

CHECKERBOARD SLIPPERS

Size 8 (5.0mm) needles

2 skeins worsted weight yarn in contrasting colors

Cast on 60 with one color

Row 1 - (Start with contrasting color) K6, pull other yarn across and K6; repeat with alternate colors until you have 10 sets of 6 stitches each color.

Row 2 - (Anchor contrasting color at beginning of each row by twisting strands) K6 with same color you ended row 1 with, pull other yarn across and K6. Repeat with alternate colors as in Row 1.



NOTE: It is important on all even numbered rows to be sure to change your yarn colors correctly. ALL ROWS STRAIGHT KNIT.

*** To give the rolled effect on the top edge of the slipper, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ANCHOR YOUR CONTRASTING COLOR AT EACH END OF EACH ROW.

After anchoring your contrast color, be sure your matching color is at the front of your work (away from you). K6 sts. Bring the color towards the left and over your needle to the back side of your work (toward you). Take the contrast color back through the same way to the front of your work and K6. This constant reversing of yarns is done for each 10 squares and on all even rows.

Row 3-8 - Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 9 - Change your color of thread to start a new color square. Knit same as Row 1.

Continue the above procedure until you have 7 squares for women and possible 8 for men.

Decrease in 8th (9th) square:

Row 1 - K 1, K2tog, K1, K2tog. Repeat in all 10 squares.

Row 2 - K 1, K2tog, K1. Repeat in all 10 squares.

Rows 3 and 4 - Knit.

Row 5 - K 1, K2tog. Repeat.

Row 6 - K2tog. Repeat. (This will leave you with 10 sts. on the needle).

Cut yarn about 12 inches long. Take one color yarn, thread it through a needle and pull it through the 10 sts. Tie ends securely. (This forms toe of slipper).

Using one yarn (cut the other off) sew the sides together of the last four squares. This leaves four squares for the open part of the slipper. Sew the back together to form the heel.

SIZE ADJUSTMENTS

Toddlers: 8 blocks across, 6 blocks long.

Children: 10 blocks across, 8 blocks long.

Ladies: 6 sts to block and 12 blocks across; 6 rows to a block and 10 blocks long.

Men: 14 blocks across, 12 blocks long.

If cuff is desired, cast on 8 sts on each end, bind these sts. off when half squares are completed.