

Big Easy Slipper Pattern

This is an adult-sized slipper that is quick and easy to knit with two strands of yarn on big needles in stocking stitch with a reverse stocking stitch sole.

Materials:

Yarn can be a worsted weight, knitted with two strands, or else a chunky yarn, or any combination. Bright or dark colours are most practical. As with all knitting for hospitals, please use clean, new, washable yarn only.

One pair of slippers takes about two 50-g balls of knitting worsted (Sayelle) type yarn.

Needles: 9 mm (UK size 00)

Tips:

- for a firmer edge, slip the first stitch of each row knitwise (not shown in directions below, so count the slipped stitch as your first knit stitch.)
- using two strands of worsted yarn, you can cast on two slippers, using each end of two identical balls or one end each of two contrasting balls, and knit both slippers at once.

Two sizes are given, with the larger (adult man's) size in brackets.

Holding yarn double (unless you are using a single strand of thick chunky yarn), cast on 20 (24) sts, leaving about 8 inches as a tail for sewing the heel seam.

Row 1 (right side): k.5 (6), p.10 (12), k.5 (6)

Row 2 (wrong side): p.5 (6), k.10 (12), p.5 (6)

Repeat these two rows until 32 (36) rows have been worked.

Decrease row: k.2 tog. across row. Cut yarn, leaving an end about 12" long. Thread yarn through remaining sts on needle and pull tightly to close. Pull thread through all sts again. With right sides together, fold slipper in half and sew seam on top of foot closed four or five inches, or about 13 (15) ridges from toe end. Finish off.

Take the cast-on tail and sew heel seam down to last 1/2". Then thread needle in and out of the remaining 6 or so sts. and pull the hole tight. (This makes a rounder heel rather than having the seam come to a point.) Finish off and weave in all ends. Turn slipper right side out.

You can finish the opening edge by working a row of single crochet around, starting at the back seam, using a large hook and double strand of yarn.

Lastly, to keep the pair together, take a short length of any scrap yarn (about 6" or so) and use a needle to run the yarn between the side or heel of one slipper and the side or heel of its mate. Tie in a bow.