

FELTED SLIPPERS

STUFF

2 skeins in #8 Black of Handspun Semi Solids by Manos del Uruguay/Fairmount Fibers, Ltd., 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 138yd/126m (wool)

1 skein in #1 Hollywood Pink

One size 10 (6mm) circular needle, 24"/60cm length OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

Two ¾"/19mm buttons

Stitch markers



#35

Sized for Women's Small, Medium, Large and shown in size Large on page 59.

THE MEASUREMENTS

Length (before felting) 15¼ (16¼, 17½)"/38.5 (41, 44.5)cm

Length (after felting) 8½ (9½, 10½)"/21.5 (24, 26.5)cm

THE GAUGE

14 sts and 18 rows to 4"/10cm over St st using size 10 (6mm) needles (before felting).

BE SURE TO GET THE GAUGE.

MAKE THE BOTTOM (make 2)

■ With Black, cast on 12 sts. Work even in St st for 1¼"/3cm, ending with a WS row.

Next (inc) row (RS) K1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1—14 sts. Rep inc row every 6th row twice more—18 sts. Work even until piece measures 8 (9, 10)"/20.5 (23, 25.5)cm from beg, ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS) Rep inc row—20 sts. Work 7 rows even. Rep inc row once more—22 sts. Work even until piece measures 13 (14, 15)"/33 (35.5, 38)cm from beg, ending with a WS row.

Next (dec) row (RS) K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—20 sts. Rep dec row every RS row 4 times more—12 sts. Purl one row. Bind off.

MAKE THE SIDES

■ With Bottom RS down, Black and beg at middle of cast-on edge (heel) pick up and knit 124 (134, 142) sts around. Do not join, work back and forth in St st for 5 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next (dec) row (RS) K60 (65, 69) sts, ssk, pm, k2tog, k to end. Work 7 more rows, dec'ing 1 st each side of marker every row—108 (118, 126) sts. Bind off purlwise. Sew heel seam.

MAKE THE TOPS

make the left top

■ With Black, cast on 21 sts. Work in garter st for 1"/2.5cm, ending with a WS row. Bind off 5 sts for strap, attach Hollywood Pink and knit to end—16 sts. Work even in St st for 3 rows.

Next (dec) row (RS) K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—14 sts. Rep dec row every 6th row 3 times more—8 sts.

Switch to Black yarn and work 7 rows even. Bind off.



make the right top

■ With Black, cast on 21 sts. Work in garter st for 1"/2.5cm, ending with a WS row.

Work to last 5 sts, bind off 5 sts for strap. DO NOT TURN WORK, slide sts to other end of needle and attach Hollywood Pink to RS and k across 16 sts.

Work even in St st for 3 rows.

Next (dec) row (RS) K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—14 sts. Rep dec row every 6th row 3 times more—8 sts.

Switch to Black yarn and work 7 rows even. Bind off.

FINISH THE SLIPPERS

■ Sew tops to sides of slippers, leaving straps free.

felt the slippers

■ Use a low water setting and hottest temperature in a top loading washing machine. Add a small amount of laundry detergent and some old jeans or towels for agitation. Place slippers in a lingerie bag or zippered pillowcase and add to machine. Check the felting progress frequently, removing slippers when felted to the desired size. Place slippers in cool water to stop the felting process and remove suds. Remove from bag and roll gently in towel to remove excess water. Block and shape while still damp. Allow to air dry completely.

■ Sew buttons securely in place at end of straps, working through both layers. ⌚

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