# Rai-rai-raitaa!

# Felted stripy slippers

**Yarn:** Hjertegarn Lima (100% peruvian wool, 50=100m)

Sizes: European 36(40)44



### Yarn required:

2(2)3 balls main colour (=MC) 1(2)2 ball(s) stripe colours (SC)

#### **Needles and notions:**

Gauge: [before felting] 18 sts/ 18 rows = 10 cms (4 inches) garter stitch Circular 40 cm 4,50 mm (US 7), double pointed needles 4,5 mm (US 7) crochet hook 3,5 mm (US 4), stitch markers Increasing 1 st = Knit lifted loop trough the front (M1R) Decreasing 1 st =Knit 2 sts together (k2tog) Slippers are started at the heel, knitted in rows up until the leg and then in rounds.

**Right slipper:** Cast on with main colour 48(52)56 sts and mark 2 middle sts. Work in garter stitch and check **the striping instruction**.  $2^{nd}$  row: M1R before 2 middle sts 1 st and after them 1 st = 50(54)58 sts.  $4^{th}$  row: M1R before the increasing of the  $2^{nd}$  row 1 st, k 1, M1R, k 2, M1R, k 1, M1R = 54(58)62 sts.  $17^{th}(21^{st})25^{th}$  row: K2tog on both edges inside the edge stich. Repeat decreases after 18 rows and 8 rows.

After you have knitted the stripes in rows, change to double pointed needles and continue knitting in rounds. Note: in rounds knit every 2<sup>nd</sup> round and purl every 2<sup>nd</sup> row = garter stitch. In rounds the starting point of rounds changes: the changing point of the colour isn't on top of the slipper but on the left side of the slipper. Start from the 14<sup>th</sup> st of the round, check the colour from the striping instruction. Continue with striping instruction until shape toe.

**Shape toe:** With main colour \*k 2, k2tog; repeat from\*. Knit 2 rows. Next row: \*k 1, k2tog; repeat from\*. Knit 2 rows. Next row: \*k2tog; repeat from\*. Knit 2 row. Cut yarn and draw tail through remaining sts and pull tight to close. Sew the heel seam as flat as possible. Sew in all yarn ends. Crochet to the edge of the slipper 1 row with double crochet st with stripe colour.

**Left slipper:** Knit the same way as the right slipper but when knitted in rounds the starting point of the round is on the right side 13 sts before end of the row.

# **Striping Instruction:**

**Size 36:** In rows: 6 rows MC, 6 rows SC, 8 MC, 6 SC, 8 MC, 6 SC, 8 MC, 6 SC. In rounds: 8 MC, 6 SC, 8 MC, 8

**Size 40:** In rows: 6 rows MC, 6 rows SC, 8 MC, 6 SC, 8 MC, 8 MC,

**Size 44:** In rows: 8 rows MC, 6 rows SC, 8 MC, 6 SC, 8 MC, 8 MC,

**Felting:** Felt slippers and detached bows in washing machine. Set washing machine to warm setting (40°C, 115°F). Place slippers and bows in machine with a small amount of detergent together with a bath towel for added agitation. Run through cycle, checking intermittently until the slippers reach the desired size. Remove from machine and rinse. Note that washing machines are different, the best felting result will be achieved through experimenting. If the slippers don't felt enough in the first wash, wash them again. Shape slippers and bows when damp. You should and will need to use a lot of force! Allow to dry completely.

### A Slipper before felting:

