

# SOCKS!

## JOAN'S SLIPPER SOCKS

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These socks are a variation of "Joan's Socks", which have a higher leg. They are thick and cozy, perfect for padding around the house on cold winter days. They also make great gifts so you might want to start a basket of slippers now, ready to give to friends, relatives or charity organizations. Most people can knit one sock in an evening so they do knit up fast! I have made most of mine with two strands of Lion Brand Wool-Ease. To wash, turn them inside out and throw them in the washer and dryer. This prevents pilling. You also might want to put your machine washable socks in a laundry bag to prevent too much agitation.

**Materials:** 2 balls Lion Brand Wool-Ease for most women's sizes or an equivalent amount of a light worsted or DK wt yarn. Size 6 & 8 double pointed needles for small to medium ladies socks.

**Gauge:** 4 sts = 1"

**NOTE:** You may use size 7 & 9 needles for a slightly larger gauge for larger ladies socks. **Socks are worked with a double strand throughout.**

With double strand of yarn, LOOSELY cast on 32 sts (10-12-10) loosely with #6 needles

Work K1, P1 rib for 1".

Change to #8 needles.

Work in stockinette stitch for 1". You will have two inches total from beginning of work.

### HEEL FLAP:

Knit 8 sts and place remaining sts on ndl #2, turn

Sl 1, purl 7 plus 8 sts from ndl #3.

Place remaining sts on instep needle.

On these 16 heel sts, work as follows:

Rt side: \*sl 1, k1, rep from \* across

Wrong side: sl 1, purl across.

Repeat these two rows until you have 8 chain loops along sides of heel flap ending ready to work a wrong side row.

### TURN HEEL:

SL1, P8, P2TOG, P1, turn

SL1, K3, K2TOG, K1, turn

SL1, P4, P2TOG, P1, turn

SL1, K5, K2TOG, K1, turn

SL1, P6, P2TOG, P1, turn

SL1, K7, K2TOG, K1 Do not turn

10 sts left - you will finish at end of rt side row.

With same ndl, pick up and knit 8 sts along side of flap. With new needle, knit instep sts. With new needle, pick up and knit 8 sts along other side PLUS 5 sts from heel flap. Beginning of round is at center of heel.

### GUSSETS:

Rnd 1: Knit to within the last 3 sts of ndl #1, k2tog, k1. Knit across instep sts. On 3rd ndl, k1, ssk, knit to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: Knit even.