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COSY TOES

Crochet the gift of comfort with Sandra
Torrance's pom pom slippers



HOW TO MAKE CROCHET SLIPPERS

MATERIALS

- Paintbox Yarns Simply Chunky Yarn, 100% acrylic, 100g/136m per ball, one ball in Stormy Grey (304) (Yarn A)
- Stylecraft Special Chunky Yarn, 100% acrylic, 100g/144m per ball, one ball in Copper (1029) (Yarn B), small quantity in Cream (1005) (Yarn C)
- 6mm (UK 4, US J/10) crochet hook
- 5mm (UK 6, US H/8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Pom pom maker, 6.5cm (2½")

TENSION

Approx. 7 sts and 8 rows to 5 x 5cm (2 x 2") over dc

ABBREVIATIONS

- st(s) stitch(es)
- ch chain
- ss slip stitch
- dc double crochet
- yrh yarn round hook
- dc2tog double crochet 2 together – (insert hook in next st, yrh and draw loop through) twice, yrh and draw through all 3 loops on hook
- dc3tog double crochet 3 together – (insert hook in next st, yrh and draw loop through) 3 times, yrh and

draw through all 4 loops on hook

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

heart each 'fleck' in the contrast colours (Yarn B and C) is referred to as a heart – the first yrh of a dc is in the contrast colour and the second yrh is in the main colour (Yarn A). Insert hook into next st, yrh with Yarn B or C, pull up a loop, yrh with Yarn A, pull through both loops on hook, continue with Yarn A until next heart
float(s) allowing the contrast colour to go free behind the work between hearts
catch working over the contrast colour behind the work to avoid long floats

Forget flowers, these soft, comfy slippers win the prize for most thoughtful gift this Mother's Day.

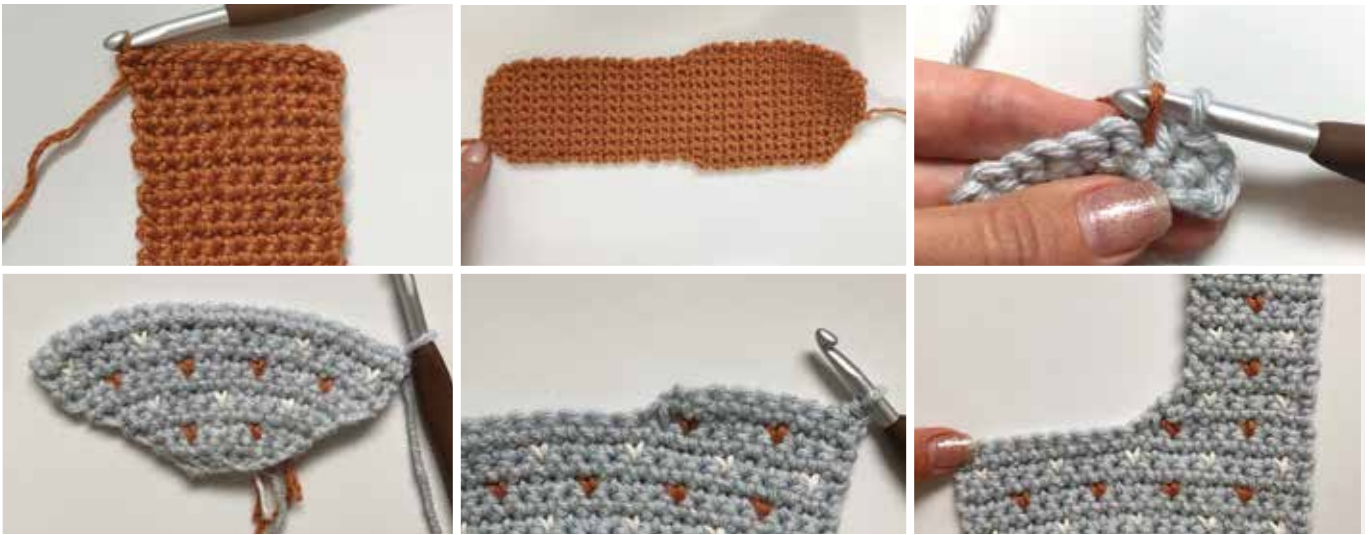
New to crochet? Head to www.molliemakes.com for handy how-to videos, and check out the tutorial designer Sandra's posted on her Instagram IGTV @littlegoldenook.

Notes

Each slipper is worked in two pieces and joined with dc. For beginners, or those wanting a quick make, just use Yarn B for the hearts. If using Yarn C, cut Yarn B and C at the end of each round until you reach the sides of the foot section, where you can carry them through. If using Yarn B only, there are three options for the unused yarn between the hearts and heart rows: crochet over Yarn B as you work and for the following row; let Yarn B float between the hearts and snip the ends after each heart row; or if you can see Yarn B from the front when working over it, catch Yarn B for only the middle st of each 3 dc between hearts to avoid loops but ensure no visibility.

The pattern is written for the smallest size, with larger sizes shown in brackets, e.g. S (M, L).

UK WOMEN'S SIZE	3-4 (SMALL)	5-6 (MEDIUM)	7-8 (LARGE)
LENGTH – OUTER	24cm (9½")	25cm (9¾")	27cm (10⅝")
LENGTH – INNER	23cm (9⅛")	24cm (9½")	26cm (10¼")
WIDTH	9.5cm (3¾")	9.5cm (3¾")	9.5cm (3¾")



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Slipper (make two)

Sole

Worked from heel to toe
Using 6mm hook and Yarn B, ch8

Row 1 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch to end, turn [7 sts]

Row 2 ch1 (does not count as st here and throughout), 1 dc in each st to end, turn

Row 3 ch1, 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in last st, turn [9 sts]

Row 4 ch1, 1 dc in each st to end, turn

Repeat Row 4 until sole measures 13cm (5¼") (13.5cm (5½"), 14.5cm (5¾")) from beginning

Next row ch1, 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in last st, turn [11 sts]

Next row ch1, 1 dc in each st to end, turn
Repeat previous row until sole measures 22cm (8¾") (23cm (9½"), 25cm (9¾"))

Decrease for toe

Next row ch1, dc2tog, 1 dc in each of next 7 sts, dc2tog, turn [9 sts]

Last row ch1, dc2tog twice, 1 dc in next st, dc2tog twice, break yarn and fasten off [5 sts]

Foot

Worked from toe to heel

Using 6mm hook and Yarn A, ch6

Row 1 ch1, 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each remaining ch to end, turn [5 sts]

Row 2 ch1, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc in next st, 2 dc in each of last 2 sts, turn [9 sts]

Have Yarn B ready for next row for each heart

Row 3 work hearts in Yarn B. ch1, 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in next st, heart in next st, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, heart in next st, 1 dc in next st, 2 dc in last st, turn [11 sts]

Row 4 ch1, 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in each of next 9 sts, 2 dc in last st, turn [13 sts]

If using Yarn C, have it ready for the next row

Row 5 work hearts in Yarn C. ch1, 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in next st, (heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts) twice, heart, 1 dc in next st, 2 dc in last st, turn [15 sts]

Row 6 ch1, 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in last st, turn [17 sts]

If using Yarn B and C, switch back to Yarn B for the next row and continue to alternate

Row 7 work hearts in Yarn B. ch1, 2

dc in 1st st, 1 dc in next st, (heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts) 3 times, heart, 1 dc in next st, 2 dc in last st, turn [19 sts]

Row 8 ch1, 1 dc in each st to end, turn

Row 9 work hearts in Yarn C. ch1, 1 dc in 1st st, (heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts) 4 times, heart, 1 dc in last st, turn [19 sts]

Row 10 repeat Row 8

Row 11 work hearts in Yarn B. ch1, (1 dc in each of next 3 sts, heart) 4 times, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, turn [19 sts]

Row 12 repeat Row 8

Row 13 repeat Row 9

Row 14 repeat Row 8

Row 15 repeat Row 11

Row 16 repeat Row 8

Row 17 repeat Row 9

Row 18 repeat Row 8

Large size only – repeat Rows 11 and 8 once

Do not fasten off

Dividing for ankle

Instructions in brackets are for large size only. Remember to keep alternating Yarns B and C for hearts

First side

Row 1 ch1, 1 dc in each of next 8 sts, but work hearts at 4th and 8th st



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(2nd and 6th st), dc2tog, turn [9 sts]

Row 2 ch1, dc2tog, 1 dc in each st to end, turn [8 sts]

Row 3 ch1, 1 dc in each of first 6 sts, but work hearts at 2nd and 6th st (4th st only), dc2tog, turn [7 sts]

Row 4 ch1, 1 dc in each st to end, turn

Row 5 ch1, 1 dc in each st, working hearts at 4th st (2nd and 6th st), turn [7 sts]

Row 6 repeat Row 4

Row 7 ch1, 1 dc in each st, working hearts at 2nd and 6th (4th only), turn [7 sts]

Rows 8-20 (22, 25) (or until entire foot, from toe, measures 23cm (9½") (24cm (9½"), 26cm (10¼"))) repeat Rows 4 to 7 continuously, break yarn and fasten off

Pin the foot piece to the sole to check they line up. If not, add or remove a row from each side of the foot as required. Check both sides of the ankle have the same number of rows before joining the ends to form the foot. Place the ends wrong sides (WS) together and join by sewing along the 7 sts of both ends to close the back of the heel

Second side

Attach Yarn A to the 10th st on the

top of the foot piece where you began dividing for the ankle.

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Row 1 ch1, dc2tog, heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, turn (ch1, dc2tog, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, heart, 1 dc in last st, turn) [9 sts]

Row 2 ch1, 1 dc in each of next 7 sts, dc2tog, turn [8 sts]

Row 3 ch1, dc2tog, heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, heart, 1 dc in last st, turn (ch1, dc2tog, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, heart, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts, turn) [7 sts]

Row 4 ch1, 1 dc in each st to end, turn

Row 5 ch1, 1 dc in each st working hearts at 4th st (2nd and 6th st), turn [7 sts]

Row 6 repeat Row 4

Row 7 ch1, 1dc in each st working hearts at 2nd and 6th st (4th st), turn [7 sts]

Rows 8-20 (22, 25) (or until foot from beginning measures 23cm (9½") (24cm (9½"), 26cm (10¼"))) repeat Rows 4 to 7 continuously, do not fasten off

Weave in any Yarn B and C ends

Join foot to sole

Pin the foot to the sole with WS together, making sure the toes line up and the heel join sits at the centre of the heel. Join Yarn A to the heel with the foot facing you, joining through both foot and sole stitches, ch1, work 1 dc in joining st, evenly work 1 dc through each foot and sole row, joining the pieces as you go up and around the toe, and back down to the start, join to 1st dc with ss, fasten off [approx. 80 (84, 88) dc]

Finishing ankle

Using 5mm hook, attach Yarn A to the top of the heel with right side (RS) facing, ch1, ss evenly around in each row end to the ankle, divide at the top of the foot, dc3tog through row space either side of the middle (10th) st, and that middle st, ss around to start, join with ss, fasten off and weave in ends

Pom poms

Using the pom pom maker and Yarn B, make two pom poms. Trim to neaten, leaving the long yarn tail for sewing. Sew to the top of the foot, using the main image as a guide to positioning.

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