

Flower Power Grandma's Slippers

Knitting pattern by SewingRobot



These cute slippers are inspired by the ones my grandma used to make when I was a kid. I've been browsing the Internet for a similar pattern to make a pair myself, but what I realized was that many of them had this ugly seam at the front. So I came up with my own pattern. The slippers are knit from heel to toes, initially flat, then using DPNs to work in the round. This way the only seam is the one at the back. Thanks to beautiful crocheted flowers and delicate crochet border they have a breezy womanly feel.

You'll need:

- ❖ 4,5 mm knitting needle
- ❖ 4,5 mm double-pointed needles
- ❖ 4,5 mm crochet hook
- ❖ 1 skein of chunky yarn of your choice (main colour)*
- ❖ scrap yarn in contrasting colour
- ❖ tapestry needle
- ❖ ruler or tape measure
- ❖ stitch marker (optional)

* For extra comfort and warmth choose thicker yarn than you would normally use.

Gauge: 16 sts and 29 rows = 10 cm

Dimensions of a finished slipper:

- ❖ height: 10 cm
- ❖ width: 11 cm (when laid flat)
- ❖ length: depending on the size (24 cm for size 38)

The slippers are designed for women's feet of average width. If you have especially wide feet or for men's sizes, I suggest using larger needles.

Techniques used:

- ❖ garter stitch
- ❖ stockinette stitch
- ❖ selvedge stitches
- ❖ knitting in the round using DPNs
- ❖ decreases: k2tog, ssk
- ❖ grafting the toes (kitchener stitch)
- ❖ single crochet border
- ❖ half-double crochet and double crochet (for the flowers)

INSTRUCTIONS:

THE HEEL

CO 32 sts.

1: sl1, k to the last st, p1.

2: sl1, k9, p1, k10, p1, k9, p1.

(Sl1 and p1 at the beginning and the end of each row are the selvedge stitches used to create nice, even borders.)

Repeat these two rows until you've knitted 16 ridges (32 rows) in garter stitch. **End on row 2.**

THE FOOT

Next row: Prepare to knit in the round. Knit across using 3 DPNs, so you have 8-16-8 stitches.

Work in the round:

1: k11, p10, k11.

2: k across.

Repeat these two rows until the slipper is 5 cm shorter than desired. **End on row 1.**

THE TOE

Start decrease rounds to shape the toe. You're going to decrease 20 stitches in 10 rounds.

Round 1:

- ❖ 1st needle: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1,
- ❖ 2nd needle: k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1,
- ❖ 3rd needle: k1, ssk, k to end.

Round 2:

- ❖ 1st needle: k across,
- ❖ 2nd needle: k2, p to last 2 sts, k2,
- ❖ 3rd needle: k across.

Repeat these two rows until you have 3-6-3 stitches left. **End on row 1.** Then, using 3rd needle, knit across 1st needle. You will have now two needles with 6 sts on both of them.

Graft the toes (if you're new to this technique, here's a helpful tutorial by KnitTV: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uENl_86HkTc).

FINISHING TOUCHES:

Fold the cast on border in half and sew the back seam.

Using yarn in contrasting colour, make a single crochet border.

Crochet flowers following directions by MJ from Hello Yellow Yarn: <https://hellyellowyarn.com/2016/04/28/simple-crochet-flower-pattern-and-tutorial/>. Sew them on and you're done!

Comments or questions? Feel free to ask!

Ravelry pattern page:

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/flower-power-grandmas-slippers>

Or leave a comment on my blog The search for awesomeness:

<https://diligentmonster.wordpress.com/2017/07/21/flower-power-grandmas-slippers-free-knitting-pattern/>