



Owl / Bird Slipper Socks - Adult

This pattern is to make slipper socks with an owl/bird face on the front. It is inspired by some similar child-sized versions I saw online, but the pattern was written in Russian and I couldn't understand it. Therefore, I have written this for adult-sized slipper socks from scratch and did not copy any other pattern to write it. I plan to adapt it and write child, toddler and baby versions soon!

This is an easy pattern, with a few slightly more challenging instructions. It would be particularly suitable for someone who is familiar with the crochet basics, can read patterns and is looking to do a project that is a bit more complicated than afghan squares and scarves.

Hook: 4mm / G hook

Yarn weight: Double knit (DK) wool / light worsted yarn

Optional: Buttons for eyes, or other decorations as desired

Finished size: width approx. 10 cm; length as desired for shoe size (*should fit snugly to foot*)

Abbreviations:

sc = single crochet US (dc or double crochet UK)

hdc = half double crochet US (htr or half treble crochet UK)

dc = double crochet US (tr or treble crochet UK)

sl. st. = slip stitch

st. = stitch

ch = chain

sc2tog = sc 2 stitches together, also known as a decrease, or dec)

2sc = 2 x sc in same stitch (also known as an increase, or inc)

Special stitches:

Magic circle to start.



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Notes

“ch1” = chain 1, “ch2” = chain 2. The “ch1” and “ch2” at the start of rounds do not count as a stitch for the stitch counts. Total stitches in round or row shown in square brackets [].

“2hdc” = 2 x hdc in same stitch, “hdc x 2” = hdc in the next 2 stitches.

“2sc” = 2 x sc in same stitch (also known as an increase, or inc.); “sc x 2” = sc in the next 2 stitches.

Instructions inside round brackets () to be repeated the stated number of times.

SLIPPER SOCKS

IN COLOUR 1, working in the round:

Round 1: Make a magic circle and ch2, dc x 12 in circle, join to 1st st with sl. st. and pull circle closed. [12]

Round 2: ch1, 2hdc in same st., 2 x hdc, (2hdc, hdc x 2) 3 times, join to 1st st with sl. st. [16]



Round 1 join (left); Round 2 join (right)

Round 3: ch1, 2hdc in same st., 3 x hdc, (2hdc, hdc x 3) 3 times, join to 1st st with sl. st. [20]

Round 4: ch1, 2hdc in same st., 3 x hdc, (2hdc, hdc x 3) 4 times, join to 1st st with sl. st. [25]

Round 5: ch1, 2hdc in same st., 4 x hdc, (2hdc, hdc x 4) 4 times, join to 1st st with sl. st. [30]

Sizing Note: For most adult women sizes, you can stop increasing here. If you have a wider foot, you can do a further increase round (ch1, 2hdc in same st., 5 x hdc, (2hdc, hdc x 5) 4 times, join to 1st st with sl. st. [35]) and continue the next rounds with 35 stitches, not 30. Similarly, if you have a particularly narrow foot, or are doing a smaller size for a child, you can skip Round 5 and continue with 25 stitches.

Remember that the slipper sock should be snug as the yarn will stretch on the foot.

Round 6: ch1, hdc in same st., 29 x hdc, join to 1st st with sl. st. [30]

IN COLOUR 2:

Note: I change colour by using COLOUR 2 to pull up the last loop of the previous round's last hdc and the slip stitch to join.



Round 7 to Round 12: Repeat Round 6 using new colour.

Now you will be working in rows

Row 13: Do not turn work. ch1, hdc in same stitch, hdc x 21. [22]

Sizing Note: If you have increased to 35 stitches for wider fittings as described above, you will want 26 stitches per row. If you stopped increasing at Round 4 for smaller sizes, you will need rows of 18 stitches here.

Row 14: ch1 and turn work, hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc x 21. [22]

Repeat Row 14 until you reach the desired length for your shoe size. A shoe chart will indicate how long the shoe size should be, such as this one:

Adult Men and Women Shoe Size Conversion Chart

System	Sizes																
Europe	35	35½	36	37	37½	38	38½	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46½	48½	
Mexico						4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	9	10	11	12.5	
Japan	M	21.5	22	22.5	23	23.5	24	24.5	25	25.5	26	26.5	27.5	28.5	29.5	30.5	31.5
	W	21	21.5	22	22.5	23	23.5	24	24.5	25	25.5	26	27	28	29	30	31
U.K.	M	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	10	11	12	13½
	W	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	9½	10½	11½	13
Australia	M	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	10	11	12	13½
	W	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	9	10½	11½	12½	14
U.S. & Canada	M	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	9	10½	11½	12½	14
	W	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	9	9½	10	10.5	12	13	14	15.5
Russia & Ukraine*	W	33½	34		35	36		37		38	39						
Korea (mm.)	228	231	235	238	241	245	248	251	254	257	260	267	273	279	286	292	
Inches	9	9 ¹ / ₈	9¼	9 ³ / ₈	9½	9 ⁵ / ₈	9¾	9 ⁷ / ₈	10	10 ¹ / ₈	10¼	10½	10¾	11	11¼	11½	
Centimeters	22.8	23.1	23.5	23.8	24.1	24.5	24.8	25.1	25.4	25.7	26	26.7	27.3	27.9	28.6	29.2	
Mondopoint	228	231	235	238	241	245	248	251	254	257	260	267	273	279	286	292	

I recommend crocheting rows until the length from the tip of the toe to the end of the last row is at least 1.5 to 2.0 cm shorter than the length of desired shoe size to ensure a snug fit, as they will stretch. If you put your foot into the slipper, and try to pull the ends closed around your heel, they should not quite reach.

E.g. for a UK size 6, the length of my slipper was 24 cm, which is about 1 cm shorter than the 25 cm length for a UK size 6. (This was 19 rows in total for my gauge, i.e. from Row 13 to 31.) If in doubt, go a little smaller than larger, as the slipper will stretch on the foot when worn, and you don't want them falling off!



Cut yarn, leaving enough tail to sew on.

Joining at the heel:

To join, you will slip stitch vertically along the back of the heel. Turn the slipper and fold it so the last row you crocheted is in half, matching up your stitches evenly.

Slip stitch join into the ch1 space of the last row turning chain (marked with the purple needle). (You can ch1 before doing this if you feel you need to.)



Slip stitch join the heel together (11 slip stitches). I join the **back loop** of the stitches closest to me with the **front loop** of the stitches furthest from me, as indicated by the purple needle, as I find this makes a smoother heel and the join is less raised and obvious.



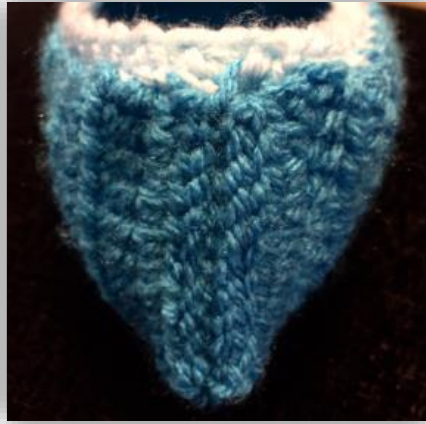
Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Upper trim IN COLOUR 1, working in the round again:

Round 1: Join yarn to middle stitch at the back and ch 1, then sc evenly around the top of the slipper sock and join with a sl. st. at the back again. *(Should be 1 stitch per row down each side.)*

Round 2: ch1, sc2tog, sc2tog, then sc around the rest of the stitches again until you reach the last 4 stitches, then sc2tog, sc2tog and slip stitch to join. *(The decreases at the back of the heel help keep the slipper on your foot.)*

Cut yarn and weave in ends.



That's the basic slipper part done. Now on to the birdy decoration!

EYES

You can do these using any of the available techniques for making eyes available on the web. Personally I have used two types:

All Crochet Eyes

Round 1: In black yarn, make a magic circle and ch1, sc x 6 in circle, join to 1st st with sl. st. and pull circle closed.

Note: I pull up the new colour by using it for the sl. st. to join the round.

Round 2: In white yarn, ch1 and then 2sc in same stitch, 2sc in next 5 stitches, sl. st. to join to 1st st. [12]

Cut yarn, leaving enough tail to sew on. Weave in/secure ends.



Crochet and Button Eyes

Round 1: In white yarn, make a magic circle and ch1, hdc x 12 in circle, join to 1st st with sl. st. and pull circle closed.

Cut yarn, leaving enough tail to sew on.

Sew on a black button of a suitable size into the centre of the circle.

Attach to work and weave in all ends.





BEAK

I used a simple triangle for this, as follows:

Foundation Chain: chain 5

Row 1: Turn and sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc x 3 [4]

Row 2: Without chaining, turn work and sc in sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc x 2 [3]

Row 3: Without chaining, turn work and sc in sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc x 1 [2]

Row 4: Without chaining, turn work and sc in sc in 2nd ch from hook [2]

Cut yarn, leaving enough tail to sew on.

Sew beak and eyes on. The eyes go centrally over the colour change line, with the beak below.

I hope you've enjoyed this pattern. If you have any feedback on how I could improve the instructions or if you find an error, I would be grateful if you could drop me a note. Thank you.