

"Operation Toasty Toes"

Knit Pattern

The following instructions are for women's and men's size slippers.

Materials needed: Knitting needles, 1 pair, Size 9 (5.5mm), 4-ply, acrylic Standard Knitting Worsted, 1 to 1 ½ skeins

Gauge: 4 sts = 1 inch 8 rows (4 ridges) = 1 inch

Slippers are worked with double strand throughout. With **double strand** of yarn, cast on 29 women's, 35 men's) sts.

Row 1: wrong side - K9 - 11, p1, k9-11), p 1, k9-11)

Row 2: K all sts. Repeat these 2 rows for 6-8 ins., or 2 1/4 - 2 ½ ins. less than desired finished length, allowing the 2 1/4 -2 ½ ins. for toe, end on wrong side.

TOE

Row 1 - P1, *k1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 2 - K1,* p1, k1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat these 2 rows of ribbing for 2-2 ins., end on wrong side.

First dec. row -- Work ribbing for 7-9 sts, *slip, k and pass, k 1, k 2 tog. *, work 5-7 sts ribbing, repeat between *'s once, finish row in ribbing; 25-31 sts.

Next row -- Work 7-9 sts ribbing, p 3, work 5-7 sts ribbing, p 3, finish row.

2nd dec. row -- Work 6-8 sts, *k2 tog, k 1, slip, k and pass*, work 3-5 sts, repeat between *'s once, finish row; 21-27sts. Break yarn leaving an end. Draw end through all sts twice; fasten off securely.

Finishing -- Fold cast on edge in half and sew edges tog for back heel, sew to the rib stitch and then gather those center stitches 9-9-11 and fasten securely. For toe gather in the sts securely and sew side edges of ribbing and foot tog. for 4-5 ins. from toes. Make sure the toe is gathered tightly.

For Cuff -- With **double strand** of yarn make 3 rows of single crochet around opening for cuff.

Crochet Pattern

Med 10" size I hook

Large 10.5" size J hook

Materials needed: 4-ply, Acrylic Standard Knitting Worsted weight

Slippers are worked with 2 strands throughout

SOLE: Make 2 - With double strand of yarn - Chain 8 loosely

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 1 turn

Row 2: Work 2 sc in first sc (inc made), sc in each sc across, ch1 turn

Row 3-5: inc in first sc, sc in each sc across, ch 1 turn. Repeat until you have 11 sc. Work even on 11 sc for 9 rows

Dec row: dec in next 2 st (pull up a loop in each of first 2 sc, YO and draw thru all 3 loops on hook (dec made) sc in each remaining sc across; ch 1 turn

Work even until entire sole measures 9.5 (10) inches

Repeat dec at beginning of next row, sc to last w sc, dec again, ch1 turn. Repeat once more. Finish off, weave in ends.

TOP: Make 2 - Chain 9 loosely

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 1 turn

Row 2: inc in first sc, sc across; ch1, turn. Repeat this row until you have 23 sc. Work 2 rows even.

SIDES: sc in first sc and in each of the next 8 sc; ch 1 turn. Work even until 14 (16) rows have been worked. *Or until length is sufficient to reach the center back of the sole.* Finish off, weave in ends.

Join yarn with sl st in 7 sc from the side you just worked. sc in remaining sc to end; ch 1 turn. Work in the 8 sc across, ch 1 turn. Work in same manner you worked other side; finish off. Weave in ends.

FINISHING: Sew back seams of sides. Center top of slipper and sole right sides together. Sew top and sole together. Try and make your stitches close together, so there will be no large gaps/holes after you turn your slipper right side out. sc 1 row around ankle opening.

Don't forget to put your Operations Toasty Toes tag with your address on the back of each pair of completed slippers. I suggest you loosely tie the tag on the slipper with a piece of yarn and tuck the tag inside the slipper.

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