

Slippers from Squares

I came across these slippers a very long time ago and despite searching the internet (and my attic) carefully I couldn't find the pattern anywhere so I'm basing it on the one slipper I did find! The size would probably fit a size 5-6 shoe but you can make the slippers bigger or smaller by changing the size of the squares. Just do it in even numbers. For example, in the pattern I gave you the small squares are 20 stitches and the large 40, so if you want to make a smaller slipper you could try 18 stitches for the small and 36 for the large. Use your maths and use double the number of stitches for the large. They make a lovely present too if you wanted to treat a family member.

To make these slippers you need 3 small squares and 1 large square per slipper. So in total for a pair of slippers you will need to knit 6 small squares and 2 large squares.

If you don't know how to cast on here are some YouTube tutorials:

Super easy: <https://youtu.be/9bufF8e24JY>

Knit on method: <https://youtu.be/RWLtMqP6Uz0>

If you don't know how to cast off here is a YouTube tutorial for that too: <https://youtu.be/VSwjUiQZIM>

Notes and Tips:

A word of warning...knit slippers can be quite slippery on tiles so you may need to find a way of adding some sort of grip to the bottom. There are a few ways of doing this so I'll include some ideas at the end.

When casting on and off it is a good idea to leave a long tail of extra yarn as you can use these to sew the slippers together afterwards.

Pattern for small squares

CO 20 st. (This means cast on 20 stitches)

Garner stitch (garner stitch simply means you knit every row) until you have a square (approx 38 rows) (check by folding it in half and see if it makes a perfect triangle...think line of symmetry!)

Cast off.

Pattern for large squares

CO 40 st.

Garner stitch until you have a square (very complicated eh?)

Cast off.

Sewing your slippers together

I've included a step by step photo tutorial for this part. If you feel you can't manage this part and there's no one to help you I will do it for you whenever we get back to school. You will need a darning needle.

The squares needed for one slipper



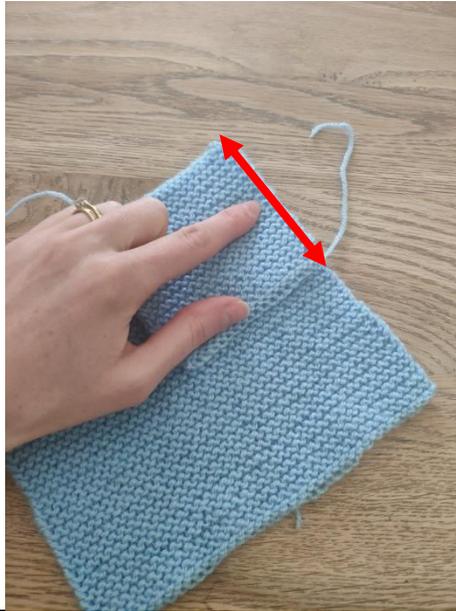
Line them up like this (temporarily just to give you an idea)



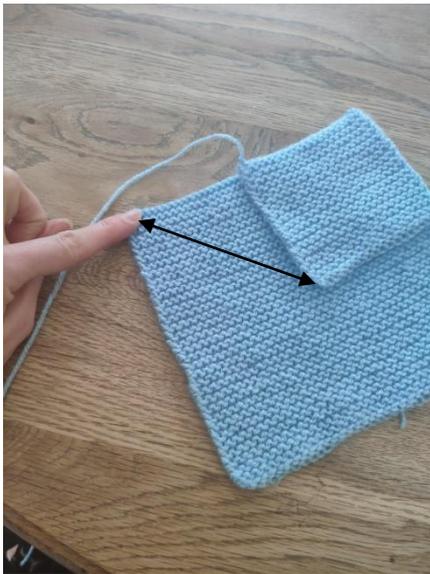
Put one small square on top of the large square



Sew the edges of the small square to the edges of the large square (where I am pointing)



Fold over the edge of the large square on the left...then sew the edge of the small square to the large square



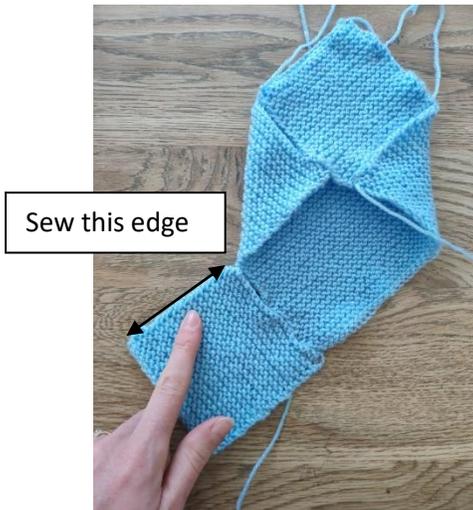
Do the same on the other side (Fold in corner and sew edges)



Take another small square and sew it on along the edge as shown



Fold in the new small square and sew the edge to the folded in edge of the large square



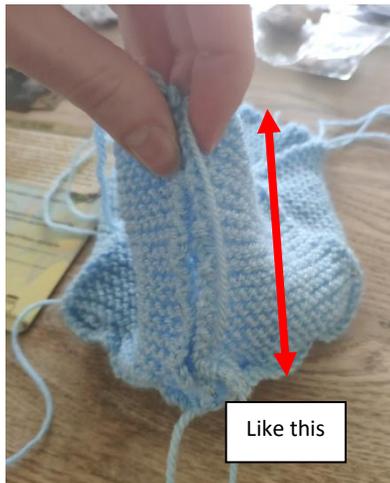
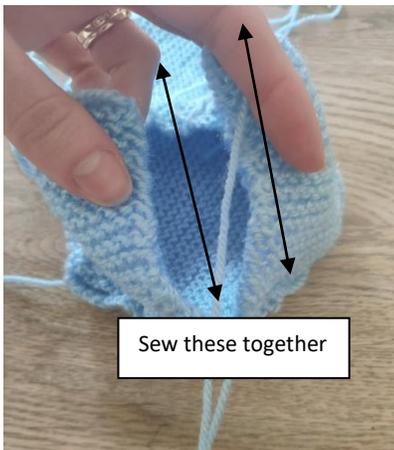
Take your last small square and sew it on as shown



Then fold in the last square and sew the edges as shown (same as what you did on the other side)



Nearly there!! Sew the edges of the second and third square together as shown



Now your slipper should look something like this:



I've only pinned mine together so that's why I have so much extra yarn but you will always have some yarn ends to get rid of. Just sew them in to the seams and cut them off. Best not to tie knots in them as this causes lumps and it's unnecessary. Turn your slipper inside out and voila! You have a slipper!! Now do it all again for the second one! See below for ideas on decorating!

Ta-dah!!



You could decorate your slipper by adding a pom-pom or a bow

I know you all already know how to make pom-poms so I won't go over that. Again just leave a long piece of yarn tail when you tie it around the centre and then use that to sew it to your slipper.

Here's how to make a knit bow

Cast on 14 stitches (more or less if you want a bigger or smaller bow)

Garner Stitch approx 44 rows. (or until it measures about 11.5cm) (You really don't need to be too specific about the bow...once you have a rectangle it will be fine!)

Cast off.

Next, take your ball of yarn and use it to tie a knot around the centre of the rectangle. Then use the end still attached to the ball and wrap it around loads of times to form the "knot" in the centre of the bow. Cut the yarn leaving a long tail. Tie a knot to secure it and then use the tail to sew it to the top of the slipper. I've included a few photos below to help.



Lastly, ideas to make your slippers non-slip!

I've looked up ways of doing this and there are a few but unless you are lucky enough to already have one of these things at home it looks like you will have to purchase something.

Main ways that I can find:

Using clear silicone: There's a chance an adult in your house will have this to seal tiles but if not it can be bought in a hardware shop. It's also possible to buy silicone glue in some craft shops. Here's a video link:

<https://youtu.be/iqwbn9B8w8>

Using a hot glue gun: I haven't tried this but again I think you can buy silicone glue sticks for hot glue guns.

Puffy Fabric Paint: This sounds like a great option but just be careful and don't make the same mistake I did which was to buy puffy paint as opposed to puffy fabric paint. I tried the former and it dries really hard so I think it would feel rather unpleasant to walk around on!

Anti slip indoor rug pad: This is a sheet of stuff that you put under you rug to stop it slipping. This is the only one I've actually tried and it works really well. I just happened to have bought it in Ikea and never used it. Some people use a similar material in their drawers so again it's worth asking in case you have it at home.

Re-use: I haven't tried this for slippers but I did make my son a pair of knee pads when he was learning to crawl by cutting the anti-slip feet off the bottom of one of his baby grows and sewing them into knee pads. So I think it might be possible to use an old pair of grippy socks (like the ones from bounce zone...they won't let you use them in jump nation as far as I know) and cut the bottoms off and sew them to the soles of your slippers.

If you have success with any of these please let me know!! I'm hoping to try some of them out too.

Ok! 7 pages later and my tutorial is complete! If you do make slippers please send me a photo! I'd love to see them. Happy knitting!!

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