

## Santa's Little Helpers



Who can resist these adorable Santa Slippers? Surely they are to be one of the highlights of Christmas morning!

Size: Ladies Small (5 ½ to 6 ½ Cdn)

Materials: Bernat Softee® Chunky (1 Skein each colour)

Colourway: 28705 Berry Red – 100g/3.5 oz skein

28021 Linen – 100g/3.5 oz skein

28005 White – 100g/3.5 oz skein

24" length of black chunky yarn

1 Pair of 6.5 mm (US#10 1/2) Straight Knitting Needles (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Yarn Needle

Gauge: 12 stitches and 15 rows = 4" in Seed Stitch

\*Note: Slippers are knitted from the heel forward toward the toe

Seed Stitch:

Row 1: \*K1, P1, repeat from \* to end of row.

Row 2: \*K over P and P over K, repeat from \* to end of row.

With Red colour, cast on 34 stitches and work 17 rows Seed Stitch (piece will now measure approx.. 4 ½").

Bind off (Knitwise) 5 stitches LOOSELY on next 2 rows, keeping remainder of row continuity in Seed Stitch pattern.

Change yarn to Linen colour and work 8 rows Seed Stitch.

Change yarn to White colour and work 2 rows Seed Stitch.

Commence decreases as follows:

Next Row (RS): Working in Seed Stitch, decrease 3 stitches evenly across row (decrease with a K2 tog.)

Next Row (WS): Work in Seed Stitch, making sure to Knit the stitch of every K2 tog from previous row.

Complete these two rows until 6 stitches remain on needle.

Break yarn, leaving a long enough tail and thread it through the 6 stitches. Pull up tight and secure, with remaining yarn and RS together, sew seam of white part and then weave in ends. Repeat with Linen colour, only sewing that coloured part of the seam.

For the Red coloured part of the seam, only sew the two rows after the bind off edges. Weave in all ends.

Sew up heel and weave in ends (in Red).

This completes one slipper, as they are neither a left nor a right, make another the same to match.

To make Hat Flaps:

With WS facing and working along top, right hand side of ankle opening, pick up and knit 11 stitches from the centre back heel to the front edge and work 2 rows Seed Stitch.

Next Row: Working in Seed Stitch, dec 2 stitches evenly across row by using a K2 tog.

Next Row: Work in Seed Stitch, but Knit the dec stitches as was done with the toe decreases.

Repeat these 2 rows until 5 stitches are left on needle.

Next Row: K1, K2 tog, K2

Next Row: K4

Next Row: K1, K2 tog, K1

Next Row: K1, K2 tog

Next Row: K2 tog

Thread tail through last stitch and pull tight to secure. Weave in ends.

Work another hat flap on the opposite side of the other slipper.

Finishing:

With Black yarn and needle, sew eyes overtop of existing Linen colour on top of foot.

Make 2 white pompoms and 2 red pompoms, both about 1 ½" in diameter. Sew white pompoms to hat flaps and red ones to toes to represent Santa's nose.