Rusetilla!

Felted slippers with bows

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

Sizes: European 36(40)44



Yarn required:

3(3)4 balls to the slippers 1(1)1 ball to the bows

Needles and notions:

Gauge: [before felting]18 sts/ 18 rows = 10 cms (4 inches) garter stitch Circular 40 cm 4,50 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 knitted flat and are started from a heel.

Cast on with slipper colour 48(52)56 sts and mark 2 middle sts. Work in garter stitch. 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.

97th(111th)131rd row: Shape toe: *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 a seam from toe until the middle part of the slipper. Sew a heel seam as flat as possible. Sew in all yarn ends. Crochet to the edge of a slipper 1 row with double crochet st.

Bow: Cast on with bow colour 17 sts and work in garter stitch. 7th row: K2tog on both edges inside the edge stich. 17th row: Repeat decreases. 25th row: Repeat decreases. 29th row: M1R on both edges inside the edge stich. 36th row: Repeat increases. 46th row: Repeat increases. Knit 5 rows and bind off all sts. Total amount of rows: 52. Sew in all yarn ends.

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 and 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 can and need to use lot of power! Allow to dry completely.

A slipper and bows before felting:



Sewing the bows

To pinch the narrowest part of a bow nicely sew some running stitches with double bow yarn and pull tight. Embroider bows with running stitch and sew bows to slippers.