Crochet Slippers

PATTERN

Cosy chunky slippers in dusty rose with a cream ribbed cuff and wooden buttons - a one-hour make for confident beginners.



The finished slippers, women's US size 7-8 (EU 38-39).

Finished size	Women's US 7-8 (EU 38-39), foot about 24 cm (9.5 in) long	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 1 hour per pair	**Terms**	US crochet terms

These slippers are one oval sole, four rounds of sides, a shaped toe, a ribbed cuff and two wooden buttons - and they are finished before your tea goes cold. Work in joined rounds, slip stitch to join at the end of every round, and check the fit against your foot as you go: chunky yarn stretches a little with wear, so the sole is worked about 1 cm shorter than your foot on purpose.

Materials

- Bulky-weight (#5) yarn in **dusty rose**, approx. 150 g / 180 m - slipper body
- Bulky-weight (#5) yarn in **cream**, approx. 50 g - ribbed cuff
- 6.5 mm (US K-10.5) crochet hook
- 4 wooden buttons, about 2 cm across (2 per slipper)
- Yarn needle, scissors, tape measure
- 4 stitch markers
- Optional: suede slipper soles or fabric paint for grip

Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	**hdc**	half double crochet
inc	increase - 2 sts in one stitch	**hdc2tog**	half double crochet 2 together (decrease)
BLO	back loop only	**FO**	fasten off
st(s)	stitch(es)	**rnd**	round

Size & gauge: 11 hdc and 8 rows = 10 cm (4 in) with a 6.5 mm hook. This pattern fits a women's US size 7-8 (EU 38-39), a foot about 24 cm (9.5 in) long. To make a bigger slipper, start with 2 more chains and add one more sole round; to make a smaller one, start with 2 fewer chains and skip the last sole round.

Step 1: Measure Your Foot



Step 1 - measuring your foot before the foundation chain.

Measure your foot from the back of the heel to the tip of your longest toe, then subtract about 1 cm - the sole is worked slightly short because chunky yarn stretches as you wear it. With dusty rose yarn, **chain 18**. This chain sets the length of the oval sole, so count it twice before you move on. A chain of 18 gives a sole of about 23 cm (9 in) at this gauge. If your foot is longer than 25 cm, chain 20 instead; if it is shorter than 22 cm, chain 16.

Step 2: The Oval Sole (dusty rose)



Step 2 - the flat oval sole, worked in the round.

Work around both sides of the foundation chain. Each round adds 6 stitches - 2 at the heel end and 4 at the toe end - so the oval grows evenly. Lay the sole flat after Round 5: it should be a smooth oval with no ripples or curling edges.

Rnd 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 15 ch, 3 sc in the last ch, then work along the other side of the chain: sc in the next 15 ch, 2 sc in the last ch, sl st to join. **[36]**

Rnd 2: 2 sc in the first st, sc 15, 2 sc in each of the next 3 sts, sc 15, 2 sc in each of the next 2 sts, sl st to join. **[42]**

Rnd 3: 2 sc in the first st, sc 16, (2 sc, sc 1) 3 times, sc 15, (2 sc, sc 1) 2 times, sl st to join. **[48]**

Rnd 4: 2 sc in the first st, sc 17, (2 sc, sc 2) 3 times, sc 15, (2 sc, sc 2) 2 times, sl st to join. **[54]**

Rnd 5: 2 sc in the first st, sc 18, (2 sc, sc 3) 3 times, sc 15, (2 sc, sc 3) 2 times, sl st to join. **[60]**

Step 3: The Sides (dusty rose)



Step 3 - the sides rising from the sole.

Now the slipper grows upward from the sole. Round 6 is worked in the back loop only, which makes a crisp fold line so the sides turn up at a neat right angle instead of flaring out.

Rnd 6: Hdc in the BACK LOOP ONLY of each st around, sl st to join. **[60]**

Rnds 7-9: Hdc in each st around (3 rounds), sl st to join each round. **[60]**

After Round 9 the sides should stand about 5 cm (2 in) tall - high enough to cover the sides of your foot, with the toe shaping still to come.

Step 4: Shape the Toe (dusty rose)



Step 4 - the toe closing in with neat decreases.

All ten decreases sit across the front of the foot, so the toe closes in a smooth curve while the heel stays straight. Place a stitch marker at the first decrease of Round 10 - if the toe looks lopsided, that marker shows you exactly where the shaping starts.

Rnd 10: Hdc 20, hdc2tog 10 times, hdc 20, sl st to join. **[50]**

Rnd 11: Hdc 15, hdc2tog 10 times, hdc 15, sl st to join. **[40]**

Rnd 12: Hdc 10, hdc2tog 10 times, hdc 10, sl st to join. **[30]**

Try the slipper on now, before the cuff: the toe should hug your foot without pinching. If it feels tight, work one more plain round before the cuff, or go up a hook size for the second slipper.

Step 5: The Ribbed Cuff (cream)



Step 5 - the cream ribbed cuff taking shape.

Join the cream yarn at the back of the heel. The back-loop-only stitches stack into soft ribs, which is what gives the cuff its stretch and its knitted look.

Rnds 13-18: With cream yarn, hdc in the BACK LOOP ONLY of each st around (6 rounds), sl st to join each round. **[30]**

After 6 rounds the cuff should measure about 7 cm (2 3/4 in) tall. Fold the top edge down once to check the look - the cuff is meant to sit as a soft folded band, not a stiff tube, so do not pull it tight as you work.

Step 6: Buttons & Finishing



Step 6 - the finished slippers with wooden buttons.

Fasten off the cream yarn and weave in the end on the inside of the cuff. Thread the yarn needle with a length of dusty rose yarn and sew **two wooden buttons** onto the outside of each folded cuff, one above the other, stitching through each buttonhole twice so the buttons sit flat. Weave in every remaining end, then try the slippers on. Repeat Steps 1-6 for the second slipper.

The slippers should hug your foot without pinching. Wear them around the house for an evening first: chunky yarn relaxes a little with wear, and the fit settles after the first hour.

3 Tips for Perfect Slippers

1. Try them on as you go. Check the fit after the toe shaping in Step 4, not only at the end - adding or removing one decrease round mid-project takes two minutes.

2. Keep your tension relaxed. Chunky yarn shows tight stitches as stiff ridges. If your hands tire, go up to a 7 mm hook and the slippers will feel softer.

3. Make them grippy. Sew a pair of suede slipper soles underneath, or dot the bottom with fabric paint, so the slippers are safe on smooth wooden floors.

Happy crocheting! Make a pair in dusty rose like ours, then try mustard, sage green or charcoal for a matching winter wardrobe - or make a few pairs now and have your handmade Christmas gifts ready early.