a lovely white braid from my stash. The stockings are fully lined with heart-printed fabric – cute! I just love these LT fabrics, and as an afterthought, I added the Looney Tunes tags from the four shirts as a detail to the front – a nifty effect that I quite like. I may well use that idea again.



While I was working all day on Christmas Eve, I began to question the wisdom of undertaking such a big project so late, but they really are beautiful, and everyone loved them, which is reward enough for me.