Bobby's Booties

The original bootie/slipper was knit by a grandmother name Bobby who gave them to all her family. The slipper pictured is one of the few ramaining pairs. This one fits a grown man who wears size 10 (US). I'm told they are supposed to be baggy so I am writing the pattern as is, but it is so simple it can easliy be adjusted for smaller feets.

Cauge: 6 sts and 9 rows = 2" in (this is approxament as the original has been worn and stretched a bit.)

Veedles: Size 10.5 double point needles. (mm) (The pattern starts flat, so you can start with regular strait needles and switch to dpns or a circular if prefered.)

Your: Doubled up acrylic-worsted weight yarns in contrasting colors where originally used. I used Lion Brand Wool-Ease® Thick & Quick® Yarn (106 yd/97 m each). It took close to one and half balls to finish a pair. My gauge was close but the stiches tighter with less gaps, resulting in a stiffer fabric.



Original Slipper



My re-make

The Heel & Cuff

CO 47 stiches, leaving enough yarn to sew heel shut.

Row 1: k6, p1, k33, p1, k6 turn.

Row 2: k15, p1, k15, p1, k15 turn.

Work these two rows until you have 20 rows.

Row3: BO 6 sts, k33, p1, k till end, turn.

Row4: BO 6 sts, now there should be 35 sts remaining.

The Toe

Join the work and begin to knit in the round, I like to join the two far edge stitches together to help make the joint stronger (34 sts). Knit all rows for 25 rows. Cut yarn and thread through all stitches, pull tightly to close the hole and tie off. Using the tail on the cast on sew the heel shut. Weave in ends and you are done!

Notes on Remake:

My remakes where started with a double sided cast on, this up'd the sts to 48, I hid the extra stitch in the heel section where it wouldn't show.

I used sliped stitches along the cuff to give it a smoother edge along the cuff.

I also wanted a larger flap so I moved 2 sts from the side into the cuff section making the sides a little shorter. I also added another column of knit stiches to help the stiffer fabric fold.

Row 1: Slip first st, k5, p1, k1, p1, k30, p1, k1, p1, k6.

Row 2: Slip first st, k14, p1, k16, p1, k15.

After joining the for the toe section I added a rib stitch to the bottom section for 9 rows. It pulled the slipper up into the arch section a little for a tighter fit.