

## CROCHETED MOROCCAN-STYLE SLIPPERS

At last our 'Turkish Bed Socks' have a crocheted cousin! These crocheted slippers are designed in Handknit Cotton, so they're machine washable and will hold up to all the skipping you do around the house.

Finished Size: Women's medium, approx. 10"/25cm long (toe to heel); approx. 9"/23cm around foot at

instep. Note: Pattern can be adapted for a longer or shorter foot. For length over approx.

11"/28cm, buy extra yarn.

Yarn: 2 skeins Rowan Handknit Cotton (93 yds/85m each). Or approx. 186 yds/170m of an

equivalent worsted-weight yarn.

Needles US F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge.

& Notions: US E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook or one size smaller than gauge hook for edging.

2 locking stitch markers. Blunt darning needle to finish.

Gauge: Approx. 20 sts/22 rows = 4"/10cm in single crochet in the round.

Glossary: Ch = chain; SC = single crochet; Sl St = slip stitch; St(s) = stitch(es).

Begin toe: With <u>larger hook</u>, Ch4, join in ring with Sl St. Ch1, work 6 SC in ring, working sts around tail

as well as chain. Join to first sc with Sl St; draw tail up tightly to close ring; cut tail. Clip marker into last st in round. Move marker up in each subsequent round to mark last st of round.

Next round: Work 2 SC in each st. [12 sts]

**Toe Shaping:** Shaping rounds are worked every other round, alternating with plain rounds.

Round 1:\*SC in next 2 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [16 sts]

Round 2 and all even rounds: SC in each st around.

Round 3: \*SC in next 3 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [20 sts]

Round 5: \*SC in next 4 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [24 sts]

Round 7: \*SC in next 5 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [28 sts]

Round 9: \*SC in next 6 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [32 sts]

Round 11: \*SC in next 7 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [36 sts]

Round 13: \*SC in next 8 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [40 sts]

Round 15: \*SC in next 9 sts, 2 SC in next st\*; repeat between \* \* 3 more times. [44 sts]

Tip: Clip locking marker into last st to show where shaped section ends and straight section begins.

Repeat Round 2 only for 13 more rounds, or until piece measures approx. 51/4"/13.5cm

from beginning. Continue to move last-stitch marker up in each round.

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**Sides:** Begin working back and forth to form sides and sole of slipper.

Row 1: SC in next 30 sts. Turn work.

Row 2: Ch1, SC in <u>first</u> st and in <u>next 31</u> sts; remove markers. [12 sts left unworked for opening over instep; 32 sts form sides and sole] Turn work.

Row 3: Ch1, SC in first st and in each st to end of row. Turn work.

Working on 32 sts, repeat Row 3 17 more times or until slipper measures approx. 1½"/4cm less than desired length to back of heel.

Shape heel:

Clip a locking marker into 12th st from each end (8 sts between markers).

Row 1: Ch1, 2 SC in first st, \*SC in each st to marker. Remove marker, skip marked st\*; repeat between \* \*; SC in each st to last st, 2 SC in last st. [32 sts]

Clip locking marker into 13th stitch from each end (6 sts between markers). Turn work.

Row 2: Repeat Row 1.

Clip locking marker into 14th stitch from each end (4 sts between markers). Turn work.

Row 3: Repeat Row 1.

Clip locking marker into 15th stitch from each end (2 sts between markers). Turn work.

Row 4: Repeat Row 1.

Clip locking marker into 16th stitch from each end (0 sts between markers). Turn work.

<u>Row 5</u>: Ch1, 2 SC in first st, SC in each st to marker. Remove both markers, skip both marked sts; pulling yarn up very tightly to close gap, SC in each st to last st, 2 SC in last st. [32 sts] Do not cut yarn.

Seaming:

Fold slipper in half lengthwise, right sides together, matching back heel edges. For optional heel loop, Ch 10 (without loop, Ch1). Join back heel with sl st seam, inserting hook under inside legs of 'V's (those closest to each other) along the tops of the sts from the last row. Fasten off.

Edging:

With <u>smaller hook</u>, hold slipper with right side facing, toe pointing to right. Insert hook into first row of side edge (corner where instep meets side of slipper); with new yarn, pull up loop and Ch1. Work SC into each row along side edge, skipping approx. every 4th row as necessary to keep edge from stretching. Do not skip rows along curve at back of heel. Work 1 SC at back seam (hook in front, yarn in back, so heel loop is inside edging). Continue along second side, ending in last row before corner at instep. Fasten off.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends as invisibly as possible on wrong side.

Make another slipper to match!