

Nola's Slippers

Skill Level 3:



About this pattern: After a day in steel-toed boots, these slippers are such a treat!

Note: These slippers are worked flat. A circular needle (24" or longer) is used to make the picking up of stitches along the foot easier.

The slippers are worked with yarn doubled.

The seam on the bottom of the sole can be worked in Kitchener stitch or with a three-needle bindoff. The Kitchener stitch is smoother than three-needle bind off and doesn't leave a ridge at the center of the sole. Directions for Kitchener stitch are provided at the end of the pattern.

Cuff: With yarn doubled, cast on 39 stitches.

Row 1 (RS): *K1, p1, repeat from * to last stitch, k1.

Row 2 (WS): *P1, k1, repeat from * to last stitch, p1.

Continue in rib pattern for 6.25" (approximately 28 rows).

Tongue: The tongue is worked on the center 13 stitches. Leave the remaining stitches on the needle.

Row 1 (RS): With right side facing you, knit 26 stitches, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Knit 13 stitches, turn.

Row 3: Knit 13 stitches, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 & 3 until you have 17 ridges, ending with Row 2. You will have completed 34 rows.

Shape Toe: Row 1: With right side facing, k2tog, k9, k2tog. (11 sts)

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Row 3 (RS): K2tog, k7, k2tog. (9 sts)

Row 4 (WS): Knit across.

Row 5 (RS): K2tog, k5, k2tog. (7 sts)

Do not turn work.

Foot: Row 1 (RS): Pick up and knit 19 stitches along the left side of the tongue, knit 13 stitches from the cuff.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across (39), pick up 19 stitches on the right side of the tongue, knit 13 stitches from the cuff. 71 sts.

Next Rows: Knit all stitches until you have 5 ridges (10 rows).

Sole: Row 1 (RS): K2tog, k28, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k27, k2tog. (66 sts)

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Row 3 (RS): K2tog, k26, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k26, k2tog. (61 sts)

Row 4 (WS): Knit across.

Row 5 (RS): K2tog, k24, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k25, k2tog. (56 sts)

Row 6 (WS): Knit across.

Row 7 (RS): K2tog, k22, k2tog, k2tog, k2tog, k24, k2tog. (51 sts)

Row 8 (WS): Knit across.

There are now 9 ridges on the foot and sole.

With right side facing, knit 26 sts.

This brings you to the tip of the toe.

Cut yarn, leaving a 24" tail to thread onto a tapestry needle.

Use Kitchener stitch to sew the live stitches of the sole, as follows.

Arrange the needles so that they are even and parallel with ends pointing to the right, and with working yarn extending from the right-hand end of back needle.

While working, always keep yarn under the knitting needles.

Weave stitches from front and back needles together with Kitchener stitch as follows.

Set up: Pass tapestry needle through first stitch on front knitting needle as if to purl, leaving stitch on needle. Pass through first stitch on back needle as if to knit, leaving stitch on needle.

*Pass tapestry needle through first stitch on front needle as if to knit, and slip stitch off the needle. Pass through next stitch on front needle as if to purl, pull yarn through, but leave stitch on needle. Pass through first stitch on back needle as if to purl, slip stitch off. Pass through next stitch on back needle as if to knit, leaving stitch on needle. Repeat from * until all stitches are off the needles.

Pull yarn through and fasten securely. Use the extra length of yarn to sew up seam on heel and cuff with whipstitch or mattress stitch. Weave in ends.

Finished Measurements: Approximately 9" from top of cuff to sole, 11" from heel to toe

Materials: Approximately 500 yards worsted weight yarn

US size 9 circular needles, or size needed to get gauge

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 12 stitches & 24 rows = 4" in garter stitch