



## Pantoufles

Once upon a time in Quebec it was common for folks to have a basket of slippers by their front doors. Visitors were strongly encouraged to doff their messy (probably snowy) footwear and put on a warm and comfy pair of pantoufles. We named this slipper pattern in homage to this tradition. These slippers are fast and easy to knit up so in no time you could have a basket full. Knit partly flat and partly in rounds on double pointed needles there is no need to seam up these slippers. The colour decoration is an easy chevron pattern; a great one to try for knitters new to fairisle techniques. Of course you could omit the colour patterning and have plain knit slippers that are just as cozy.

### Materials

**Yarn** Berroco Vintage Chunky one of each A 6106, B 6107, C 6121.

**Needle** 6mm DPN's and 40cm circular.

**Gauge** 15sts, 20 rows = 10cm (4") in stocking stitch, knit flat

**Size** S, (M, L, XL) to fit US shoe size 5-6, (7-8, 9-10, 11-12)

Leave 30cm tail when making your slipknot. The tail will be used at the end to sew toe seam.

Starting at the toe, using DPN's, colour A and with cable CO technique CO 12sts spaced out evenly with 3 sts on each of the 4 needles,. Join into round being careful not to twist the CO edge.

Round 1: K

Round 2:

Needle 1 & 3: K till 1 st before end of needle M1, K1

Needle 2 & 4: K1, M1, K to end

Repeat round 2 till 8, (8, 8, 9) sts on each needle 32, (32, 32, 36) sts total.

K 2 rounds even.

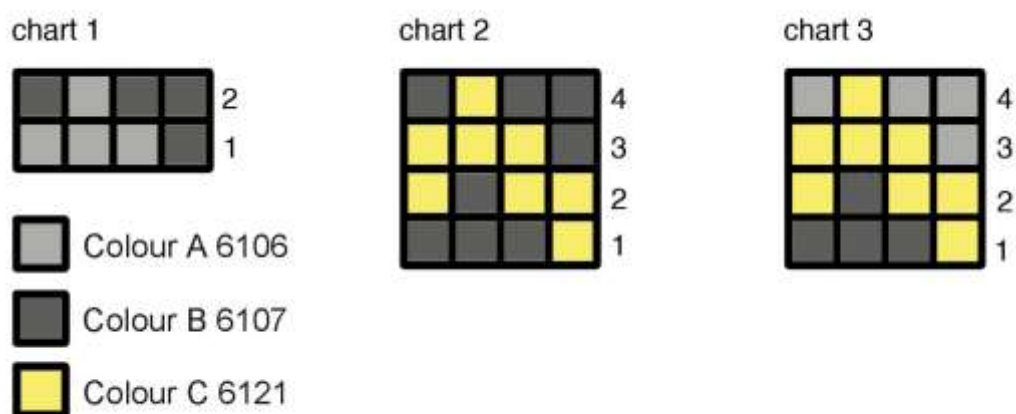
Begin fair-isle pattern.

Attach colour B and knit chart 1, once, break colour A.

Attach colour C and knit chart two, 3, (3, 3, 4) times

Knit first 2 rounds of chart 3, break colour B, attach colour A. Knit remaining 2 rounds of chart 3. Break colour C.

Knit one even round with colour A.



Switch from knitting in rounds to knitting flat as follows.

Using colour A and circular needles, K16, turn to face WS, P32 (end of row).

K back and forth in stocking stitch till entire slipper is 22, (24, 25, 27) cm/  
8.5,(9.5, 9 3/4, 10.5)" long, ending with knit row.

Divide sts equally between 2 DPN's. BO using 3-needle BO technique.

### 3-needle BO

Hold both needles in left hand with RS facing each other.

Hold a third needle in your right hand and insert it into 1<sup>st</sup> stitch on both left hand needles and knit them together. Knit second stitches on both needles in same way. You should have 2 stitches on the right hand needle. BO as you normally would by bringing the first stitch worked over the second and letting it drop off the needle. Continue in this manner till all stitches are bound off.

Fasten off and weave in the end.

Sew toe opening using attached tail, weave in loose ends and make second slipper.

## **Abbreviations**

K knit

P purl

M1 make one st (Elizabeth Zimmermann's M1 [backward loop increase], or pick up bar between 2 sts and K TBL

CO cast on

BO bind off

WS wrong side

RS right side

TBL through back loop

DPN double pointed needle

## **Level**

Knitters must know how to knit and purl in rounds on double pointed needles, and bind off with a 3 needle bind off, this technique is described in the pattern. Fair Isle colour knitting and following a colour chart are also necessary skills for knitting this pattern.

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