

FAMILY BUNNY SLIPPERS

Our 'Family Slippers' adorably embellished with floppy ears and fuzzy pom-pom tails.

Finished Sizes: Small: 6½"/16.5cm length, fits up to 8½"/22cm foot; with 2½"/6.5cm long ears.

<u>Medium</u>: 8"/20cm length, fits up to 10"/25cm foot; with $3\frac{1}{2}$ "/9cm long ears. <u>Large</u>: $9\frac{1}{2}$ "/24cm length, fits up to $11\frac{1}{2}$ "/29cm foot $3\frac{1}{2}$ "/9cm long ears.

Note: These slippers actually fit a wide range of sizes but the more they stretch to fit, the better they stay on! If you'd like to adjust the length, the heel should be about two-thirds of the total length and

the toe about one-third.

Directions given for small size; medium and large sizes in parentheses ().

Yarn: 2 (3, 4) skeins Big Bad Wool Weepaca (95 yds/87m each).

Or approx. 180 (240, 340) yds/165 (220, 311)m of a medium or heavy worsted-weight yarn.

Note: Yarn is used <u>double</u> throughout, so you can mix yarns and colors.

Needles 9 (5.5mm) needles, or size to obtain gauge.

& Notions: 2 stitch markers. Darning needle to finish.

Small: 1³/8"/33mm pom-pom maker for tails. Medium: 1⁵/8"/45mm pom-pom maker for tails. Large: 1⁵/8"/45mm pom-pom maker for tails.

Gauge: Approx. 16 sts = 4"/10 cm in garter stitch.

Glossary: K = knit; K2Tog = knit 2 together; KFB = knit into front then into back of same stitch;

P = purl; PM = place marker; RS = right side; $Sl = \text{slip specified number of stitches from left needle to right needle without working them (slip purlwise unless specified otherwise); <math>St(s) = \text{stitch(es)}$; $W\&T = \text{wrap and turn for garter stitch (slip next stitch purlwise to right needle, bring yarn to front between needles, slip stitch back to left needle. Turn work, yarn$

is in back, ready to knit); WS = wrong side; WYIB = with yarn in back.

Cast on: With yarn held <u>double</u>, using long-tail cast-on method, cast on 27 (33, 39) sts, leaving a

12"/31cm tail for sewing up later.

Garter heel: Row 1 (WS): K8 (10, 12), PM, P1, K9 (11, 13), PM, P1, K8 (10, 12). Note: Markers will

remind you when to purl on WS rows; on subsequent WS rows, slip marker then purl next stitch.

Row 2 (RS): Knit.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 4 (5, 6)"/10 (13, 15)cm, ending with a WS row.

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Ribbed toe: Row 1 (RS): (K1, P1) to last st, K1. Note: Remove markers on first ribbed row.

Row 2 (WS): (P1, K1) to last st, P1.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until piece measures 6 (7½, 9)"/15 (19, 23)cm, ending with a WS row.

Toe shaping: Row 1 (RS): K1, then K2Tog 13 (16, 19) times. [14 (17, 20) sts remain]

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3 (RS): K2Tog across row; for medium size only, knit last st. [7 (9, 10) sts remain]

Finishing: With a darning needle, thread tail (both strands if using yarn doubled) through all

remaining stitches and draw up tightly. Run the ends through these same stitches again for strength. Use one of the ends to sew edges of ribbed toe together using mattress stitch and taking a half-stitch seam, so one full K1 rib remains. Take a couple of small stitches at

the end to secure.

Using one of the cast-on tails and mattress stitch, sew heel seam all the way down to end. Don't worry—the little heel 'corner' will flatten nicely and disappear as you wear the slippers.

Weave in all ends on the inside.

Blocking: Wet- or steam-block if desired. To wet-block, soak for 20 minutes in tepid water with a

little no-rinse wool soap. Gently squeeze out as much water as possible. Roll in towels and squeeze out more moisture; or run through spin-only cycle in washing machine in lingerie bag or zippered pillow case. Dry flat or stuff with crumpled newspaper and shape slippers.

To shorten drying time, place on a baker's cooling rack.

Ears: Size S only:

Using long-tail method, leaving 8"/20cm tail, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K7; W&T.

Rows 2, 4, 6 & 8 (WS): Knit to end.

Row 3 (RS): K5; W&T.

Row 5 (RS): K5, knit next st together with wrap; W&T.

Row 7 (RS): K6, *knit next st together with wrap*; repeat between * * one more time; W&T.

Row 9 (RS): K8, knit next st together with wrap; WYIB Sl 1.

With WS facing and slipping first st purlwise, bind off all sts. Cut yarn, leaving 8"/20cm tail

for finishing.

Make three more identical ears. Proceed to attach ears, next page.

Size M & L only:

Using long-tail method, leaving 8"/20cm tail, cast on 14 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K11, W&T.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 (WS): Knit to end.

Row 3 (RS): K9, W&T.

Row 5 (RS): K7, W&T.

Row 7 (RS): K5, W&T.

Row 9 (RS): K5, knit next st together with wrap, W&T.

Row 11 (RS): K6, *knit next st together with wrap*; repeat between * * one more time; W&T.

 $\underline{Row\ 13}$ (RS): K8, *knit next st together with wrap*; repeat between * * one more time; W&T.

 $\underline{Row\ 15}$ (RS): K10, *knit next st together with wrap*; repeat between * * one more time; W&T.

Row 17 (RS): K12, knit next st together with wrap, WYIB Sl 1.

With WS facing and slipping first st purlwise, bind off all sts. Cut yarn, leaving 8"/20cm tail for finishing.

Make three more identical ears. Proceed to attach ears, below.

Attach ears:

Fold one ear lengthwise, by bringing corners with tails attached together. Thread one set of tails into darning needle and tack corners together. Position ear on top of foot approx. 1½ (1¾, 1¾)"/4 (4.5, 4.5)cm back from tip of toe and two sts away from your seam. Continue to use tails to whip-stitch ears to slipper, working along one side of folded base towards back of ear. Pass tails to inside of slipper and weave in tails. Repeat along other side of base of ear with second set of tails.

Attach remaining three ears onto slipper as for first.

Make pom-pom tail:

Using pom-pom maker instructions, make two pom-pom bunny tails and attach to back of slippers just above base of heel.

Hop along!