

Felted Princess Slippers

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Materials:

- ✚ 2 balls bulky feltable wool (I used MeiMei Bulky 3.5oz, 55yds colour #708)
- ✚ Size 15 circular needles (16")
- ✚ Size 15 dpns
- ✚ Tapestry Needle
- ✚ Stitch Marker
- ✚ Zippered Pillowcase (for felting)
- ✚ 2 buttons
- ✚ 2 Leather soles or other form of traction

Gauge: 8 stitches = 4 inches, although gauge is not critical, just make sure stitches are not too tight together so they felt well.

Size:

Will fit toddler shoe size 7-10, with a lot of room for sizing adjustments in the felting process. Measure your child's foot and felt until you get there.

Abbreviations:

- ✚ CO: Cast On
- ✚ PM: Place marker
- ✚ k2tog: Knit two together
- ✚ BO : Bind off

Instructions:**Knit slipper (make 2):**

CO 16 stitches, leaving an 8 inch tail.

R1: knit

R2: k2, p12, k2

Repeat these 2 rows 10 times
(20 rows in stockinette stitch with a garter stitch edge)

R21: (RS) knit across row, CO 6 sts
Join for knitting in the round on DPNs,
careful not to twist stitches, PM at beg round

R22-27: knit

R28: k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k2, k2tog (18 stitches)

R29: knit

R30: *(k1, k2tog), repeat *till end (12 stitches)

R31: *k2tog, repeat till end (6 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving about an 8 inch end, and place on a tapestry needle. Thread through remaining 6 sts and pull up tight. Weave in end.

Seam heel: Fold CO edge in half to create a heel and whipstitch closed with cast on tail. Weave in ends very securely to withstand the felting process

Knit strap: Count Approx 2 stitches in from top of slipper, pick up 2 stitches and knit a 2 stitch lcord for 9 rows. On last row, pass first stitch over second, cut yarn and feed tail through remaining stitch. Weave end through entire length of lcord to secure. For opposite foot, mirror image the placement of the strap.

Felt Slippers:

Place slippers in zippered pillow case and pop in the wash cycle (hot water, a touch of soap) and wash until desired size and level of felting is achieved. Every yarn felts differently, so check after about 5 minutes. Mine took about 10-12 minutes of agitation.

Rinse and block slightly by stuffing slippers with plastic bags.

Finishing:

I prefer to permanently secure the strap down by sewing a button right through the strap and slipper once I have sized the shoe on little one's foot. Sew leather soles on bottom for durability and to stop kiddie from sliding all over the place. Then adorn, adorn, adorn until this little slipper is fit for a princess!!!



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