

SLIPPERS

Knit Flat

Slippers are worked from heel to the toe. The first section is garter stitch so the slippers stretch lengthwise then the toe section is worked in rib to stretch widthwise around the foot. This allows the slippers to fit many foot shapes and sizes.



SIZE to fit primary school age

Small (Medium, Large)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

L = length, W = garter width
 S (sole) = width between knit ridges
 Small L 15cm, W 19cm, S 5cm
 Medium L 20cm, W 22cm, S 6cm
 Large L 25cm, W 25cm, S 7cm

GAUGE & TENSION

14sts and 28rows over 10cm in garter stitch
 20sts and 20rows in ribbing

YARN 2 colours of 8ply yarn held together
 Small 60g, Medium 90g, Large 120g yarn

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

5.5mm needles, or size to obtain gauge

ABBREVIATIONS

k knit **ws** wrong side
p purl **rs** right side
st(s) stitch(es) **rep** repeat
k2tog knit 2 sts together
p2tog purl 2 sts together
ssk (slip, slip, knit) slip 2 sts individually knitwise, insert left needle through the front of sts from left to right and knit together.

INSTRUCTIONS

NB make a note of the number of rows worked in garter and rib to make a matching pair.

HEEL - Garter Stitch

Holding two strands of 8ply/DK yarn, cast on 27 (31, 35) sts using your preferred method. Make sure to leave a long tail for seaming the heel later.

Row 1 (ws): k9 (10, 11), p1, k7 (9, 11), p1, k9 (10, 11)

Row 2: k

Rep row 1+2 until piece measures 10 (13, 16)cm finish ready to knit a rs row.

TOE - Rib, take note of whether your size starts with a k or p st.

Make sure the line of knit sts from the garter section lines up with a knit st in the rib)

Row 1 (rs): k0(1, 0), [p1, k1] rep to last st, p1(0,1).

Row 2: k1(0,1), [p1, k1] rep to last st, p0(1,0)

These two rows form the rib pattern, rep until rib section measures 4 (5, 6)cm

TOE SHAPING - Maintain the rib pattern

Row 1 (rs): work 7 (8, 9) sts, ssk, k1, k2tog, work 3 (5, 7) sts, ssk, k1, k2tog, rib to end.
 (4sts decreased - 23/27/31sts)

Row 2: Rib 7 (8, 9) sts, p3, work 3 (5, 7)sts, p3, rib to end

Row 3: Rib 6 (7, 8) sts, k2tog, k1, ssk, work 1 (3, 5) sts, k2tog, k1, ssk, rib to end.

Size Medium and Large only:

Row 4: Rib 7 (8) sts, p3, work 3 (5)sts, p3, rib to end

Row 5: Rib 6 (7) sts, ssk, k1, k2tog, work 1 (3) sts, ssk, k1, k2tog, rib to end. (19/23sts)

All sizes last row: [p2tog] rep to last st, p1 (10/10/12sts)

FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving a long tail for seaming, thread onto a tapestry needle, pass through remaining sts from the first stitch of the row to the last stitch, pull tight to cinch into a circle. Run the needle through the sts once more and secure with few back sts.

Use the tail to sew up the toe 1/2 of the slipper length (approximately 8 (10, 12)cm.

Sew the heel in a T shape (using a small flat seam so it won't rub when wearing) as follows:

Fold the work in half lengthwise, use both tail strands to sew a seam 1/2 of the way down.

Create a T shape by bringing the very centre st to meet the seam you have just sewn.

Separate the tail strands and use one to seam one side of the T and the remaining strand to seam the other side. Weave all ends in.

Make another slipper. Tie together with a scrap of yarn

NOTES

*Don't worry too much about the gauge for this project. A little wider or narrower is fine. There will be a foot to fit!

*You may like to place markers at the purl stitch in the garter section as a reminder.

*If you find the purl stitch in the garter section a bother leave it out and just knit all sts.

*You can play around with the length of the garter and rib section to make longer or shorter slipper or change the number of garter vs rib rows.

*If you prefer knitting it the round you can work the ribbed toe section in the round.

K2tog with the last and first st of a row when you move to working in the round so you have an even number for the rib.

You may find you need to seam a little bit above the join though.

	Number of rows	
	Garter	Rib
Small		
Medium		
Large		

SLIPPERS step-by-step

KNITTING THE SLIPPER

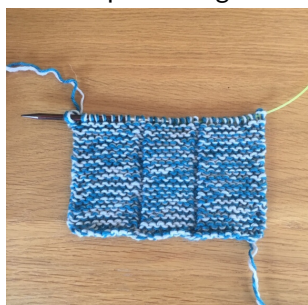
Hold two strands of DK/8ply yarn together. Use your preferred cast on for the required number of stitches. Remember to leave a long tail for seaming.



1) WORK IN GARTER STITCH for the required length



Garter stitch section right side

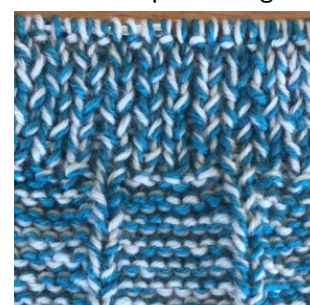


Garter stitch section wrong side

2) CHANGE TO 1X1 RIB and work for the required length



Work in rib for the required length



Make sure ridge of knit sts lines up with the rib knit sts

3) WORK DECREASES



Wrong side after decreasing

4) FINISHING THE TOE



Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread the yarn through the sts



to make a loop pull tight to cinch closed



run the needle through these sts again and secure with a few back sts

5) SEAMING THE TOE SEAM



fold in half as pictured mark half the length (where needle is pointing)



Sew seam to this point and fasten off and weave in end



inside view

6) SEAMING THE HEEL



sew heel seam half way using both strands of yarn



Push the seam down to meet the middle and create an upside down T



separate the strands and use one each to sew the sides of the T



Right side view of heel