



Slipper Socks ***with Reinforced Knitted Sole***

Materials: 3 balls PolarKnit™ 50m/55yds (2 balls for top of foot, 1 ball for knitted sole)
1 set 6.5mm (US 10.5) double pointed needles
One 8mm (US 11) straight needle for cast on only
Darning needle

Gauge: 12.5sts and 20 rows = 10cm (4 inches) in stocking stitch. 3sts per inch.

Sizes: Small - 8 inch ankle circumference.
Medium - 9 inch ankle circumference.
Large - 10 inch ankle circumference.

Instructions:

Cuff:
Using large straight needle cast on 24 (28, 32)sts. Transfer these stitches to set of dpn's and join into a round, placing a marker at the end of the row. Begin a rib pattern of K2, P2 and continue for 4 rows.

Heel:
Place the next 12 (14, 16)sts on one needle and continue in stst for 12 (14, 16) rows ending with a WS row. Bind off 11 (13, 15)sts, keeping the last st on your dpn needle.

Gusset:
With the dpn that holds one stitch, pick up and knit an additional 5 (6, 7)sts from one side of the heel. With a second dpn knit 12 (14, 16)sts across the cuff. With a third dpn pick up and knit 6 (7, 8)sts on the other side of the heel. You will have a total of 24 (28, 32)sts. Continue to work back and forth in stst as follows.

Row 1 - Purl row.

Row 2 - K4 (5, 6), K2tog, K12 (14, 16), K2togtbl (through back loop), K4 (5, 6).

Row 3 - Purl row.

Row 4 - K3 (4, 5), K2tog, K12 (14, 16), K2togtbl, K3 (4, 5).

Row 5 - Purl row.

Continue decreasing the gusset in this manner until 14 (16, 18)sts remain on one dpn needle.

Top of Foot:

Continue to knit these 14 (16, 18)sts in stst until the slipper measures 1 (1, 1¼)inches less than the desired length of slipper ending with WS row.

Decrease Toe:

Small Size:

Row 1 - K2tog, K10, K2tog.

Row 2 - P2tog, P8, P2tog.

Row 3 - K2tog, K6, K2tog.

Row 4 - P2tog, P4, P2tog.

Bind off remaining sts leaving a long tail.

Medium Size:

Row 1 - K2tog, K12, K2tog.

Row 2 - P2tog, P10, P2tog.

Row 3 - K2tog, K2tog, K6, K2tog, K2tog.

Row 4 - P2tog, P4, P2tog.

Bind off remaining sts leaving a long tail.

Large Size:

Row 1 - K2tog, K14, K2tog.

Row 2 - P2tog, P12, P2tog.

Row 3 - K2tog, K10, K2tog.

Row 4 - P2tog, P3, P2tog, P3, P2tog.

Row 5 - K2tog, K5, K2tog.

Bind off remaining sts leaving a long tail.

Sole of Slipper:

Using two 6.5mm (US 10.5) dpn's cast on 10 (12, 12)sts.

Row 1 - *K1, yf, slip1, yb* repeat to end of row.

Row 2 - *P1, yb, slip1, yf* repeat to end of row.

Repeat these 2 rows until sole measures the same length of slipper top. Bind off remaining sts leaving a long tail.

Finishing:

Place right sides together and starting at the heel, sew the rectangular sole onto the slipper top using a simple basting stitch.

Always machine wash and dry your finished garment to rid it of residual fluff.