



Ladybug Slippers

Finished Length:	Baby: 5 inches long (1 ball coloured, 1 black)	
	Child Med: 7 inches long (1 ball coloured, 1 black)	Childrens 9-12
	Child Large: 8 ¼ inches long (2 balls coloured, 1 black)	Childrens 1-4
	Adult Small: 9 ½ inches long (2 balls coloured, 1 black)	Womens 5-7/Mens 4-6
	Adult Med: 10 ¼ inches long (2 balls coloured, 1 black)	Womens 8-10/Mens 7-9

Materials: 1-2 balls PolarKnit™ 50m/55yds
 1 set 6mm (US 10) straight needles (These slippers are knit tight for better wear.)
 1 stitch marker
 Darning needle
 4 YarnDot™ eyeballs

Gauge: 14sts and 20 rows = 10cm (4 inches) in stocking stitch. 3.5sts per inch.

Important Sizing Note:

This slipper is constructed using garter stitch only. Each slipper can be custom made to fit an individual foot. If you knit 4 rows you will finish with 2 ridges of garter stitch or a ½ inch of length.

Each slipper stretches in length by about 1 inch when placed on the foot. If you like a slipper that fits close to the foot knit the appropriate sizes listed above. If you like a roomy slipper choose one size larger from the sizes above.

Baby (Child Medium) Slipper:

Using 6mm straight needles cast on 23sts making sure you leave a 1 ½ foot length of yarn for heel seaming later.

Row 1 - Knit into the back of the first st, K6, P1, K7, P1, K6, bring yarn forward, slip last st purlwise. (WS)

Row 2 - Knit into the back of first st, K21, bring yarn forward, slip last st purlwise. Mark this side with a stitch marker to remind you that it is the Right Side (RS).

Continue repeating rows 1 and 2 until you have 10 (12) ridges in length and end with a WS row. You will now begin the toe section .

Row 1 - (RS) Begin using black yarn for Baby size. Knit row.

Row 2 - Knit row.

Row 3 - Begin using black yarn for Child size. Knit row.

Row 4 - Baby: K1, *K2tog, K3* repeat to last 2sts, K2tog. Child: Knit row.

Row 5 - Both sizes: Knit row.

Row 6 - Baby: *K2tog, K2*repeat to last 2sts, K2tog. Child: K1, *K2tog, K3* repeat to last 2sts, K2tog.

Row 7 - Baby: *K2tog* repeat to last st, K1. This finished the Baby Slipper. Child: Knit row.

Row 8 - *K2tog, K2*repeat to last 2sts, K2tog.

Row 9 - *K2tog* repeat to last sts, K1.

Break yarn leaving a 12 inch end and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure. Use this same piece of yarn join the seam on the top of the toe.

Child Large Slipper:

Using 6mm straight needles cast on 27sts making sure you leave a 1 ½ foot length of yarn for heel seaming later.

Row 1 - Knit into the back of the first st, K7, P1, K9, P1, K7, bring yarn forward, slip last st purlwise. (WS)

Row 2 - Knit into the back of first st, K25, bring yarn forward, slip last st purlwise. Mark this side with a stitch marker to remind you that it is the Right Side (RS). Continue repeating rows 1 and 2 until you have 14 ridges in length and end with a RS row. You will now begin the toe section .

Rows 1 to 5 - Knit row, beginning with a WS row.

Row 6 - Begin knitting with black yarn, Knit row.

Row 7 and 8 - Knit row. You should have 18 ridges from your cast on edge.

Decrease toe:

Row 9 - K2tog, *K4, K2tog* repeat to last st, K1.

Row 10 - Knit row.

Row 11 - K2tog, *K3, K2tog* repeat to end of row.

Row 12 - Knit row.

Row 13 - *K2, K2tog* repeat to last st, K1.

Row 14 - *K2tog* repeat to end of row.

Break yarn leaving a 12 inch end and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure. Use this same piece of yarn to join the seam on the top of the toe.

Adult Small (Adult Medium) Slipper:

Using 6mm straight needles cast on 29sts making sure you leave a 1 ½ foot length of yarn for heel seaming later.

Row 1 - Knit into the back of the first st, K8, P1, K9, P1, K8, bring yarn forward, slip last st purlwise. (WS)

Row 2 - Knit into the back of first st, K27, bring yarn forward, slip last st purlwise. Mark this side with a stitch marker to remind you that it is the Right Side (RS). Continue repeating rows 1 and 2 until you have 14 (16) ridges in length and end with a RS row. You will now begin the toe section .

Rows 1 to 7 - Knit row beginning with WS row.

Row 8 - Begin knitting with black yarn. Knit row (RS)

Continue knitting in garter stitch until you have 22 (24) ridges from cast on edge.

Decrease toe:

Row 1 - K1, *K5, K2tog* repeat to end of row.

Row 2 - Knit row.

Row 3 - K1, *K4, K2tog* repeat to end of row.

Row 4 - Knit row.

Row 5 - K1, *K3, K2tog* repeat to end of row.

Row 6 - Knit row.

Row 7 - K1, *K2, K2tog* repeat to end of row. (13sts)

Break yarn leaving a 12 inch end and thread yarn through remaining stitches. Draw tightly and secure. Use this same piece of yarn join the seam on the top of the toe.

Finishing:

Attach YarnDot™ eyes to toe end of slipper.

Using a scrap piece of yarn and a darning needle, embroider several black dots on either side of each slipper.

To finish heel, turn slipper so WS is facing out and RS's are facing each other. Using the length of yarn attached to the cast on edge begin seaming the open edge. Continue for 1 ½ inches and then squash the remaining length of seam to make a "T" shape and tack it in place. Secure seam with final stitch and break yarn.

Always machine wash and dry your finished garment to rid it of residual fluff.