



These are warm and cozy and knit up very quickly. The soles are easy to make and directions for those are following the pattern.

**Size :** adult small , ( med and large)

**WPI :** spin a 2 ply yarn that measures about 10- 12 wraps per inch. Bulky weight- 750 yards per pound

**Material:** 6 ounces of main color and about 1 ounce of a complimentary color

**Needle Size** 1 set of double points size 5- 8  
1 darning needle  
safety pins to hold sock to the slipper bottom

### **Cuff**

Cast on 33 ( 37,41) stitches, ( or some multiple of 4 + 1 that will fit your ankle) Place the last cast on stitch to the left side of the needle and knit this last stitch with the 1st cast on stitch - K2 tog. with the tail of the cast on. This will leave you with 32 (36 ,40) stitches. Make sure that the stitches are not twisted.

### **Choose from following cuffs**

**A - For a ribbed cuff :** K2, P2 ribbing all around for about 3"-6".

### **B - For a braided cuff:**

K2 , P2, ( or K1, P1 ) for 3 or 4 rows.

Knit one row. Attach complimentary color ( CC)and begin braid as follows.....

\*K1 main color ( MC ) and K1,CC for one row.

\*Bring both yarns to the front of your work.

\*P1 -MC, P1- CC, bringing each color to purl OVER the last color.

\*Keeping both yarns in front of your work, P1 MC, P1 CC, bringing each color to purl UNDER the last color.

I know, all this sounds complicated.....but it isn't !

To keep yarns from twisting, I usually work with my yarn in balls. when I go under/over, I take the ball and go around the MC in the direction that will give me the proper change. Some people chose to work with butterflies, others leave the yarns to twist and dangle the sock top to untwist later.

### **C - Choose your favorite sock top:**

knit the sock including the heel, but DO NOT TURN the heel. After knitting your slippers cuff, continue to knit the body of the slipper in stockinette stitch or chose a knitting pattern which has a multiple of 4 to the pattern. I like my slippers to measure 6-7" from the cast on edge, but shorter slippers are just as nice.

**Heel :**

Due to the fact that you will not be turning these heels, the standard Heel Stitch is preferred.

Divide stitches in 1/2 and put the instep stitches on holding needles while you work the heel stitches. I prefer to take 1/2 of the stitches from the middle of the original cast on stitch, allowing this to be the "seam" of the slipper- if there are any design changes, they are in the back of the slipper.

Heel Stitches will be 16 ( 18, 20 )

Row #1 - \*slip the 1 stitch, Purl 1 stitch\* , repeat across

Row #2 - slip 1st stitch, knit across

Repeat these 2 rows for 9 ( 10 , 11 ) rows or until your heel is deep enough for you. end with a right side row.

Without turning the heel, you will pick up stitches on either side of the flap, like you would for socks.

Pick up 10 ( 11, 12 ) stitches on side of heel.

Knit across instep stitches.

Pick up 10 ( 11, 12 ) stitches on the other side of flap.

Cast off all 16 ( 18 , 20 ) heel stitches.

**Instep Decreases :****Decrease –**

**Row #1** - knit up to the last 3 stitches on the picked up needle, knit 2 together ,  
Knit 1 knit 1st instep stitch, slip the next stitch, Knit 1, pass slipped stitch over the knitted stitch,  
knit across to last 3 instep stitches, knit 2 together , K1 knit one stitch, slip the next stitch, Knit 1,  
pass slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.  
Knit rest of row.

**Row #2** - Turn and purl across all stitches.  
repeat these 2 rows , 2 times, You should have 4 less instep stitches than you  
started with. This will alleviate the "bulk around the ankle".

Repeat these 2 rows until all picked up stitches are used up.

**Foot Stitches**

Knit 1 row purl one row until you are within 2- 2/12" from the toe. This is another place to add design elements, or just knit away!

**Toe Decreases-**

**Row #1** - Knit 2 together, knit across to last 2 stitches, slip one stitch, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over

**Row #2** - Turn, Purl across all stitches

Repeat these 2 rows until you have 8 stitches left. Bind off all stitches and leave a tail of about 2 1/2 - to 3 feet. This tail will be used to sew the slipper to the bottoms.

**Sewing** - Fold the slipper in 1/2 and pin to the bottoms. This will prevent the slipper from moving while you sew. Sew to the soles by using an overhand stitch, thru the soles and into the knitted portion of the slipper, or you could use a blanket stitch for a more decorative edge. Some people

have even crocheted the tops of the slippers to the soles. The choice is yours. Know though, these are much more comfortable than the glass slippers! As Always..... ENJOY!

### **Making those soles.**

For those of you who have never made your own soles, they are very easy!

You can.....

#1 - buy a pair from Fiber Trends, and line them yourself with fleece. I have done this. Tanned fleece is available from Tandy, or other leather stores.

#2 - buy a piece of leather and a tanned fleece too from your favorite leather company.

Trace your foot on a paper and round while cutting to make your pattern.

Place pattern on the leather, and cut 1/4" to 1/2" larger.

Do the same with the fleece, but make this a tad bit smaller.

Cut a 1" - 1 1/2" strip of leather for the sole sides. Making the strip 1 " larger than the soles perimeter.

Sew the strip to the sole using a heavy sewing machine capable of this- or sew by hand, using sinew. I usually sew the strip together in a circle then sew to the bottoms, just do what is easiest.

Take tanner glue and glue the fleece to the inside of the slipper bottom- this is what makes these slippers so comfy. Fleece lined bottoms make for happy, warm feet! Take a grommet punch and make holes around the top of the strip for sewing the slipper top to the soles.



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