Tunisian slippers

Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 9½ in (24 cm) long from the heel to the toe and about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round the foot (32 stitches). The sides, along the opening, are about 5 in (12.5 cm) long (18 rows of the side)

To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 14½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In Tunisian simple stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: teal, the ground, the toe and the last round **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: oatmeal, the checks and the edging **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a Tunisian hook of the size given, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Foot	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Women's small	9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm) long, 8 in (20.5 cm) round	about 175 yd (160 m)
Women's medium (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) long, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round**	**about 210 yd (192 m)**
Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round	about 220 yd (201 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

sc2tog (Single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog)): Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2. TSS: Tunisian simple stitch, the forward pass: insert the hook from right to left behind the upright bar that stands at the front of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, and leave it on the hook. The loop that is on the hook at the start of a row is the first TSS of the row. For the last st of a row insert the hook under both strands of the last bar, so that the edge is firm. UK terms call it by the same name. TSL: Tunisian slip stitch: insert the hook from right to left behind the upright bar of the st and leave this bar on the hook as a loop, without a yarn over. The bar, in the color of the row before, is drawn up over the row.

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TSL: Tunisian slip stitch: insert the hook from right to left behind the upright bar of the st and leave this bar on the hook as a loop, without a yarn over. The bar, in the color of the row before, is drawn up over the row. It leaves 1 TSL for the next row or round.

return: The return pass, which ends every Tunisian row: yarn over and draw through 1 loop, then [yarn over and draw through 2 loops] until 1 loop is left on the hook. Do not turn. It leaves 1 return for the next row or round.

Gauge

14 stitches and 14½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in Tunisian simple stitch.

14 stitches and 14½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in Tunisian simple stitch. In single crochet: 14 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After Row 3 of a side, the piece is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Measure the foot from the back of the heel to the tip of the longest toe and choose the size with the nearest foot length.
- The pattern makes a pair. Each slipper begins with two sides, one on each side of the opening, which are then worked on together as the foot.
- A Tunisian row has two passes: the forward pass, which brings loops onto the hook, and the return pass, which works them off. The right side always faces you and the work is not turned. Use a Tunisian hook of the size given, long enough to hold 32 loops.

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- To change color, work the return pass until 2 loops are left on the hook, then draw the new color through both: it makes the loop that is the first TSS of the next row. The color that rests waits at that edge; carry it up loosely. It rests for 2 rows at most. In the toe and the edging, which are worked in a spiral, change color with the last loops of the stitch before.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- A crocheted sole slips on a smooth floor: wear the slippers on carpet, or sew bought soles under them.

Instructions

Chosen: Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Side: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, teal; B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16.	
	Row 1 is worked into the foundation ch: the loop on the hook is the first TSS, and belongs to the ch next to the hook; for every other TSS of this row insert the hook in the next ch instead of behind a bar. In every later row, too, the loop that is on the hook is the first TSS.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	TSS in next 16 chs, return	**(16 TSS)**
☐ **Row 2**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(8 TSS, 8 TSL)**
☐ **Row 3**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(10 TSS, 6 TSL)**
☐ **Row 4**	TSS in next 16 sts, return	**(16 TSS)**
☐ **Row 5**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(10 TSS, 6 TSL)**
☐ **Row 6**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(8 TSS, 8 TSL)**
☐ **Row 7**	TSS in next 16 sts, return	**(16 TSS)**
☐ **Row 8**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(8 TSS, 8 TSL)**
☐ **Row 9**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(10 TSS, 6 TSL)**
☐ **Row 10**	TSS in next 16 sts, return	**(16 TSS)**
☐ **Row 11**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(10 TSS, 6 TSL)**
☐ **Row 12**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(8 TSS, 8 TSL)**
☐ **Row 13**	TSS in next 16 sts, return	**(16 TSS)**

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☐ **Row 14**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(8 TSS, 8 TSL)**
☐ **Row 15**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(10 TSS, 6 TSL)**
☐ **Row 16**	TSS in next 16 sts, return	**(16 TSS)**
☐ **Row 17**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(10 TSS, 6 TSL)**
☐ **Row 18**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(8 TSS, 8 TSL)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off both colors. The bars of Row 18 are worked into in the foot.	

Foot: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, teal; B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Lay two sides next to each other with the right side up and their first rows toward you. With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 32 places: 16 stitches of the side, then 16 stitches of the side. Insert the hook behind the bar of that stitch for the join; the loop on the hook after it is the first TSS of Row 1. The slit between the two sides is the opening of the slipper.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	TSS in next 32 sts, return	**(32 TSS)**
☐ **Row 2**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(16 TSS, 16 TSL)**
☐ **Row 3**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(18 TSS, 14 TSL)**
☐ **Row 4**	TSS in next 32 sts, return	**(32 TSS)**
☐ **Row 5**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(18 TSS, 14 TSL)**
☐ **Row 6**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(16 TSS, 16 TSL)**
☐ **Row 7**	TSS in next 32 sts, return	**(32 TSS)**
☐ **Row 8**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(16 TSS, 16 TSL)**
☐ **Row 9**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(18 TSS, 14 TSL)**
☐ **Row 10**	TSS in next 32 sts, return	**(32 TSS)**
☐ **Row 11**	With B, TSS in next st, **[**TSS in next 2 sts, TSL in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSS in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(18 TSS, 14 TSL)**
☐ **Row 12**	With A, TSS in next st, **[**TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, TSL in next 2 sts, TSS in next st, return	**(16 TSS, 16 TSL)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off both colors, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) of A to sew with.	

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Toe: make 2

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 32 places, beginning at the long edge on the right: 32 stitches of the foot. The toe is worked in a spiral, which closes the foot to a tube: after the last stitch go on in the first one. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. In Rnd 1 insert the hook behind the bar of each st, as for a TSS.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 31 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm). Sewing. Turn the piece wrong side out. All seams are sewn with A, edge to edge, over and over: the tip of the toe with the tail of the toe, the sole with the tail of the foot, the heel with a new piece of A 20 in (51 cm) long. The tip of the toe: press the toe flat so that the first 4 and the last 4 stitches of the round are the bottom layer and the 8 between them the top layer. Sew the 8 pairs of stitches together, through both loops of each. The sole: sew the two long edges of the foot and the sides together, row end to row end, from the toe to the heel: 30 pairs. The heel: the foundation edges of the two sides meet at the end of the sole seam. At the top, beginning at the opening, sew 10 pairs of chains together, one of each side. 6 chains of each side are still open. Bring the end of the sole seam up to the end of this seam and flatten the opening, so that it makes two short slits, each of 6 chains of one side. Sew each slit closed, 3 chains to 3. The seam is now a T, with its bar along the bottom of the heel. Turn the slipper right side out.	

Edging: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, oatmeal; A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 36 places, beginning at the seam of the heel: 18 row ends of the side, then 18 row ends of the side. The first 18 are the edge of one side, from the heel to the front, the next 18 the edge of the other, back to the heel. The edging is worked in a spiral, as the toe is.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 35 rows	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Hdc in each st around	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Make the second slipper the same; left and right are alike. Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces.

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