



# THE COLOR EVOLUTION



## SLIPPERS BABUCCE

**SKILL LEVEL:** Experienced

### MATERIALS

Slippers by Laines du Nord 200g balls of shade of your choice (for one pair of slippers) shown in color #20

Size US10/6mm or US10½/6½mm circular needles with 60 cm cord. (if you knit tightly, use US10½/6½mm needles; if you knit loosely, use US10/6mm needles)

Size USJ-10/6mm crochet hook

Darning needle

Scissors

Tape measure

### NOTES (before you start, read instructions carefully)

To achieve the shading in the toe (as shown in the picture), start knitting from the outside of the ball. If you prefer the toe to be in a solid color and the back shaded, begin knitting from the inside of the ball.

Using circular needles, work the slippers in stocking st beginning in rounds from the toe. Approx. halfway up the foot, continue working in rows until reaching the desired foot size. The slippers should be finished first at the toe and then sewn on the back side for the heel.

After finishing, the slippers will be 30% larger than the intended size, so **felting is necessary**. Wrap the slippers in a towel to ease the process, then, using enzymes-and-whiteners-free detergent, machine wash them at 40 degrees on a long wash program (not for delicate garments). After machine washing, **shape the slippers** to the desired size while still damp.

### Foot size

1st size (2nd size, 3rd size)

Italian 35/36 (37/38, 39/40/41)

US 5/6 (6½/7½, 8½/9/9½)

Foot length cm: 21/22 (23/24, 25/25/26)

Slipper length cm: 28/29 (31.5/32, 33/34/36) (before felting)

For following washes use wool garment program.

### STITCHES USED

Stocking stitch in rounds: knit all rounds.

Stocking stitch in rows

**1 st r. (RS):** knit all sts.

**2 nd r. (WS):** purl all sts.

Rep 1 st and 2 nd rows.

### ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work

WS = wrong side of work

SM = stitch marker

SMb = stitch marker of the beginning of the round

st. / sts. = stitch/stitches

col. = color

k = knit

sl st = slip stitch

p = purl

r. = row / rows

yo = yarn over

incr. = increase

decr. = decrease

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together

rep. = repeat

fol. = follow/following

### FIRST PART

For all sizes, with circular needles cast on 21sts:

Pull the cord leaving 11sts on left hand needle and 10sts on right hand needle.

Ensuring that the work is not twisted close the circle by slipping the first st on left hand needle onto right hand needle and then pass the 2 nd st on right hand needle over this stitch (20sts)

When working the rounds work 'magic loop technique' as follows:

\* push the sts on right hand needle onto cord and knit the sts on left hand needle. Then move the sts from cord onto left hand needle \* repeat from \* to \*

**1st round:** Knit all sts. To mark the end of every round, place the SM after last st. you have worked.

**2nd round:** knit all sts. Placing a SM after at 1st and 10th sts.

**3rd round:** knit all sts at the same time increasing 4sts by working yo at each side of each SM.

**4th round:** Knit all sts knitting the yo through the back loop.

**5th round:** Knit to end.

Rep from 3rd to 5th round: 3 times for 1 st size (4 times for 2 nd size, 5 times for the 3 rd size)

Gradually move the stitch markers to the corresponding highlighted stitches in the 2nd round.

After working these increases there are: 32sts for 1st size (36sts for 2nd size, 40sts for 3rd size).

Continue in stocking st until work measures (4½" 12cm for 1st size (5½"/14cm for 2nd size, 6½"/16cm for 3rd size)

### SECOND PART

Break off yarn and cont in stocking st. in rows, beginning from the front center.

Keep 2 SM of increases as a reference. Count the stitches between the 1st and 2nd SM.

Divide in half to find the exact center. Pass the extra stitches onto the left needle and remove the SMb, which is no longer needed.

**1st r. (WS):** P1, yo, P1, yo, purl until last 2sts rem, yo, P1, yo, P1 [4 increases].

**2nd r. (RS):** P1, knit the yo through the back loop, P1, knit the yo through the back loop, K10, K2tog (1 st decreased), continue in knit stitch until 16sts rem (yo included), K2tog, (1 st decreased) K10, knit the yo through the back loop, P1, knit the yo through the back loop, P1 Rep last 2 rows twice more.

Continue working in stocking st. until required length for your size.

Use the crochet-hook to close the slipper by working in slip stitch; make sure there is the same number of stitches on each needle. Put them next to each other, then beginning at the top, hook 1 st off the right needle and 1 st off the left needle, and close by working one slip stitch; continue with this technique, until all stitches are bound off.

### HEEL

Fold the lower tip and sew (WS) approx 1½"/4cm horizontally;

it shapes an excess triangle; cut the triangle and give the finishing touch using the darning needle.

#### **TOE**

Using the crochet-hook and tail (you have left), work 10 slip stitches joining the cast-on stitches.

Using Circular needle and working in rounds finish top of slipper as follows:

beginning from the center front, pick-up 42sts for 1 st size (46sts for 2 nd size, 50sts for 3 rd size).

Make sure you have the same number of stitches on each side: for example, 46 sts. = 23sts on the right and 23sts on the left.

Work 3 rounds in stocking st.

Cast off.

#### **FLAP**

Pick up 6sts at top of back and work 5 rows in stocking st.

Cast off.

Secure loose ends on the WS.

Work the second slipper as given for the first one.