

FARTHING PATTERNS

1/12th scale Knitted Bedroom Slippers for a lady doll c. 1920's.

Abbreviations: st-stitch; () - repeat instructions between brackets; k-knit; p-purl; inc-increase by working twice into next stitch to make 2 stitches; k2tog-knit next 2 stitches together to form 1 stitch; p2tog-purl next 2 sts together to make 1 stitch; M-Main colour; C-contrast colour; sl-slip next stitch without working it, pss0 – pass slipped stitch over stitch just worked.

Materials required: size 19 (1 mm, US size 5/0) needles, ½ skein each main colour and contrast colour. Optional-thin cork or leather to make a sole.

Upper (Make 2 alike)

Start at lower edge.

Using M cast on 30 sts.

Rows 1-2: k

Join in contrast colour but do not break main colour.

Row 3: Using C, k 1, sl 1, (k 2, sl 1) to last st, k 1.

Row 4: Using C, p 1, sl 1, (p 2, sl 1) to last st, p 1.

Row 5: Using M, k

Row 6: Using M, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. (28 sts)

Row 7: Using C, k2tog, k 1, sl 1, (k 2, sl 1) to last 3 sts, k 1, k2tog. (26 sts)

Row 8: Using C, p2tog, sl 1, (p 2, sl 1), to last 2 sts, p2tog. (24 sts)

Break C, continue in M for ankle flap:

Row 9: k

Row 10: cast off 2 sts, k to end. (22 sts)

Row 11: cast off 2 sts, k to end. (20 sts)

Rows 12-16: k

Cast off loosely.

Sole (Make 2 alike)

NOTE: reverse one sole when sewing up slippers, so the shape of foot is different on each side (giving a left and right foot)

Using M, cast on 4 sts.

Rows 1-8: k

Row 9: inc in 1st st, k 3. (5 sts)

Rows 10-16: k

Row 17: k2tog, k 1, k2tog. (3 sts)

Row 18: k

Row 19: sl 1, k2tog, pss0. (1 st)

Fasten off.

To make up:

Join centre front seam of upper. Sew soles onto upper (remembering to reverse one.) Sew in all loose ends. Turn down ankle flaps. These may be secured with a stitch if necessary. Cut out cork or leather soles and stick to sole if required.

Rosette (Make 2 alike)

Using C, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1: (p2tog) to end. (6 sts)

Break yarn and thread through 6 remaining sts. Pull up tight and sew ends together to form a circular rosette. Sew to front of slipper near ankle flap.



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