





10. Monkey Felted Slippers (Knit)



SIZES

| To fit shoe size | Finished foot length (After felting) |
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| Small: 5/6 | Small: 5/6 Approx 9" [23 cm] |
| Medium: 7/8 | Medium: 7/8 Approx 9½" [24 cm] |
| Large: 9/10 | Large: 9/10 Approx 11" [28 cm] |

MATERIALS

| Patons® Classic Wool (100 g / 3.5 oz; 192 m / 210 yds) | | | | | |
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| | Sizes | S | M | L | |
|  Main Color (MC) (00229 Natural Mix) | | | | | |
|  OR (77136 Bird of Paradise) | | 1 | 1 | 1 | ball |
|  Contrast A (00202 Aran) | | 1 | 1 | 1 | ball |
|  Contrast B (00230 Bright Red) | | 1 | 1 | 1 | ball |

Size 5 mm (U.S. 8) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain tension.**
 Variety of buttons for 4 eyes. **Optional:** Non-slip fabric for sole.



STITCH GLOSSARY

See page 79 for Helpful Hints.

Alt = Alternate(ing).

Approx = Approximately.

Beg = Beginning.

Cont = Continue(ity).

Dec = Decrease(ing).

Inc = Increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and back of next stitch.

K = Knit.

K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together.

P = Purl.

Rem = Remaining.

Rep = Repeat.

RS = Right side.

St(s) = Stitch(es).

WS = Wrong side.

TENSION

19 sts and 25 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (.). Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.

Beg at heel, with MC, cast on 4 sts.

Work 2 rows in stocking st and inc 1 st each end of needle on 3rd and every following 4th row twice more. 10 sts. Cont even for 3" [7.5 cm] in total, ending with a purl row.

Cast on **11 (12-13)** sts beg next 2 rows. **32 (34-36)** sts.

Cont even in stocking st until work from cast on row measures 4" [10 cm], ending with a purl row.

Inc 1 st each end of needle on next and following alt row once more. **36 (38-40)** sts.

Cast on 6 sts beg next 2 rows. **48 (50-52)** sts. Place markers at each end of last row. Break MC.

With A, cont even in stocking st until work from last cast on row measures **2 (3¾-5½)"** [**5 (9.5-14)** cm], ending with a purl row.

Shape top: 1st row: (RS). **K0 (2-4)**. *K2tog. K6. Rep from * to end of row. **42 (44-46)** sts.

2nd and alt rows: Purl.

3rd row: **K0 (2-4)**. *K2tog. K5. Rep from * to end of row. **36 (38-40)** sts.

5th row: **K0 (2-4)**. *K2tog. K4. Rep from * to end of row. **30 (32-34)** sts.

Break A.

With B, cont in same manner, dec 6 sts on every following alt row to **12 (14-16)** sts.

Break B, leaving a long end. Thread yarn through rem sts. Pull tightly.

Edging: Sew 2 heel side seams.

With RS of work facing and MC, beg at right marker, pick up and knit 46 sts along Slipper opening, ending at left marker.

Next row: P2. *K2. P2. Rep from * to end of row.

Next row: K2. *P2. K2. Rep from * to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows 3 times more. Break MC.

With A, rep last 2 rows once more. Cast off loosely.

Sew top seam.

Ears (make 4).

With A, cast on **6 (6-8)** sts.

1st row: (WS). *Inc 1 st in next st. Rep from * across. **12 (12-16)** sts.

Knit 4 rows. Break A.

With 2 strands of MC, knit 6 rows.

Next row: (RS). K2tog. Knit to last 2 sts.

K2tog.

Rep last row twice more.

Cast off rem **6 (6-8)** sts.

FINISHING

Felt Slippers and Ears following "How To Felt" Instructions (see pages 56 and 57).

Try on wet Slippers and shape to required measurements. Dry away from heat and direct sunlight. If desired, place paper wrapped in plastic inside Slippers to help shape them while drying. Sew on Ears. Sew on buttons for eyes.

Optional: Sew on non-slip sole. 

How to Felt Instructions

Important to know before felting:

- It is important to record all the measurements and changes before and after felting. You will be able to either adjust or repeat the method to produce reliable and consistent results.
- Always test a sample. Different colored yarns may felt differently. Some colors have to undergo the felting more than once in order to achieve the desired result.
- As yarn will be going into very hot water, color-fastness can be affected. Testing a sample will give you an indication of how the color will be affected in very hot water.
- Any knitting that has been properly felted will have a distinct texture. The knitted piece becomes very dense and matted. This will be one of the key criteria for determining that felting has occurred.

FELTING

- Put pieces in top-loading washing machine. Put in a pair of jeans or large towel (in non-interfering color) for extra agitation. Using low water level, run a Hot/Cold cycle for 15 minutes.
- Add 2 tablespoons of baking soda for a small load. After one cycle, check for size. Repeat as necessary.
- Run through the rinse and spin cycle.
- Lay felted piece on a dry towel, away from direct heat or sunlight.
- Shape piece to correct measurements.
- Allow to dry thoroughly. Do not use a clothes dryer.
- If an edge ripples, baste a thread through the edge and gather in. Remove the thread after felted item is dry.
- When piece is dry, use tailor's chalk to mark cutting (trimming) edges.

AFTERCARE

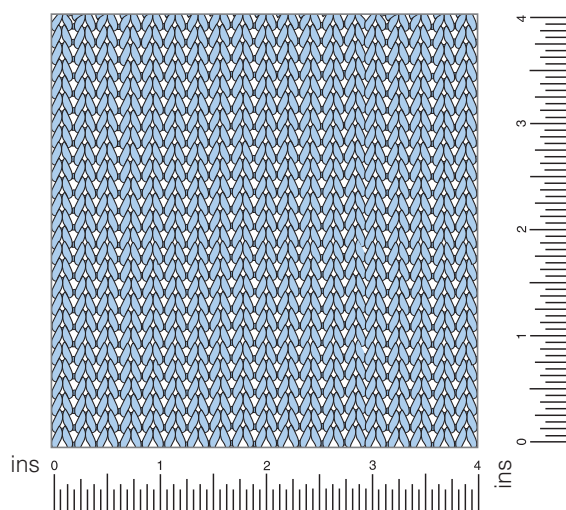
- You have spent a lot of time and care completing these items through their knitting and felting stages. A little thought to aftercare will ensure that you will have these beautiful felted items for many years to come.
- After you have subjected your item to the felting process, you may think that it has gone through the most vigorous and tortured wash that yarn could ever endure. Now you assume that you can throw that felted item into the hot wash cycle along with your sheets. **Do not do it!** Treat your newly felted item with caution and care in order to avoid further shrinkage or distortion.
- Felted handmade items can always be improved with brushing.
- Even a slight pressing will give a smoother appearance to felted fabric. Always press lightly using a steam iron and a damp cloth. Never press down on the fabric but hold the iron just above the fabric.

How to Felt Instructions

BASED ON OUR CALCULATIONS

Knit Swatch: After felting, the sample is approx 85% of the width and 75% of the length of the knitted sample before felting.

Knit Swatch Before Felting
(19 sts and 25 rows)



Knit Swatch After Felting

