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ENGLISH

COMMUNITY SLIPPERS

INFORMATION

Shoesize (European): 17/18 (19/20) 21/22 (23/24) 25/26 (27/28) 29/30 (31/32) 33/34 (35/36) 37/38 (39/40) 41/42 (43/44) 45/46 (48).

Total length before felting: ca. 16.5 (18) 20 (22.5) 24 (26) 28.5 (30) 33 (34.5) 36 (37.5) 40.5 (43.5) 45 (46.5) cm

Total length after felting: ca. 11 (12) 13.5 (15) 16 (17.5) 19 (20) 22 (23) 24 (25) 27 (29) 30 (31) cm.

Gauge (before felting): 16 m / 10 cm.

Suggested needle size: 5.5 mm [US 9].

Recommended yarn: Sandnes Garn Fritidsgarn (50 g = 70 m)

Estimated yarn quantity: 50 (50) 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100-150) 150 (150) 150 (200) 200 (200) g.

Level of difficulty: 2/5

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ABOUT THE PATTERN

Community Slippers are soft and comfortable felt slippers that are knitted quickly with thick yarn and needles. You will find sizes for the whole family in the pattern. This pattern is part of a series of patterns inspired by a fall vacation at my grandmother and grandfather's house. In their hallway there was always a large basket of wool socks in all possible sizes for guests. The idea is that you should be able to knit a small load of slippers and have them available, for the family and for guests. This pattern is my way of introducing a little of my grandmother's spirit into my own home, and maybe yours too?

The slippers are knitted from the ankle down. Stitches are set aside for the heel, the heel is knitted and shaped with short rows. Stitches are picked up on the sides of the foot, decreases are knitted to shape the ankle and then the foot is knitted. Finally, the toe is cast off. Stitches are picked up around the ankle and finished with i-cord edge. The slippers are then felted either by hand, in a washing machine or tumble dryer.

The pattern was originally intended to be included in the fall collection for 2025, but that didn't happen, and Community Slippers ended up in Quistknit's Advent Calendar in 2025. That's why a small embroidery guide has also been added, so you can make a nice Christmas version of the slippers. Three different embroideries are included; Rudolf, Starry Sky and Winter Branch.

The slippers in the pictures in the pattern are knitted in Sandnes Fritidsgarn in the colors 2625 Beigemelert and 2541 Naturmelert (embroidery Winter Branch). The striped slippers are knitted in Viking Garn Hobbygarn in the color Multi Rød.





ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit.

rnd = round.

k2tog = knit two stitches together = 1 stitch decreased.

p = purl.

st = stitch.

sm = stitchmarker.

ssk = slip slip knit = slip one stitch of the needle knitwise, slip the next stitch of the needle knitwise. Put the two stitches back on the needle and knit together through the backloop.

TECHNIQUES

I-cord bind off:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyhgyvEgsBM>

Sew together i-cord:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6h2LJOOKYc>



START

Cast on 24 (28) 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 (40) 42 (42) 44 (44) 46 (46) 48 (48) sts on needle size 5.5 mm [US 9] (either double pointed needles or long circular needles if using magic loop). Gather pieces to work in the round. Feel free to place a sm before the start of the round. Work 1 round in stockinette st.

HEELFLAP

Next, set aside half of the sts to knit the heel flap. k12 (k14) k15 (k16) k17 (k18) k19 (k20) k21 (k21) k22 (k22) k23 (k23) k24 (k24) sts = heel. Leave the remaining 12 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (21) 22 (22) 23 (23) 24 (24) sts = top of foot resting while working the heel.

Turn work and p back to start of round. Continue to work heel in stockinette st by knitting back and forth (k on RS, p on WS). k10 (k12) k12 (k14) k14 (k16) k16 (k18) k18 (k18) k20 (k20) k20 (k20) k22 (k22) rows in stockinette st. The heel flap is now finished. Your next row is on RS.

SHAPING THE HEEL

Next, we will shape the heel using short rows. Note that the German short rows technique should not be used.

k until 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) sts remain on needle, turn. p until 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) sts remain on needle, turn.

k until 1 st before where you first turned (a small hole has formed here). Slip 1 st as a k st, k1, pass the slipped st over the k st = 1 st dec, turn.

Slip 1 st as a p st with yarn in front of piece (= towards you), p until 1 st before where you turned on the WS, p2tog = 1 st dec, turn.

Knit in this way until all side sts are dec. You now have 6 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) 13 (14) 13 (13) 14 (14) 15 (15) 16 (16) sts left on needle, turn.

GATHER WORK

Now pick up sts along the side of the heel of the foot and gather to work in the round.

Round now starts mid under the foot.

Knit over sts on the heel, pick up 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 (10) 11 (11) 11 (11) 12 (12) sts along the side of the heel cap, k over the 12 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (21) 22 (22) 23 (23) 24 (24) sts for the top of the foot, pick up 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 (9) 10 (10) 11 (11) 11 (11) 11 (12) 12 (12) sts along the other side of the heel cap, knit until you are mid under the heel.

Round now starts here. Note: In some sizes, 1 extra st is picked up on one side.

KNIT FOOT

Place 1 sm on each side of the foot so that you have 12 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (21) 22 (22) 23 (23) 24 (24) sts for the top and 18 (22) 23 (26) 27 (30) 31 (32) 33 (33) 36 (36) 37 (37) 40 (40) sts for the bottom of the foot. The top of the foot is the original sts you set aside for the top, the bottom is the sts for the heel + sts that were picked up on each side of the heel.

k 1 round. Work the sts that were picked up along the heel cap twisted to avoid holes.

Now the foot will be shaped with decreases. Knit as follows:

Round 1: Knit until 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 (8) 7 (7) 8 (8) 8 (8) 9 (9) sts before sm, k2tog. Knit over sts on top of foot. Knit until 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) sts after mm on other side of foot, ssk, knit until beginning of round.

Round 2: Knit 1 round in stockinette st.

Work **round 1** and **round 2** in this way, but with 1 st less per marker each time, until you have worked a total of 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) decreases in each side. You now have 12 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (21) 22 (22) 23 (23) 24 (24) sts for the top and 12 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (21) 22 (22) 23 (23) 24 (24) sts for the bottom.

FOOT CONT.

The foot is worked in the round in stockinette st. Work 10 (10) 12 (12) 14 (14) 16 (16) 22 (26) 26 (28) 32 (40) 40 (42) rounds in stockinette st. The foot should now measure approx. 14 (16) 16.5 (19) 19.5 (21.5) 22.5 (24.5) 26.5 (28) 30 (31) 32.5 (36) 38 (39) cm measured from the back of the heel. If you knit in Viking Hobbygarn, Rauma Vams (or any yarn which is not the recommended yarn, Fritidsgarn), knit according to the stated measurements on the foot and not the number of rounds. You will probably have to knit a couple of extra rounds if you choose a yarn other than Fritidsgarn.

TOE DECREASES

Now you will be working decreases for the toe. Work like this.

Round 1: k until 3 sts before the first sm, k2tog, k until 1 st after the next sm, ssk. k until 3 sts before the next sm, k2tog, work until 1 st after the next sm, ssk. k until beginning of round.

Round 2: Work 1 round in stockinette st.

Knit **round 1** and **round 2** a total of 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (5) times = 16 (20) 18 (20) 22 (24) 22 (24) 26 (26) 28 (28) 26 (26) 28 (28) sts on round.

Then knit only **round 1** 2 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) times. You now have 8 (8) 6 (8) 6 (8) 6 (8) 6 (8) 6 (8) 6 (8) 6 (8) 6 (8) 8 (8) sts on round. Break yarn, pull thread through remaining sts and tighten.

I-CORD EDGE

Pick up 24 (28) 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 (40) 42 (42) 44 (44) 46 (46) 48 (48) sts on needle size 5.5 mm [US 9] (either double pointed needles or long circular needles for magic loop).

Knit i-cord decreases as follows:

Cast on 3 sts on a new double pointed needle with knitted cast on (see video showing how to knit i-cord edge).

Row 1: k2, k2tog through the back loop. Slip the 3 sts on right needle back onto left needle.

Repeat **row 1** until all sts around the ankle are bound off. For each repeat you decrease 1 st. Sew the i-cord together neatly (see video suggestion with technique).

FINISHING

Knit 2 slippers as described in the pattern. When the slippers are finished, fasten all loose threads and the slippers are then ready for felting (see page 6).

If you want to embroider the slippers, see the embroidery guide on page 7. Embroider the slippers after felting.

Please read this entire page before you start felting. You can felt by hand or by machine. Note that how a garment is felted depends greatly on both the yarn and the machine you use. Hand felting gives you the most control over the result, but it does require a bit more work. It is difficult to reverse the felting process, so err on the side of caution rather than overdoing it.

Start by soaking the slippers in water for at least 30 minutes, preferably with a little wool soap in the water (I prefer wool soap that doesn't need to be rinsed out when I'm felting by hand).

Felt by hand: Rub the slippers together until they felt. Continue in this manner until you have achieved the desired result. You can try on the slippers along the way, or check with the measurements at the beginning of the pattern.

Felting in the washing machine: Put the soaked slippers into a washing machine with laundry. You should have a reasonably full machine with other clothes along with the slippers. Use detergent suitable for wool and run a normal program at 40 degrees. If you are unsure about your machine, you can instead choose a delicate program at 30 degrees. If you are satisfied with the felting level, proceed to “finishing”. If you are not satisfied, you can either run a new load of laundry or finish felting by hand or in a tumble dryer.

Tumble dry: Place the soaked slippers in the dryer with other laundry to be dried and run a normal cycle. You can stop the dryer and check the level of fluffing during the process.

My washing machine is quite gentle, so I usually felt first by running a 40 degree normal program in the washing machine. Usually what I want to felt is felted quite well, but not quite as I want after one cycle in the washing machine. Running another cycle in the washing machine is too much, so I usually feel in the dryer at the end for the final finish.

Finishing: When I am happy with the felting of the slippers, I like to soak them again if they are completely dry, so that I can shape them while they are still slightly damp. Pull and stretch the slippers until they have the shape and size you want (see the front page for measurements). I like to put the slippers on when they are almost dry, so that they mold to my foot. Depending on how much you have felted the slippers, they can be a little snug at first, but they stretch out with wear. If you think they are too snug, re-soak and put on while still damp to shape to your feet. Enjoy toasty feet!

EMBROIDERY GUIDE

The slippers are embroidered after felting. Choose one of the embroideries below, or another that you like. For Embroidery Starry Sky, it is recommended to use glitter yarn such as for example, Filcolana Paia or Rauma Garn Concorde. Use bartack stitches and distribute the different “stars” over the entire slipper. For embroidery Rudolf, red embroidery yarn is recommended for the nose, black for the eyes and brown for the antlers. Use a French knot to embroider the eyes and flat stitch for the antlers and nose. Alternatively, you can make a red tassel and use it as a nose. For embroidery Winter Branch, use chain stitch for the stems and bartack stitches for the fir tree. Embroider branches with brown and fir tree in green. The circles can either be embroidered with red or white yarn and become berries, or with brown and become pine cones. Use flat st.

Trace the embroidery onto water-soluble non-woven fabric to make it easier to work with. I trace directly from the screen, first tracing onto baking paper and then onto the water-soluble non-woven fabric. This way I can zoom in and out to adjust the size of the embroidery. You can also print and trace.

