

Lopi Slippers

Materials

8mm needles / 2 discs Lopi Roving if you want a variegated colour or 1 disc Lopi Roving if you want a solid colour.

You will be knitting 2 strands together so, wind yourself a 2nd ball if you are using only 1 colour or carry the two different colours together for a variegated slipper.

Sizes

The slippers are very pliable when they come out of the washing machine and can be stretched quite a bit to fit.

5/6, (7/8, 9/10, 11/12)

Using 2 strands of Lopi Roving together, cast on 28, (28, 30, 32) stitches and knit in stocking stitch for 30, (30, 32, 34) rows.

Knit 1 row, at end of row cast on 2, (2, 3, 4) additional stitches.

Purl 1 row, at end of row cast on 2, (2, 3, 4) additional stitches.

You will now have a total of 32, (32, 36, 40) stitches.

Work in stocking stitch for 22, (26, 30, 36) additional rows. End with a wrong side row.

Toe Shaping

*K6, (K6, K7, K8) K2 tog repeat from * to end of row.

*P5, (P5, P6, P7) P2 tog repeat from * to end of row.

*K4, (K4, K5, K6) K2 tog repeat from * to end of row.

*P3, (P3, P4, P5) P2 tog repeat from * to end of row.

*K2, (K2, K3, K4) K2 tog repeat from * to end of row.

*P1, (P1, P2, P3) P2 tog repeat from * to end of row.

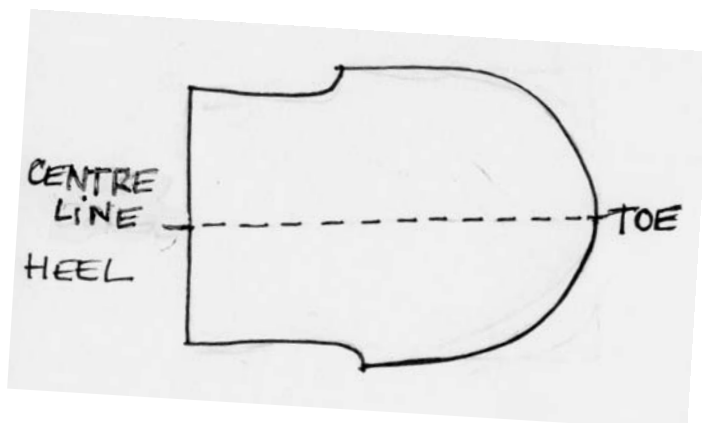
Do this until you have 8 stitches (for all sizes) left.

*K2 tog repeat from * to end of row.

There should be 4 stitches left. Take yarn, CAREFULLY, through all 4 stitches.

To sew up the slippers

Fold the slippers in half along the centre line. Stitch up the heel using 2 strands of the roving (do not pull too tight as it will just break). Sew from the tip of the toe around to the front of the slipper (where the increases were made).



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Stripes

Knit 2 rows in one colour and 2 rows in a contrasting colour throughout the entire slipper.

Putting on a decorative edge

I have experimented with edging the slippers before they are felted and have had great success. The edges could also be decorated after the felting has been done, perhaps by crocheting or stitching with embroidery thread.

Plain edge (done before the slippers are felted)

I picked up the large loops along the edge of one side of the opening in the slipper and knit 3 rows and cast off. Repeat for the opposite side then sew the ends together.

Fingers (done before the slippers are felted)

Once the slippers are sewn up, pick up the larger loops along one side. Knit 1 row.

I changed to a contrasting colour,

K1, cast on an additional 6 stitches (I used the simple thumb method), turn work, put the yarn to the back, cast off the 6 stitches you just added, turn work, put the yarn to the back, slip stitch (with the 'finger' attached) over onto opposite needle. Voila...1 finger...

Repeat this across the entire row, it is slow but looks great when finished!!!

Purl 1 row with the same colour.

Change back to colour A and work 4 rows in Garter stitch.

Cast off. Repeat this for the other side of the slipper, unless you pick up the stitches with a circular needle and knit in the round!

Felting the Slippers

Put the slippers into your washing machine and add about a half measure of washing powder. Put in a pair of jeans as the slippers will need something to help it tumble around against during the washing cycle.

I used a 40° 1hr 15min wash in my machine and got the sizes I wanted on the first go. All machines seem to vary so you may need to give the slippers a couple of goes or you could try a gentler wash to start with if

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