

Tommy's Brown Slippers with Cuff

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Directions are for size lg adult (8+ shoe size)

Supplies:

Knitting needles, 8mm (11) for heel & toe, size 7 mm for cuff

Blunt yarn needle

Yarn: For slipper: Two strands...1 of Thick and Quick (20% wool) and 1 of Bernat Soft Boucle. For cuff: Single strand of Thick and Quick

Begin by making the heel:

Cast on 23, leaving about 10 inches loose yarn to form seam of heel later

Row 1: Knit across Row 2: k7, p1, k7, p1, k7 Repeat pattern to form about 10 ridges. (Looking from inside, with 10th row attached to needle)

Add on toe:

Row 1: (with ridge/stockinette NOT facing you), k1, p1 across

(note: 8th stitch should be a purl, also 16th stitch should be a purl, with seven stitches left on the row, ending with a knit)

Row 2: Knit across. Repeat pattern to form the toe and the fit/size of the slipper. End with knit across.

Note: the distance should be about 1 – 1-1/2 inches less than the foot (to allow slipper to stretch and produce a snug fit). 8 ridges, total of 8 inches, ending with a K1P1.

Last two rows: (beginning with stockinette facing you), K2 together

End with 6 stitches on.....final length 8-1/2 inches (not on needle)

Complete the toe section:

Cut yarn, leaving a long strand (somewhere around 15 inches). Yarn over, and draw strand through each stitch to finish off. Pull up strand tightly to form circle of toe. With blunt yarn needle overcast several times to secure. Continue overcasting (1/2" into the heel portion) to form the seam of the toe, make several secure/tight overcast stitches in the same place. Then weave in 2-3 inches of loose ends and trim.

Complete the heel section:

Bring back of heel together to form a straight seam. Using the loose yarn of the original "chain on," overcast the edges together to form the seam of the heel. End with several secure/tight overcast stitches in the same place and then weave loose ends backwards a couple inches, trim off.

Cuff:

Using 7 mm needles, make ribbing using one strand of Thick and Quick. Cast on 28. K2 P2 for 5 inches (not counting needle). Bind off (knit two, slip off one, across). Cut yarn leaving 15".

Using the yarn from original cast-on edge, with blunt yarn needle, overcast to make seam to form "tube." Finish with several overcast stitches in the same place, and weave in loose ends. Trim.

Attaching the ribbing/cuff:

With right side of cuff against inside of slipper, with the ribbing seam at the back of the slipper, with bound-off edge against slipper opening, and with the loose yarn from binding off placed to form the new seam, equally distribute the ribbing around the slipper opening. Working from the inside, attach ribbing/cuff to slipper, forming the seam with an overcast stitch (not too tight as this will need to stretch when putting on the slipper). Cut yarn to 2" and weave in loose end.



Pom poms:

Make 2 plastic circle forms using 2 plastic butter containers. Cut out a 1” center circle. Using single strand of Thick and Quick, cut 7 1-yard lengths. Holding the 2 plastic circles together, wrap the yarn ‘round and ‘round. Carefully holding in place, cut the yarn around the exterior circumference. Carefully, slip a strand (or two) between the two plastic forms and pull tight, being carefully not to break the yarn. Tie several knots and then attach the pom pom to the slipper and weave in loose ends.

Use safety pin as “needle” to attach both (double strand) ends and triple knot and trim ends to match length of pom pom strands.

