

Cabley Cozy Slippers by LFSAlden

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Basics Double soles, pretty cables, plus felted bulky wool equal toasty toes!

Yarn About 220 meters of feltable bulky wool. I used Reynolds' Lopi, and these measurements are based on that yarn:
2 skeins (202 meters, 200 grams) for women's small slippers
Add another skein or scraps from another project for larger slippers. In case you're cobbling together ends from your stash, or like contrasting soles and top band:
The instep and ankle of these slippers take 120 - 145 grams (121 - 146 meters)
The soles of these slippers take 55-65 grams (56 - 66 meters)
The plain top band of these slippers take 16 - 18 grams (16 - 18 meters)

Needles very long circular for Magic Loop (recommended)
or two circulars
to make gauge of 12 stitches to 10 centimeters (roughly size 10.5 needles)
one extra needle of the same size

Supplies scrap yarn or large stitch holder
cabling needle
tapestry needle

Skills Judy's Magic Cast on (also called the figure-8 cast on)
Knit
Purl
Knit 2 together
Magic Loop or Two Circulars method
cabling

Gauge 12 stitches to 10 cm

Here's to your warm toes! My heartfelt thanks to Ravelry.com.

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The Pattern

Instructions are for Magic Loop method. Two-circular knitters should be able to adapt easily.

Cast on (women's small = 27) (women's medium = 30) (women's large = 33) (men's large = 36) stitches on each needle, using the figure 8 method, as though for toe-up socks (see Techniques for a web link to instructions). This is one side of the sole. Knit from the first needle and slide your stitches around. As you knit from the second needle (remember to knit through the back loop on this row only when you use this cast on method), use a tapestry needle to thread a yard of contrasting yarn through the first, cast-on stitches. This stitch holder will help you pick up stitches later.

Knit stockinette in the round (particularly narrow foot = 18 rounds) (average-width foot = 20 rounds) (particularly wide foot = 22 rounds)

Using your odd needle, purl off **both** ends of the circular needle. Join the front and back rows into one by purling into one back and one front stitch with every new stitch.

You are looking at a double layer rectangular slipper-sole bounded by the stitch holder on one long side and the odd needle on the other. You are also be holding a lonely, empty circular needle in your hand.

With your circular needle, pick up from the odd needle. Pick up 8 stitches across the short end - this will be the heel. Turn your work and purl those 8 picked up stitches; turn the work again and knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1 (this gives your heel a tiny bit of shape). Pick up the stitches through which you threaded the scrap yarn, and pick up 15 stitches across the remaining short end, which will be the toes.

Now knit around the edges of your foot, in stockinette stitch, for three rounds from the pick-up. Mark the center stitch of the toe end with a pin, *not* a moving stitch marker, as you're about to cable above this mark! In fact, the marker may be pulled off of its proper central place, so *also* keep an eye on which of the three cable cords is central and be able to find the center stitch of the cord!

Note: you are about to begin some *very* bulky cables, take your time and try to knit loosely.

Round A: 9 Stitches before the center stitch, place 7 on cable needle and hold in back. Knit 5 (two before center, the center, and two after). Knit 1 from cable needle, knit 2 together from cable needle, knit one from cable needle, knit 2 together from cable needle, knit 1 from cable needle. Knit the rest of the round. (left over right, decreasing 2)

Round B: Knit all stitches

Round C: 2 stitches before the center (This is the *new* center), place 5 stitches on the cabling needle and hold in front. Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 1, then knit 5 from cabling needle. Knit the rest of the round. (right over left, decreasing 2)

Rounds B A B C B

Round D: 11 stitches before the center stitch, place 9 on cable needle and hold in back. Knit 5. Knit 2 together from cable needle, knit 2 together from cable needle, knit 1 from cable needle, knit 2 together from cable needle, knit 2 together from cable needle. Knit the rest of the round. (left over right decreasing by 4)

Round B

Round E: 2 stitches before center, place 5 stitches on the cabling needle and hold in front. Knit 2 together, knit 2 together, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 2 together, then knit from cabling needle. Knit the rest of the round. (right over left decreasing by 4)

Rounds B D B E B D B E B

Round F: 7 stitches before the center stitch, place 5 on cable needle and hold in back. Knit 5. Knit 5 from cable needle. Knit the rest of the round. (left over right)

Round B

Round G: 2 stitches before center, place 5 stitches on the cabling needle and hold in front. Knit 5, then knit from cabling needle. Knit the rest of the row. (right over left)

Rounds B F B G B

End with 5 of Round B. You should be near the end of your skein of Lopi and may have to switch to another matching or contrasting skein. Cast off quite loosely.

Weave in all ends of yarn.

For the other slipper, cabling rounds should be:

C B A B C B A B E B D B E B D B E B D B G B F B G B F B

Felt in your washing machine and dryer.

Techniques

[Judy's Magic Cast-On](http://www.persistentillusion.com/blogblog/techniques/magic-cast-on/magic-cast-on-2) (<http://www.persistentillusion.com/blogblog/techniques/magic-cast-on/magic-cast-on-2>)

The Magic Bits

May you walk in beauty! No spells required, warm feet are magic in and of themselves.

The Jocular Bits

This pattern was created for Ravelympics 2008.

Since it's felted, there's not exactly a guaranteed finished size. Aim for your desired size, but know that there's someone, somewhere who can wear your finished slippers...

I know, I know. Second Slipper Syndrome. But they knit up so fast and there's so little finish work, surely you can cast on the second slipper? I know you can do it! Go, you! Go, you!

My own slippers have different contrast colors because (a) I had to use some very small odds from my stash and (b) I like it when my slippers mold themselves to my feet, so they're marked in different colors for starboard and port.

Use a dark color, at least for the soles, so you don't have to clean your floor all the time.

My son wants a pair in green with googly eyes on either side of the cable; he says the cable looks like a dragon's face-ridge and I could make the first around-the-instep rows look like a mouth and then maybe make a tail at the back and if I could maybe make wings for the ankles, then he could fly around the house...