

Reinvented Slippers

Just like the slippers Grandma used to make... but no sewing required!

Materials: use a chunky yarn (or two strands of a worsted weight yarn held together) and 4.0 - 5.0mm double pointed knitting needles. 2 stitch markers are very helpful. *I made one pair of men's slippers from one ball of Sirdar Denim Chunky (100g/156m) and 5.0mm needles.*

We start at the toe...

Cast on 5 sts and split evenly (more or less) over three of your dpns. Join in the round and continue working toe as follows:

	Men's	Women's	Child's
Rnd 1:	kfb of each stitch (10 sts)	kfb of each stitch (10 sts)	knit
Rnd 2:	knit	knit	kfb of first st, k1 (3 sts)
Rnd 3:	kfb of each stitch (20 sts)	kfb of each stitch (20 sts)	knit
Rnd 4:	knit	knit	knit
Rnd 5:	kfb of each stitch (40 sts)	*kfb of next 4 sts, k1*, repeat * to * to end of rnd (36 sts)	*kfb of next 2 sts, k3*, repeat * to * to end of rnd (28 sts)
Rnd 6 & on:	Work each rnd in ribbing for 20 rnds	Work each rnd in ribbing for 16 rnds	Work each rnd in ribbing for 12 rnds

Ribbing Note: the amount of ribbing you do at the toe should be sufficient to cover the toes (all the way past the base joint of the big toe. Feel free to add a few more rounds, or work fewer rounds if you need to. Try different ribbing variations: k1,p1; k2,p2; k3,p1 (any combination of knit and purl stitches that works over a repeat of four stitches).

Foot (knit flat)

You will now begin to work the right side and wrong side (knitting flat). Continue to work on your dpns or switch to straights... in either case, you'll be working "flat", turning and working a right side then wrong side row.

	Men's	Women's	Child's
Row 1 (RS):	Knit all stitches	Knit all stitches	Knit all stitches
Row 2 (WS):	k13, p1, k12, p1, k13	k11, p1, k12, p1, k11	k9, p1, k8, p1, k9

Note: on Row 2, it helps to place a stitch marker before each purl stitch to remind you to purl on the wrong side.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 (above) until slipper foot is 2" (2", 1.5") shorter than the length of your foot. Complete a Row 2.

Heel

	Men's	Women's	Child's
Row 1:	k13, ssk, k10, k2tog, k13	k11, ssk, k10, k2tog, k11	k9, ssk, k6, k2tog, k9
Row 2:	k13, p1, k10, p1, k13	k11, p1, k10, p1, k11	k9, p1, k6, p1, k9
Row 3:	k13, ssk, k8, k2tog, k13	k11, ssk, k8, k2tog, k11	k9, ssk, k4, k2tog, k9
Row 4:	k13, p1, k8, p1, k13	k11, p1, k8, p1, k11	k9, p1, k4, p1, k9
Row 5:	k13, ssk, k6, k2tog, k13	k11, ssk, k6, k2tog, k11	k9, ssk, k2, k2tog, k9
Row 6:	k13, p1, k6, p1, k13	k11, p1, k6, p1, k11	k9, p1, k2, p1, k9
Row 7:	k13, ssk, k4, k2tog, k13	k11, ssk, k4, k2tog, k11	k9, ssk, k2tog, k9
Row 8:	k13, p1, k4, p1, k13	k11, p1, k4, p1, k11	K9, p1 (stop in the middle of the row)
Row 9:	k13, ssk, k2, k2tog, k13	k11, ssk, k2, k2tog, k11	
Row 10:	k13, p1, k2, p1, k13	k11, p1, k2, p1, k11	
Row 11:	k13, ssk, k2tog, k13	k11, ssk, k2tog, k11	
Row 12:	k13, p1 (stop in the middle of the row)	k11, p1 (stop in the middle of the row)	

You should now have half of your heel stitches on each of your (two) knitting needles. Complete the slipper by working a three needle bind off on the back stitches. You can turn your slipper inside out to do a seam on the inside, or leave the seam on the right side (facing out). You can also complete the slipper heel with Kitchener Stitch. Weave in your ends, make the second slipper and you're finished!

Knitting Abbreviations:

k: knit; **p:** purl

kfb: knit into the front leg (normal knit) and then swing the tip of your right hand needle to the back of your work and knit (again) into the back leg of the same stitch. Now finish the stitch (take the loop off the left hand needle). You've increased by one (knit into the front and then back leg of the same stitch).

ssk: (slip, slip, knit). Slip the next two stitches one at a time from the left hand needle to the right hand needle as if to knit. Then insert the tip of your left hand needle into the front of the two slipped stitches and knit them together.

k2tog: knit the next two stitches together.