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## Knitted Seed Stitch Slippers with Wendy Bernard

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### Chapter 1 - Introduction

#### Overview

(light music) - Hi I'm Wendy Bernard, I'm an author and knitwear designer. I've written Custom Knit Series and Up Down All Around Stitch Dictionary. Sometimes us knitters we have these huge projects on our hands. They've been on the needles for maybe weeks and we just need to take a break and do a snackable project. These seed stitch slippers are the perfect project to do just that. I'm going to show you how to work the slippers in seed stitch, how to close the toe and the heel and how to add a cute little button. This project is easy and quick and you're going to have a lot of fun making them. (light music)

### Chapter 2 - Materials

#### Materials

- The materials for this class are your printed pattern, some super bulky yarn, size 11 straight or circular needles, stitch markers, two 1 3/8 inch buttons, a pair of scissors, tapestry needles, and a set of size 11 double pointed needles.

### Chapter 3 - Knit the Slippers

#### Knitting the foot

- Once you're satisfied with your gauge, you will need to check the pattern, decide on what size you want to make, and cast on. In my case, I'm going to cast on 11 stitches onto a circular needle, but I'm going to use it as if it were a straight needle. You can use a straight needle if you like. It doesn't really matter. To begin, I'm going to cast on 11 stitches, and I'm going to make sure that I have at least about a 10 inch tail remaining so I can use that to close up the heel later. So you gotta make your first loop. Here we go, 11 stitches for me. Here's two, three, four, five. Two, four, six, eight, 10, 11. And this is way longer than 10 inches, so I'm just going to make it a little bit shorter. This project requires seed stitch, and it's really, really easy and intuitive. After you've done about two rows, you're just going to start building a purl on top of a knit, a knit on top of a purl. And because this is super bulky yarn, it's really fun to do because it's very obvious what stitch you should make next. To commence, I'm going to follow the stitch pattern that's written out for you. All it is is knit, this one sometimes it gets loose, purl, knit, purl, knit. Okay, ending the first row, turn, and without even looking at the written pattern and the materials that you have, check it out. We've got a purl stitch, a knit stitch, a purl stitch, a knit stitch. So with seed stitch, all you do is stack a knit on top of a purl stitch and so on. So look, so there's a purl stitch. If you read your knitting, it makes this project go by. It's a fast project anyways, but it's going to go by even faster. So see this purl, I just know to knit on top of it. See, I'm already on my third row. You can see how fast this goes. Continuing seed stitch until you're piece measures whatever the pattern tells you it should measure. Mine needs to measure 4 1/2 inches, and I'm there right now. So I ended on a wrong side row per the instructions. And then I'm going to place these stitches that are now on the circulars onto two double-pointed needles. Technically you could use a circular for this entire project but I don't like doing that. It's a little fiddly, so I'm just going to use the double points. Okay, so it's on two. All right, so this is where you're going to see the slipper take shape. My instructions tell me to cast on four stitches to a third double-point needle. I'm using the backward loop method. So it's one, two, three, four. And then

using my fourth double-pointed needle, I'm going to join it in the round and continue in seed stitch. You can see that my last stitch was a knit stitch so I just intuitively know the next one is a purl to stack it, a purl on top of a knit. And my instructions say to knit six rounds, so that's what I'm going to do. You might be wondering as you're knitting this why am I calling for size 11 needles with such super bulky yarn? Well, when I designed these slippers, I wanted them to hold up and to stand up. I didn't want them to be floppy, so I intentionally made the needle size much smaller than the yarn would usually require. Anyways, I'm going to knit the six rounds and then I'm going to begin to shape the toe. So let's take a look at my progress so far. You can see now it looks like a slipper, doesn't it, see? We've got the main rectangle that we started with. We cast on these stitches to form the top of the slipper. I've worked six rounds of seed stitch, and I'm now at the beginning of the round ready to begin the toe shaping. My instructions tell me, for my size, to work five stitches in pattern and then purl together twice, so one. And you'll notice I'm ready, I've done my five stitches, that I've got one lone stitch on this second DPN. I'm just going to slip it to the next one and that way I can purl two together, two stitches together that are residing on the same needle. So let's purl together. That's one purl together, two purl together. And then I'm going to work to the end, and I will have decreased two stitches for that round. Okay, I'm at the beginning of the round now, and my instructions tell me to knit one plain round of seed stitch without doing any decreases. Now these two purl stitches, purl together, that I did create purl bumps, so to know which stitches you should do above them, just refer to the last one you did. My last one was a knit, so I'm going to purl on top of that to maintain seed stitch, and then I'm going to knit on top of the next one, and then I'll continue on to the end. Continuing with the toe shaping, my instructions tell me to work two stitches in pattern and then purl two together four times. So let's do that. So purl two together. Again I have a lone stitch. I'll just transfer it to the next double point, push that through. That's one purl together, two purl together, three purl together, and then I need one more that I have to move to the next one here. I actually dropped a stitch, so let me show you how I would fix it. Just with my fingers, pick it up and slip it onto the next needle. There we go. So I did one, two, three, did four, and then continue to end, and I'm right there except we need a purl stitch, okay. So the next round I work just one stitch normally and then I purl together two times, just one stitch. So purl two together one time, purl two together a second time. And yes, it does look like I'm knitting tightly but I need to so that these are sturdy. Then I work to the end, and after that, even more magic happens. Let's see I did a purl stitch, knit stitch, purl stitch, knit stitch. Okay, just knit through these last stitches. So now you can see why I wouldn't want to use circular needles on this. The last one was a knit stitch so I purl this. Okay, I'll work these last three, and then I'm going to cut the yarn. Okay. I'll get my tapestry needle, and I thread this yarn onto it. Sometimes it's a little resistant 'cause it's so bulky. Okay, thread it onto it. And all I do is I take it and I thread it through the remaining stitches. And pull it tight, and then all you do is take your needle with your yarn on it and you find a spot that you could stick it through, turn the toe inside out, pull the yarn through, make sure it's tight, and then you kinda look at it. This is the bottom of the slipper. I would weave in the ends on the bottom end on the sole side. You make sure it's secure, and just sort of do this for a while. And then you go ahead and snip it and turn it right side out. Our slipper is almost done. The last thing that we have to do is close up the heel and add a cute button.

### Whipstitching the heel and finishing

- To begin closing up your heel, you'll need your tapestry needle. And you'll have to turn your slipper inside out, and seam up the back end. And all I need to do is take the tail and use it to close

up the back of the slipper. So again I have to thread my tapestry needle. Flatten this out a little bit ... To kinda coax it in here. Oh, that one went smoothly. Okay. Now, I kind of match up the raw edges, and I just sort of find the chained edge, and I match it up again like that and whipstitch it like that. Bring it back around. I think these sort of look like a cross between a moccasin and a ballet slipper. You want this to be a firm stitch. You don't want it to be loose because when you wear them, they stretch. The last thing you want is a hole in the back. Okay, this should be the last one. I might do an extra one just for a little insurance, and then, I'll probably stick my tapestry needle under one of the stitches, just to fasten it better. And then just like all the other things, I will weave in the ends to the bottom side. And then snip the end off. Turn it right side out. Look how cute it is! But it's not done yet. We have to add a cute button. You can see it looks perfect with this color, and it's a great size. I'm going to use my working yarn to attach it, but notice how thick this stuff is, so ... You can separate a ply out. Isn't that cool? Ta-da! And then I can use this with the ... You can see it's a skinnier tapestry needle. Obviously a big, thick tapestry needle may not go through this hole, so I've just chosen another tapestry needle to fasten the button. So I thread this one ply through. Decide on the placement. It's gonna go about here. Coming from the wrong side, kind of find the hole in the button. There we go. I'm not going to tie a knot. I'm leaving a tail on the inside because later I'm just going to knot this together. This type of yarn, twice is enough. And then I turn it to the wrong side. What I'm going to do is clip this off. There you go. And then I'm going to tie a knot. I could weave the ends in, too, but sometimes with buttons, I like to tie a knot because if I want to cut it out and change out the button or whatever, it's very easy to find that little knot and then I can clip. And there we are. It's very sweet. Well, you can see here that I finished the slipper, and I also made another one. Can you see how cute the pair is? They have buttons on opposing sides. You know what one is right or left. The pattern doesn't really specify right or left foot, but since knitting is stretchy, as you wear them, you will have a right and a left foot. Here is a pair that are ... It's a size medium in the pattern. It's a middle size. And this would fit ... It would fit me. Now, this project can be a beginner project, it could be an advanced project for somebody who has a sweater on the needle, something to take a break with. It's really a fun thing to do, and now after I've knit these, I feel like I can go back to knitting my big sweater.