

Saartje-Inspired Bigger Slippers

EU 36-37 / US 5.5-6



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Materials

Two Aran-weight 50-g balls of main color and 2 balls of contrast color, or two balls of a single color. You'll knit this with two strands of yarn at once.

US 8 double-pointed or circular needles

5.5 mm or smaller crochet hook

Four buttons

Gauge: 10 sts = 7.5 cm / 3 inches

Size: US 5.5 / Euro 36

abbreviations

MC main color

CC contrast color

co cast on

k knit

kfb knit front and back (increase)

m1 make one (increase)

ssk slip one stitch, knit one stitch, pass slipped stitch over the knit stitch

k2tog knit two together

bo bind off

instructions and notes

My son, who is 8, fell in love with the Saartje booties I was making for some friends, so I designed a pair of slippers in his size to look like the booties. (I also owe some designer's debt to the Bockstar seamless variation, from which I borrowed.) These are the next size bigger that I've done, for larger feet. Instead of consolidating the two patterns together, I thought it would be better to write it separately, as they are really quite different, even if the finished slippers look very similar. These slippers come out very slippery, so if you are afraid of in-home floor-skating, you might consider some kind of sole. You can definitely fudge the sizes larger or smaller by changing needle size or yarn weight. If you have comments or questions, I'm trixolina on Ravelry.

cast on: The yarn in this pattern is doubled. With two strands of the MC, co 49 sts using Magic Cast On. The slipper is knit in the round, and the foot is knit wrong side out.

round 1: purl

round 2 : kfb, k23, m1, k1, m1, k23, kfb

round 3: purl

round 4: kfb, k24, m1, k3, m1, k24, kfb

round 5: purl

note: The increases plus eight stitches on either side will form the toe of the slipper. After the 4th round, it's easier handle if you put the increases and the extra 8 stitches onto their own dpn or place some stitch markers. I also put a stitch marker at the center of the heel.

round 6: kfb, k25, m1, k1, m1, k3, m1, k1, m1, k25, kfb

round 7: purl

round 8: kfb, k26, m1, k1, m1, k7, m1, k1, m1, k26, kfb

round 9: purl

round 10: k49, turn
k29, turn
k to end

round 11: purl

round 12: repeat round 10

round 13: purl

round 14: k 20, ssk 7x, k1, k2tog 7x, k 20

round 15: purl

round 16: k 35 turn
k 15, turn
k to end

round 17: change color (two strands!) and purl

round 18: k20, ssk 3x, k3, k2tog 3x, k20

round 19: purl

round 20: k 29, turn
k 9, turn
k to end

round 21: p 12, bo 25, p 12

Turn the slipper right side out.

note: You want to try to leave a generous bit of yarn at the end of each strap with your cast ons or bind offs so that you have something to use for the button loop. You can also weave in a new yarn if you mess that up, though.

right strap

row 1: k 12, co 12

row 2-5: turn, k24

row 6: bo

left strap

row 1: co 12, k12

row 2-5: turn, k24

row 6: bo

buttonholes and buttons

using the yarn hanging off the ends of the straps, crochet a chain of 6-8 sts and attach to make a loop. Place buttons according to taste.

finishing

Close the top back of the slipper with a seam and weave in all your ends. Yay.

