

Crochet Mary Jane Slippers by Lisa Gutierrez

Round 1: 8 DC into a magic loop [OR chain 4, slst to first chain, 8 DC into circle.]

Round 2: 2 DC into each stitch, slst into top of the first DC, ch 2. (16DC)

Round 3: 1 DC into same place, 2 DC into next st, *1 DC into next st, 2 DC into next* to the end, slst into top of the first DC, ch 2. (24DC)

Round 4: 1 DC into st and into the next, 2 DC into next st, *1 DC into each of the next 2, 2 DC into the next* to the end of the round, slst into top of the first DC, ch 2. (32DC).

Round 5-6: 1 DC into each st.

ROW 7: 1 DC into first 23 stitches. Ch 2, turn.

Row 8-19: 1 DC into each stitch. Ch 2, turn.

Row 20: DC into first 10 stitches, DC 3 tog, DC to end. Fasten off, leaving long tail to seam up heel.

Fold slipper in half and seam up the back with hook & slip-stitch OR a tapestry needle & whip-stitch.

Join MC yarn at center back of slipper, above the heel.

SC into same spot and then SC down the side of the DCs of the slipper toward the toe. At the corner, sc3tog.

DC into 5 DC of the slipper, then sc3tog at the next corner.

SC on the sides of the DCs of the slipper toward the heel, slst into first sc.

Make a second round of SC in MC yarn, if desired. Make sure to sc3tog in the "corners" by the toe area.

Make a third round of SC using CC yarn. You can incorporate the loop closure while you're making the round (view photo-tutorial for detailed instructions), or simply add a chain loop after you've finished the edging and button placement.

You can very simply adjust the size of the slippers.

To make them smaller, I usually suggest ONE of the following:

1. Change size of the hook or yarn weight.

2. Increase only to 24 stitches (instead of 32), then make a round or two even and see if it fits around your toes OK, like in this picture:

http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3429/3220712787_005db8702a.jpg If it fits good, you can proceed to make the sole on about 2/3 of the stitches (if you increased to 24, I suggest making the sole on about 16-17 stitches) for as long as your foot is. BUT if it's TOO snug, increase to 26 or even 30 before you start the sole.

To make them bigger, I suggest option #1 of making them smaller OR increasing to more stitches around the toe (to make them wider, usually) and then making more rows on the sole.

If you want some links for help with the magic adjustable ring, please send me an email (lisa@goodknits.com). You can also just chain 4 and make a loop with that. The pattern starts much like starting a hat, so don't let the magic adjustable ring confuse you. It's a handy starting method, but by no means the only method.

Thank you so much for the support and have fun! This tutorial was always meant as a guide to creating your own custom slippers and I am so thankful that crocheters from around the world have been able to do so!