

## Wookie Slippers

These instructions cover both how to make these slippers at, theoretically, any size, and how I made the set for my dad. He wears a size 13 shoe, I think. His feet are 11" long and 5" across, approximately. The slippers are so named because I thought the Lamb's Pride Bulky I used to make them looked like a Wookie after felting.



Yarn: Lamb's Pride Bulky, or any bulky-weight feltable yarn. I worked in two colors, but used less than two skeins total.

Needles: Size 13 dpns and 24-inch circular needles.

You also need: Two colors of stitch markers (A and B), zippered pillowcase for felting, clothes washer and dryer.

### Gauge:

Unfelted, in stockinette stitch: 3 stitches/inch and 11 rows to 3 inches.

A gauge swatch of 20 stitches and 28 rows shrunk down to 6" wide and 5.5" tall.

### Sole:

On circular needles, temporary cast on 90 stitches. Join to knit in the round, placing two A-colored stitch markers at the cast-on point and halfway around (45 stitches later). Place four B-colored stitch markers 16 stitches away from each of these markers.



1st and odd-numbered rounds: Knit around, slipping markers.

2nd and even-numbered rounds: ssk, knit to 2 stitches before first B-colored marker, k2t, knit to second B-colored marker, slip marker, ssk, knit to 2 stitches before second A-colored marker, k2t, slip marker, ssk, knit to 2 stitches before third B-colored marker, k2t, knit to fourth B-colored marker, slip marker, ssk, knit to 2 stitches before first A-colored marker, k2t.

Which is a long way of saying that you will be decreasing on either side of the A-colored markers, and just one side (whichever is the toe or heel side) of the B-colored markers.

At some point, you will not have enough stitches to go around the needles and should switch to dpns.

Work the two rows above until the piece is 2.75" deep, or 14 rows. Weave or graft the two sides together.

**Top:**

Using the needle style you prefer, pick up stitches from cast-on edge. Place an A-colored marker at the beginning of the round. Knit in the round for one (post-felting) inch = about 5 rounds. Purl one round. Knit 25, cast off 40, knit 25. Place two B-colored markers 16 stitches away from the A-colored marker.



Work the top as for the sole, except back-and-forth, and leaving out the two sets of decreases on the heel section. Decrease when you are knitting and slip markers when you are purling back. Slip the first stitch on each row, if you like, for a nice, flat edge. After 14 rows, weave or graft the sides together. Darn in ends. Zip into pillowcase and felt.

Theoretical formula to make these in any size:

You need your felted gauge and the length and width of the person's foot.

desired length, in inches = L

desired width, in inches = W

center section =  $L - W = A$  - determine in inches, then multiply by stitch gauge to get a number of stitches.

corners =  $(W/2) \times 1.4 = B$  - determine in inches, then multiply by stitch gauge to get a number of stitches.

Total to cast on =  $2A + 4B$

A-colored markers go at center front and back. B-colored markers are placed B+4 stitches away from them. You are finished decreasing and are ready to graft when your A-colored markers are only 2 stitches away from their nearest B-colored markers.

After picking up from your temporary cast-on, knit in the round for one (post-felting, row-gauge) inch for the sides of the slipper, then purl one round and proceed with the top.

The number of cast-off stitches for the heel opening should be about 45% of the cast-on stitches.

Or just change the yarn/needles and see what turns up.

See my original, messy notes and more photos at [www.journalgazette.net/craftyliving](http://www.journalgazette.net/craftyliving). This pattern is published with Math4Knitters: Crafty Living, Show 7.

Disclaimer: I have not test-knit these again since I made them in 2006. Please feel free to add any and all feedback and I will post errata, if needed.

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