



Spot Shots Redux

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Five years ago at a knitting retreat, my friends and I decided it would be a good idea to cross a wash cloth with a slipper to make a quick and fun way to clean the floors. I had fond memories of dancing my floor clean with my children when they were little so I was totally game. I wrote, they test-knitted and gave feedback...and Spot Shots were born.

When I reviewed the pattern for [The Queen's Garters](#), I was amazed at how much my style as a designer had changed. Needless to say, the pattern has been updated significantly from the original for this collection. It's now written in rounds and is more streamlined. This version includes the plain slippers and a "dusty sole" variation. It still comes in 6 sizes, so the entire family can dance the floor clean!

Details

Difficulty

Easy

Techniques used

Knitting in the round, directional increases and decreases, mattress stitch

Sizes Offered

A(B,C,D,E, F)

Measurements

Approximate length: 5.5(6.75, 8, 9.75, 10.5, 12.25) inches

Yarn Weight

#4–Medium (worsted)

Yardage Required

Plain Soles: 90(120, 130, 150, 160, 175) yards

Dusting Soles: 105(130, 155, 175, 190, 215) yards

Yarn Pictured

Peaches and Cream, *Solids*

Needles (use whatever size needles needed to meet gauge)

1 set US #6/4mm dpns or circular needles

Gauge

20 sts/30 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

Notions

stitch markers (ring and locking), tapestry needle

Notes

- **Abbreviations and Techniques:** page [3](#)
- Select the size closest to your foot length. If your foot is between sizes choose the larger size since cotton will shrink when washed.
- Slippers are written for plain soles. Modifications for dusting soles are included after the main pattern.
- Two methods of finishing the sole are suggested. Sewing the sole is easier but leaves a significant ridge. Grafting is more difficult but leaves no trace.

Overview

The slippers are worked in the round. Shaping occurs at 4 points: the tip-of-toe (which is worked every shaping round) and the heel and side-of-toe (right and left) which are worked every other shaping round.

The instep is worked in stockinette stitch and all the shaping rounds are increases. The sole is worked in garter stitch and all the shaping rounds are decreases.

You can either bind off and sew the sole of your slipper closed, or you can graft it together. Finally, the instep is sewn starting at the tip-of-toe until the slipper fits as snugly as you prefer.

Loop Stitch

K1 but do not slip the stitch from left needle. Bring the yarn forward between the needles, make a loop by wrapping the working yarn around your left thumb, then take the yarn back between the needles, knit the stitch again but this time slip it from the left needle and let the loop drop from your thumb. On the right needle, pass the second stitch from the tip of the needle over the first stitch. Repeat.



DIRECTIONS

Instep

Using long tail cast on and leaving at least a 15 inch tail, CO 40(50, 60, 70, 80, 90) sts.

Setup Row: Knit to end. Join to work in the round.

Round 1: K4(5, 6, 7, 8, 9), pm (Side 1); k16(20, 24, 28, 32, 36) sts, pm (Heel); k16(20, 24, 28, 32, 36) sts, pm (Side 2); k4(5, 6, 7, 8, 9), pm (Toe and beg of rnd).

Rounds 2, 4, and 6: Knit.

Round 3: K1, M1L, k to Side 1 marker, slm; k1, M1L, k past Heel marker to 1 st before Side 2 marker, M1R, k1, slm; k to 1 st before Toe marker, M1R, k1, slm; 4 sts *increased*.

Round 5: K1, M1L, k past Side 1 marker to 1 st before Heel marker, M1R, k1, slm; k1, M1L, k past Side 2 marker to 1 st before Toe marker, M1R, k1, slm; 4 sts *increased*.

Sizes A(B): Rep Rounds 3 and 4, 52(62) sts.

Sizes C(D): Rep Rounds 3 to 6, 76(86) sts.

Sizes E(F): Rep Rounds 3 to 6. Then, rep Rounds 3 and 4, 100(110) sts.

Sole

Rounds 1 and 3: Knit.

Rounds 2 and 4: Purl.

Round 5: K1, ssk, k to Side 1 marker, slm; k1, SSK, k past Heel marker to 3 st before Side 2 marker, k2tog, k1, slm; k to 3 st before Toe marker, k2tog, k1, slm; 4 sts *decreased*.

Rounds 6 and 8: Purl.

Round 7: K1, ssk, k past Side 1 marker to 3 st before Heel marker, k2tog, k1, slm; k1, ssk, k past Side 2 marker to 3 st before Toe marker, k2tog, k1, slm; 4 sts *decreased*.

Size A(B): Rep Rounds 5 to 8. Then, Rep Rounds 7 and 8, 32(42) sts.

Size C(D): Rep Rounds 5 to 8 twice, 52(62) sts.

Size E(F): Rep Rounds 5 to 8 twice. Then, Rep Rounds 7 and 8, 72(82) sts.

Break yarn leaving a 24 inch yarn tail. Fold the slipper and graft the two halves of the sole together.

Note: Grafting the sole opening gives the best results. However, you can also bind off the the stitches. Break the yarn (leaving a 24 inch tail) and sew the two halves of the sole together with mattress stitch.

Modification for Dusting Soles

Work as for Plain Spot Shots working all stitches (including the decreases) in Sole Rounds 5 and 7 in Loop Stitch.

FINISHING

Try on slipper. Beginning at the toe end, pinch the cast on edges together and decide how far you up the foot you want to sew the cast on edge. Mark this position with a locking stitch marker on each side. Sew instep using mattress stitch and the cast on tail.

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

CO	Cast On
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
M1R	Make one stitch (right leaning): From back of work lift bar between stitches onto the left needle and knit it.
M1L	Make one stitch (left leaning): From front of work lift bar between stitches onto the left needle and knit it through the back loop.
p	purl
pm	place marker
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
SI	slip purlwise with yarn behind work
slm	slip markerr
SSK	slip slip knit
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side
x	times

Techniques

M1R and M1L:

<http://knitpurlhunter.com/blog/?p=236>



Grafting / Kitchener Stitch

Introduction:

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEsummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>



Mattress Stitch

<http://knitpurlhunter.com/blog/?p=1163>



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