

Stockings with *Style*

Find joy in the little things in life... and their multiple uses. Three top interior designers created holiday stockings exclusively for *Capitol File*, and we're thrilled with the results. Take stock and make one for yourself. BY SHERRY MOELLER

The Great Transformation

Mary Douglas Drysdale says...

"The inspiration for the piece is motifs that are always of interest to me: the use of traditional techniques such as embroidery and appliqué in a modern context. I love the notion of multifunction. The stocking, which is a container for a gift from Santa Claus, takes on a new life as an evening bag, just big enough for the essentials. The form of the 'stocking' does not conform to the popular boot in shape, color, or impression. The bottom folds up into the cuff for nighttime use. The heart of this design is only accomplished by hand. The elegance of silver and shimmer make it possible to celebrate with this pouch all year long. I like to create useful beauty." *Drysdale Inc., 2026 R Street NW, 202-588-0700.*



The Most Traditional of Them All

Barry Dixon says...

"Classic, worldly, and superposh, this stocking echoes the DC vibe of timeless tradition tweaked with cross-cultural élan. The frosty Vervain Longevity embossed silk velvet is grounded with the more serious Clarence House Metropolis Galon Greque key banding (the key being a motif common to Washington architecture). Add the bling of gilt braid trim from Samuel & Sons and you're ready for Santa, baby!" *Barry Dixon Inc., 8394 Elway Lane, Warrenton, Virginia, 540-341-8501; barrydixon.com.*

Stand Up and Take Notice

Kristin Peake says...

"Chairs have always been an inspiration to me and immediately came to mind when I was thinking of a stocking design. I started with tone-on-tone fabric for a versatile theme, added nailhead trim for detailing, and created a slipcover—a simple approach to execute this idea. It then became an engineering project to make the slipcover functional. Because it's made with plumbing pipes, the chair collapses for shipping or storage. The end result is a stand-up stocking, perfect for a home without a mantel. The chair can fit under or near a tree and the slipcover can be monogrammed. The seat and the pouch along the back hold the gifts." *Kristin Peake Interiors LLC, 103-A West Edmonston Drive, Rockville, Maryland, 301-545-0441; kristinpeakeinteriors.com.*



