

GALWAY CHUNKY 2 Needle Felted Slipper Booties

**Great Beginner Class
Short Rows/Socks/Felting**



Size: Ladies approx. size 6-9 shoe size

Materials: 2 –100g ball of Galway Chunky Color # 12

Gauge: 13sts = 4” in st st on a US 11(8 mm) needle. *Or size to obtain gauge.*

Needles: US 11 needles, (1) extra size 11 needle for 3 Needle Bind Off, tapestry needle, washing machine, lingerie bag, gentle laundry soap.

RIGHT SLIPPER:

Starting at the top cuff of the bootie, cast on 40 sts and work 4 rows of Garter Stitch. (Knit all rows). Next row is a RS row: knit. Then continue in St St until piece measures 5” end having worked a WS row.

SHAPE HEEL:

Row 1: (RS) Knit 20 sts. Turn work.
Row 2: (WS) Purl 19 sts. Turn work.
Row 3: Knit 18 sts. Turn Work.
Row 4: Purl 17 sts. Turn work.
Row 5: Knit 16 sts. Turn work.
Row 6: Purl 15 sts. Turn work.
Row 7: Knit 14 sts. Turn work.
Row 8: Purl 13 sts. Turn work.
Row 9: Knit 12 sts. Turn work.
Row 10: Purl 11 sts. Turn work.
Row 11: Knit 10 sts. Turn work.
Row 12: Purl 9 sts. Turn work.
Row 13: Knit 8 sts. Turn work.
Row 14: (WS) Purl 9 sts. Turn work.
Row 15: Knit 10 sts. Turn work.
Row 16: Purl 11 sts. Turn work.
Row 17: Knit 12 sts. Turn work.
Row 18: Purl 13 sts. Turn work.

Abbreviations: K = knit, p = purl ,pm=place marker, RS=right side, sm=slip marker, st = stitch, WS=wrong side.

Row 19: Knit 14 sts. Turn work.
Row 20: Purl 15 sts. Turn work.
Row 21: Knit 16 sts. Turn work.
Row 22: Purl 17 sts. Turn work.
Row 23: Knit 18 sts. Turn work.
Row 24: Purl 19 sts. Turn work.
Row 25: Knit 20 sts pm, knit to end of row.

DESIGNER NOTE: This method of “short rows” will leave holes or eyelets, but it is great after you have felted the slippers. You will enjoy the ‘vents’ when you are wearing them.

Next row (WS): Knit 20 sts, sm, purl 20 sts.

Next row (RS): Knit across row.

Repeat these 2 rows creating Garter Stitch across the bottom of slipper. Work until foot measures 5” (or desired length of foot-5” will equate a size 6-9 women’s size). End on a RS row.

SHAPE TOE:

Row 1: (WS) Purl 20 sts. Turn work.
Row 2: (RS) Knit 19 sts. Turn work.
Row 3: Purl 18 sts. Turn work.
Row 4: Knit 17 sts. Turn work.
Row 5: Purl 16, sts. Turn work.
Row 6: Knit 15 sts. Turn work.
Row 7: Purl 14 sts. Turn work.
Row 8: Knit 13 sts. Turn work.
Row 9: Purl 12 sts. Turn work.
Row 10: Knit 11 sts. Turn work.
Row 11: Purl 10 sts. Turn work.
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Row 13: Purl 8 sts. Turn work.
Row 14: Knit 9 sts. Turn work.
Row 15: Purl 10 sts. Turn work.
Row 16: Knit 11 sts. Turn work.
Row 17: Purl 12 sts. Turn work.
Row 18: Knit 13 sts. Turn work.
Row 19: Purl 14 sts. Turn work.
Row 20: Knit 15 sts. Turn work.
Row 21: Purl 16 sts. Turn work.
Row 22: Knit 17 sts. Turn work.
Row 23: Purl 18 sts. Turn work.
Row 24: Knit 19 sts. Turn work.
Row 25: Purl 20 sts.

(Your seam will be at the base of the toes on the bottom of the slipper.)

Binding off:

Hold the needle with the 20 active sts parallel with the inactive 20 sts on a different needle with Wrong Sides facing out. With your 3rd needle work the Three Needle Bind Off as follows:

Insert the third needle into the first st on each of the other two needles and knit them together. Knit the next st on each needle in the same fashion. Now pass the first st over the second st as you would in a cast off. Repeat this method until all sts are cast off.

LEFT SLIPPER:

Starting at the top cuff of the bootie, cast on 40 sts and work 5 rows of Garter Stitch. (Knit all rows). Next row is a WS row. Continue in St St until piece measures 5" ending on a RS row.

SHAPE HEEL:

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Row 23: Purl 18 sts. Turn work.
Row 24: Knit 19 sts. Turn work.
Row 25: Purl 20 sts.

Next row (RS): Knit 20 sts, pm, knit 20 sts.

Next row (WS): Knit 20 sts, sm, purl 20 sts. .

Repeat these 2 rows creating Garter Stitch across the bottom of slipper. Work until foot measures 5"(or desired length of foot-5" will equate a size 6-9 women's size). End on a WS row.

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FINISHING:

Sew inside seam from the cuff down to the toe shaping.
Weave in all ends.

FELTING:

Using a home washing machine set for regular use, it may take a full cycle.
Just remember, felting is not a science, so don't be discouraged if at first it doesn't shrink enough. Some yarns and/or some colors take two, even three washings.

With slippers in lingerie bag, place in washing machine. Use enough gentle laundry soap as you would for a small load. Set the cycle for Hot Wash.

Close lid and begin agitating.

Check your felting process about every 5 minutes or so. Once the desired amount of felting is completed, remove the excess water by spinning the item for a short time in the washing machine. Or you can also roll it in a couple of bath towels.

Shape your items by tugging or just slipping your foot in and shaping. Then stuff it with plastic bags, or paper towels. Place in an open space and let air dry.

CARE OF FELTED SLIPPERS:

Your slippers can be washed in the future as well. Just remember to use the cold cycle, immediately removing from the washing machine, shape as defined above.

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