

INFANT'S SLIPPERS

Source: *Godey's Lady's Book* (May 1850)

Materials Used in Photo:

Manos Variegated 100% wool (1/2 skein), 1 sheet of 1/16" cork, 16" ribbon, 2 buttons, clear nylon thread, small sharp sewing needle. US Size F Hook

Stitches: Ch, sl st, sc

Special Stitches:

Ribbed Single Crochet

Slipper

Ch 8.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in ea ch across. Ch 1, turn.

Begin Ribbed Single Crochet.

Row 2: Sc in ea st across, 2 sc in last ch. Ch 1 turn.

Row 3-13: Repeat row 2. (12 rows or 6 ridges)

Row 14: Sc to middle of row, ch 1, turn.

Row 15 - 44: Sc in ea st across - only in sts made in prev row. Ch 1 and turn. (30 rows or 15 ridges).

Row 45: Sl st end of 30th row (or 15th rib) to half of toe not worked. Sl st around bottom edge of slipper, Fasten off.

Ankle

Attach wool with a sl st to top edge of slipper.

Row 1: Sl st in ea st around.

Row 2: (Ch 4, sk 1 st, sc) around.

Fasten off.

Sole:

Cut two soles, (4 3/8" long, 2 1/8" at widest point of front and back, and 1 3/4" at center for arch) from a sheet of 1/16" thick cork. With clear nylon thread and a sharp medium size needle that will not crack the cork, catch the outside loop of the sl st around bottom of slipper with your needle to secure sole and whip st around. When completed make a ch of matching wool, the length around sole, and attach in the same manner to hide the edge of the cork. This ch of wool can also be glued but appears more authentic if sewn.

Anklet:

With wool, ch 31, turn.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in ea ch across. Fasten off leaving 2 inch length of wool.

Finishing:

Sl st 2 inch length of wool in beg ch 1 to form ring. Thread length of wool with needle and attach button. Insert Anklet button in the back loop of ankle edging on slipper.