

# Peterson's 1859 Crochet Slippers

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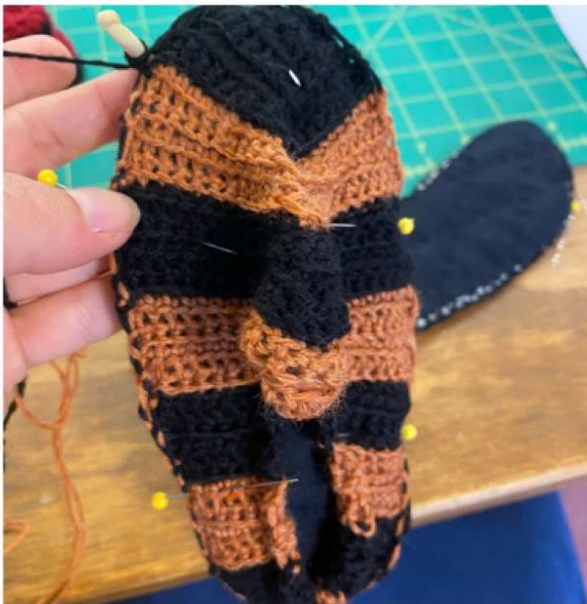
*These are a really comfortable addition to an indoor wardrobe. The pattern does have sizing information. I made these slippers for myself and the kids, and didn't have any issues working it in different sizes. However, you will need to have a properly sized sole, before you start crocheting the upper portion. The sole is going to aid you, to determine how big you need to crochet your slipper, as will trying it on for fittings.*

## Material List:

- 3 oz Fingering weight yarn
- Small bone hook – Size F (3.75 MM) approx.
- Leather, cork, or quilted sole

**Step 1:** Buy soles, or make your own. The original pattern called for a cork sole with a crochet piece inside. Looking at other period patterns, I've seen cork soles, leather soles, and mention of quilted soles, as well as patterns that do not specify.

I was making slippers for myself and two littles. I had wool Melton scraps laying around, so I traced out our feet. I cut two layers per foot, and sandwiched a crocheted sole inside. I buttonhole stitched around the Melton, and quilted the layers together. It seems pretty secure; we will see how long they last as my three-year old puts them to the test slipping around the kitchen floor.



**Step 2 (Crochet):** Make a chain of 14 stitches (Or, any even number, fourteen was great for a size 6 foot, if you have a wide foot or larger size, up the number)

**Row 2:** Single crochet across the chain, work 3sc into the center stitch. So, for chain 14, that would be stitch #7.

**Row 3-24ish:** Working in the back or front loop starting now, you want a ridged look on the outside of your slipper. This is a common crochet practice during the period, it creates a thinner and more elastic stitch. Sc across, and increase in the very center stitch, by working your 3sc.

The original pattern works 4 rows in one color, and swaps to color number two.



The original pattern works 24 rows. I found this to be a fine length, but I did stop increasing stitches around row 20. Put it on your foot, and see how the fit is. The little V at the front, gets sewn together to make the tip.

**Sides:** Now you need the sides. The original pattern calls for you to crochet the first 13 stitches on the side. I did 10 sc for the children, 13 for myself, and if I had a larger foot that number would have increased.

You will work this narrow strip, until it is the desired length to fit snugly around your foot. I slip stitched it to the other side of the slipper to attach, but you can sew if you please.

**Attach to the sole:** Go ahead and sew the tip of the slipper. Pin slipper onto sole. Sew or crochet down.

**The top:** You will want to probably narrow the top of the shoe, so it doesn't slip off your foot. The original pattern does mention a drawl-string, or elastic cord. I did add a cord with two tassels. At first I didn't think it was necessary, but after some wear, the slipper did stretch.

I worked 3sc in each of the 4 rows of color, and I decreased 2 stitches on the side when it joins the V. My next two rows were worked in dc, (\*2 dc, decrease\*) I also continued to decrease up the side, I didn't work completely around, I turned at the V. Which, I found does not need any more stitches there, it looks pretty silly if you add stitches there! For the top row, I added a 5dc, or a sc, in every other stitch.



I hope you enjoy your slippers! ~ Jamie Quick

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## TO CROCHET A TOILET SLIPPER.

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We have designed this slipper expressly for the readers of "Peterson."

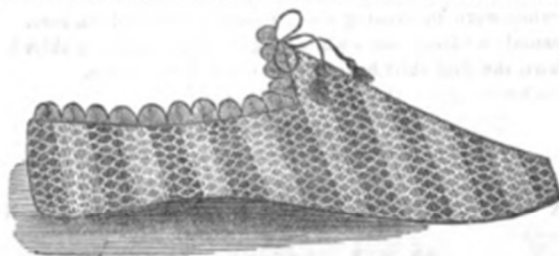
**MATERIALS.**— $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. grey single zephyr,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. blue single zephyr, small bone crochet hook.

Begin at the toe. With the grey wool make a chain of 13 stitches.

**1st Row.**—Work in single crochet. Widen by working 3 stitches in seventh stitch.

**2nd Row.**—Turn the work—crochet back, observing to make the stitch in the under loop of chain formed by last row of work. This is done to throw the ridge up on the right side. Widen

3 stitches every row, placing the 3 stitches in the centre stitch of every row. Work 24 rows, alternate grey and blue 4 rows each. This completes the toe. For the heel. 25th row.—Work in s c 18 stitches. Be careful not to widen. Crochet a piece long enough to fit the sole. Join it to the other side of toe. Use a cork sole, sew the slipper to it with strong patent thread. Work 1 row double crochet around the upper part of the slipper. Edge with 1 row of shell stitch, which is done by working 5 d c stitches in every alternate loop of last row with 1 s c stitch be-



tween each shell. Finish with cord and tassels made of zephyr, or with elastic cord. If elastic cord is used, trim the slipper with a bow of ribbon. Run the cord in the row of d c at top of slipper, make it tight enough to confine the slipper closely to the foot. The colors may be varied to suit the taste.