

RSVP Stay-On Slippers

sizes: baby/toddler/child (toddler/large child in parenthesis)

needed:

6 - 12 mo baby (dk yarn):

MC: approx 70 yards/CC: approx 35 yards
3.25 (US 3) & 2.75 (US 2) double-point or circular needles
gauge: 24 st/ 24 r = 2" in shaker stitch (sole)

toddler (dk yarn):

MC: approx 80 yards/CC: approx 40 yards
3.25 (US 3) & 2.75 (US 2) double-point or circular needles
gauge: 24 st/ 24 r = 2" in shaker stitch (sole)

child sm/med (dk yarn):

MC: approx 70 yards/CC: approx 35 yards
3.25 (US 3) & 2.75 (US 2) double-point or circular needles
gauge: 20 st/ 20 r = 2" in shaker stitch (sole)

child large (worsted):

MC: approx 80 yards/CC: approx 40 yards
4.25 (US 6) & 3.75 (US 5) double-point or circular needles
gauge: 20 st/ 20 r = 2" in shaker stitch (sole)



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yarn used in photo: purple - Brown Sheep Nature Spun (85% Wool/ 15% Mohair)
blue-GGH WollyWasch (100% Wool)

abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

MI: pick up and twist the horizontal strand between the stitch just worked and the next stitch. Place it on the left hand needle and then knit as usual. (inc)

p: purl

p2tog: purl 2 stitches together

sl 1: slip one stitch purlwise

(**wif** - with yarn in front, **wib** - with yarn in back)

ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately, knitwise, then knit together through the front loops

this pattern is not an original concept. a friend is a member Tri-County CAP (Community Action Partnership) Home Knitters in New Hampshire and they received a number of these slippers anonymously as a donation to their RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) project. they searched but were unable to contact the designer or find the pattern and asked me if I might be able to reverse engineer the pattern. here's my version. if you choose to make a pair, please consider sending a pair to RSVP for their children's project. their website is located at http://www.tccap.org/senior_rsvp.htm

instructions:

sole (shaker stitch)

with larger needles, c/o 5 (7) using a long-tail or provisional cast on. if using a provisional, also k one row.

♥ k1, m1, k1, m1(3), k1, m1, k1, m1, k1 (9/11 st)

♥ k1, m1, k1, m1, k5 (7), m1, k1, m1, k1 (13/15 st)

♥ k1, m1, k1(13), m1, k1 (15/17 st)

♥ (bumpy side) k1, *sl1 wif, k1. repeat from * across.

♥ k across

repeat last 2 rows until sole is desired length. end with a slip stitch row. (suggested - baby: 4"/5", toddler: 6", child sm: 7", child lg: 8)

a purl bump will be created on the sides of the sole which will be used for picking up instep stitches

♥ k1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1 (13/15 st)

♥ k1, p2tog. *sl1 wif, k1. repeat from * to last 3 stitches. p2tog, k1 (11/13 st)

♥ k1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1 (9/11 st)

♥ k1, p2tog, purl to last 3 stitches, p2tog, k1 (7/9 st) clip CC. (if using bumpy side for the sole, knit one more row)

instep (worked in the round):

♥ with MC, knit across. (7 (9) st - this will be needle 1)

using 2 dpns or a circular needle, pick up a stitch in each purl bump along side of the sole.

pick up a stitch in each stitch along the cast on edge (5 (7) st)

pick up one stitch in each purl bump along the other side of the sole.

(heel and toe should each have an odd number of stitches. The two sides should be equal)

♥ k around until instep is 3/4" (toddler - 6 -8 rows), 1" (child 8-12 rows)

instep short row shaping (worked back and forth on needle 1):

♥ knit around to last 2 stitches. k2tog.

♥ k7 (9). create an ssk with the first 2 stitches on next needle. slip just worked stitch back to previous needle. turn

♥ p7 (9). create a p2tog with the first 2 stitches on next needle. slip just worked stitch back to previous needle. turn

repeat last 2 rows 11 times. end with a purl row.

cuff shaping:

♥ k around.

♥ knit 7 (9). ssk. k to last 2 stitches. k2tog.

repeat these 2 rows 8 times. knit 2 stitches off next needle to center eyelets & ribbing. this will be the new beginning of the round.

eyelets & ribbing:

- ♥ switch to smaller needles and knit around. if total number of stitches does not equal a multiple of 3 evenly increase or decrease, while working, this row to make it so.
- ♥ k1, *yo, k2tog. repeat from * around
- ♥ k around
- ♥ k1, *p1, k2. repeat from * around. end k1.
repeat last row until cuff is 1 1/2", or desired height.
- ♥ cast off loosely. weave in ends.
- ♥ weave a length of ribbon, crocheted chain, braid, etc through eyelets and tie or, if desired, lengthen cuff and fold over rather than using a tie.

Adaptations for Slip Stitch Style (shown in purple & teal)

sole:

no changes to instructions.

instep (worked in the round):

- ♥ using CC, knit around.
 - ♥ k1, s1l wib. repeat around.
 - ♥ using MC, knit around.
 - ♥ with CC, k1, s1l wib. repeat around
- repeat last 2 rows until desired length. clip color not being used for *short row shaping*.

instep short row shaping (worked back and forth on needle 1):

no changes to instructions.

cuff shaping:

- ♥ using CC, knit around.
- ♥ k1, s1l wib. repeat around.
- ♥ using MC, knit 7 (9). ssk. k to last 2 stitches. k2tog.
repeat previous 2 steps, making sure to align slipped stitches. on alternate rows, this will require slipping 2 stitches in succession at the point of the ssk on the previous row to compensate for the decreases.

remainder of pattern is completed as written. you may desire to work the eyelet rows and ribbing with CC.



these are the slippers that started this journey - they are made with a worsted-weight acrylic and are about the same size as the blue ones in the other photo.

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