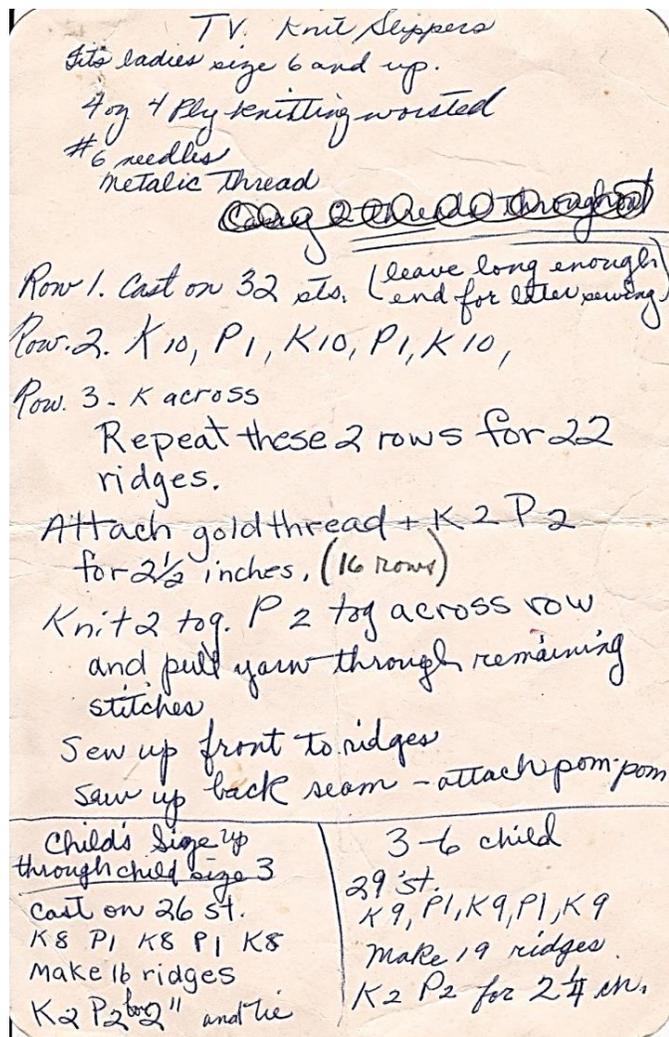


## What is this? Short Answer: Carter's Underwear. What?

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The first time I saw my mother knitting I knew that those two things in her hand were 'mine'. I began knitting when I was eight years old. Also, at the same time my grandmother taught me to crochet. I just couldn't get enough. I was always asking to learn more and continually wanted to move my skill level further along.

We had limited resources when I was a child. We saved cardboard to write on. This photo is of cardboard as writing paper saved from ('older' individuals will remember this!) the "Carter's Underwear" packages - perfectly firm, and fortunately white, writing surfaces. I wanted my own copy of the directions for these slippers, the first project I ever knitted. I can remember being so excited and feeling so special to be able to take control of the beginnings of my own knitting library.

Of course I still have this cardboard, along with the six twenty-nine cent Coats & Clark knitting and crochet booklets that I received for Christmas. I absolutely treasured them. I carried my knitting bag and these booklets with me everywhere, along with my one pair of size ten and one-half, fourteen inch long straight knitting needles, Susan Bates Learn to Knit book and Learn to Crochet Book. I thought I was the luckiest kid in the world to have these. I made every project in my learn-how books again and again. It's a wonder these books survived all of these years since I went through them page by page what seems like at least a thousand times. Now my books and publications total somewhere around 4,000 but I still treasure my first books all the same.



Following is a free, probably easier to read, pattern for these stand pat great slippers that, I would think, all knitters will make at least once in their life. They make wonderful, thoughtful gifts. Variations of this pattern abound. This is the one I was 'raised' on. Hope you enjoy.

These slippers are warm and comfy with pajamas as well as for walking around. They may be enhanced with 'soles' of sorts ... the craft store gripping material that can be applied (like the stuff on the bottom of hospital socks) ... or actual leather or leather-type of material that can be added as a sole so that the slipper bottoms will last a little longer.

### **T.V. Knit Slippers**

Size 6 Needles, 3 oz 4-ply knitting worsted wt yarn

Gauge 8-9 sts = 2"

Co 32 sts

Row 1: k10, p1, k10, p1, k10

Row 2 (RS): k

Rep Row 1 and 2 until 23 garter ridges (a ridge is two rows)

Now wk in k2, p2 ribbing for 2-1/2"

Next row: k2 tog, p2 tog across

Do not bind off; cut, leaving long tail for seaming.

Insert yarn needle into all sts and pull tightly, seam the rib section.

Heel: fold rs tog, seam heel.

Make 2 pom poms and attach

**For child's size thru 3:** co 26 sts, k8, p1, k8, p1, k8 for 16 ridges; then k2, p2 for 2", finish as est.

**For child's size 3-6:** co 29 sts, k9, p1, k9, p1, k9, p1 for 19 ridges; then k2, p2 for 2-1/4", finish as est.