

FELTED PERSIAN SLIPPERS

This is an easy felting project, requiring basic embroidery skills.



YARN

Ella Rae Classic

Colour	Quantity x 100g balls
25	1

Approx 100 cm lengths of the foll col's 18, 27 and 30 or alternatively use embroidery thread.

MEASUREMENTS

One size, to fit average adult.

NEEDLES

1 pair 4.50mm needles (USA 7)(UK 7)

TENSION

20 sts and 24 rows measured over 10cm (approx 4") of st st using 4.50mm needles.

SIDES (make 2)

Using 4.50mm needles, cast on 16 sts. Work 16 cm in st st, ending on a WS row. Leave sts on end of needle, break yarn. Make second side the same.

TOP

With RS facing, knit across top of both side pieces. (32 sts)

Purl 1 row.

(RS)(inc) K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1.

(34 sts)

Purl 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows, twice more. (38 sts)

Cont working straight until length measures 23 cm, ending on a WS row. (Adjust length here to make size smaller or larger)

Next row(RS)(dec) Dec 1 st each end next row, then 1 st each end every foll alt row, 6 times more. (24 sts)

Dec 1 st each end next 2 rows. (20 sts)

(WS) P2tog across row. (10 sts)

(RS) K2tog across row. (5 sts)

Break yarn and thread through sts to secure.

SOLE

Using 4.50mm needles, cast on 18 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

Next row(RS)(inc) K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1.

Purl 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows, twice more. (24 sts)

Cont working straight until length measures 8 cm, ending on a WS row.

Next row(RS)(dec) Dec 1 st each end next row, then 1 st each end foll 4th row, once. (20 sts)

Cont working straight until length measures 13 cm, ending on a WS row. (Adjust length here to make size smaller or larger)

Next row(RS)(inc) K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1.

Purl 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows, twice more. (26 sts)

Cont working straight until length measures 20 cm, ending on a WS row.

Next row(RS)(dec) Dec 1 st each end next row, then 1 st each end foll alt rows, 6 times more. (12 sts)

Dec 1 st each end foll 3 rows. (6 sts)

Cast off.

Repeat for second slipper.

MAKING UP

Double felt all pieces separately (see method pg 50).

Sew back seam of sides tog.

With RS facing, sew soles to top.

Using the photograph as a guide, embroider onto top, using french knots and simple embroidery sts.

Please note: Some Ella Rae Classic Wool colors listed may be discontinued and/or renumbered. Please feel free to substitute the colors of your own choosing.



WASHING It is recommended that you use a top-loading washing machine. You will need to check the progress at intervals to control the shrinkage. Some newer models of front loaders are suitable, so long as they allow you to open the door during the wash cycle. In preparation for washing, tie off or darn any loose ends very securely to avoid them coming apart during the process.

BAGS To stop the top of the bag from “buckling” out of shape, using a yarn that will not felt (i.e. cotton, silk or synthetic yarn), sew top edges of back and front together using a slip st, taking care to only catch the very edge of the bag on each side—you want to have as little of the fabric touching as possible to avoid the risk of the two edges fusing together during the washing process. Remove this yarn after felting.

Place the knitted items in the machine and set it for a low water level, normal cycle, and hot water wash. Add a small amount of washing detergent and run through a full washing cycle, checking the progress at regular intervals to make sure it is not shrinking too much. Depending on the machine used, it may be necessary to repeat the wash/rinse cycle once more to achieve the required results. The finished item should be felted enough so that no stitch definition is visible on either side.

DRYING After the pieces have been felted, it may be necessary to stretch the pieces into shape to achieve the recommended size. Pull and stretch so that the shape is even all the way around and measurements are correct. It is quite easy to manipulate the fabric when it is still damp. It is also possible to use a hot iron on the fabric to get rid of unwanted creases or to manipulate things back into shape. Air dry thoroughly.

FINISHING Once the fabric is felted and dry, it is possible to cut the fabric without the risk of it unraveling. In some cases this may be necessary to achieve the shape or dimensions preferred.



The accessories used throughout have been obtained from good craft stores. There is also a good source of supplies online.

