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CROSSOVER Sweater Slippers

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Slipper Size	Heel to Toe
Youth 13-1	7½ -8 in.
Youth 2-3 Women 4-5	8 -8¾ in.
Women 6-7	9-9 ¼ in.
Women 8-9	9¾ -10 in.
Women 10-11	10 ¼ -10 ¾ in.
Women 12	11 in.
Woman 13	11 ¼ in.
Men 3-4	8 ¾ -9 in.
Men 5-6	9 ¼ -9 ½ in.
Men 7-8	9 ¾ -10 in.
Men 9-10	10 ¼ -10 ¾ in.
Men 11	11 in
Men 12-13	11¼ -11¾in.

Materials and Items Needed

- Sewing machine
- Felted Sweaters, Thick sweaters or polar fleece will work as well.
- Fleece for lining. *You can use old fleece jackets or other lightweight wool sweaters.*
- Scissors, Needle and thread.
- Lightweight leather or suede can also be used for the slipper sole.
- Pins & Eight Safety Pins



When deciding what size to use, go by the foot measurement, NOT your shoe size!!

1 Sweater Prep

It is best to use at least 80% wool sweaters for felting.

Prepare your wool sweaters by washing in very hot water. This will shrink and tighten the fibers, making it nice and dense and very warm. Dry the sweaters in the dryer on the hottest setting. You can wash and dry them with a pair of gym shoes or tennis balls to help agitate and tighten the fibers. You may need to do this a few times to get them the tightness you desire.

Tip

To get the optimal use out of the sweaters, cut down the side seam and up the one arm hole to the neck. This will allow you to open up the sweater and make it more accessible for cutting. Another thing I like to do is cut off the bottom 4" of the sweaters and the arm to use on cuffs on other projects.

Save all your wool sweater scraps as well. These scraps come in handy for felting projects or other fun stuff.



2 Cutting Out

Decide what sweaters you want for which pieces. For the sole of the slipper, use a really thick dense sweater for more cushion.

If you prefer a lighter, thinner feel, use a thinner piece. Suede and leather can also be used on the sole with a sweater lining.

I like to mix the colors and patterns up and use different sweaters on the same slipper. That is totally up to you. To get more texture, don't be afraid to use the wrong side of the sweater as the right side.

Choose what size you will be using and cut the pattern out along the corresponding lines for that size. *(The pattern pieces will need to be cut out and taped together due to the size of the pattern piece).* Very easy to do!

Place the sole pattern piece on sweater and pin in place. Cut ONE out and then FLIP

pattern over and cut out another. *(This makes it so you have a left and right side).* Do the same thing for your slipper lining piece.*This should be a thinner weight sweater or fleece.



Cut out top pieces. (Two of each color). Or you can just use the same color for the whole top. You should have a total of 4 TOP PIECES.



Tip
To tell the difference between the right and wrong side of your sweater, place a safety pin on the right side of each piece that you have cut out. This will help when you are putting things together and to assure that you have a right and a left side.



Choose the corresponding size for the binding piece and cut out 2. (Make sure that the width is on the stretch of the fabric)



To make the heel tag, which is optional, choose a color from your felted scraps and cut two.

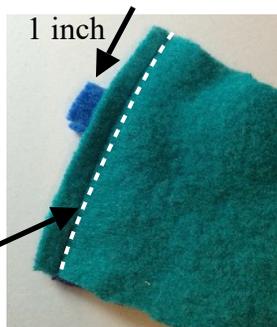
Sewing

All seams will be 3/8 inch seam allowance. (Which is usually the edge of your presser foot).

3 If you are applying a heel tag to your slippers, fold the tag in half and place the tag 1 inch from the top of the back heel edge, with the fold inside.



Place the top pieces Right Sides Together (RST) along the back edges. Tag should be sandwiched between the two top piece.



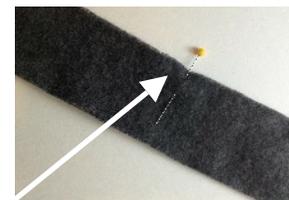
Sew seam. Trim edges.

4 BINDING

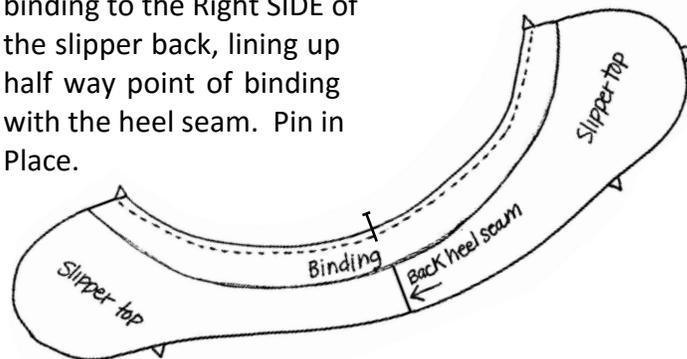
I have a great tutorial on my blog showing how to sew fleece binding. Doing it this way makes it a snap.

<http://youmakeitsimple.blogspot.com/2013/10/fleece-binding-sewing-tutorial.html>

Fold the binding pieces in half lengthwise and mark the half way point with a pin.



Place the RIGHT SIDE of the binding to the Right SIDE of the slipper back, lining up half way point of binding with the heel seam. Pin in Place.



The binding piece will be shorter than the top piece, so you will be stretching the binding as you sew to fit.

Take your time, and keep edges even as you sew. Trim edges.



Fold the binding over to the WRONG side with the seam finger pressed outward.

On the TOP SIDE, stitch in the ditch of the previous seam.



Stretch as you sew and adjust binding to make sure it is the same width the whole way.



VERY CAREFULLY trim the excess fabric close to the same. Be careful not to cut the fabric underneath!

5 Sewing the slipper top to the sole



Decide which color of sweater you want to be on top and place over the top of the other. Line up notches and pin in place. Make sure you have a LEFT & RIGHT.

6 With (RST) place the slipper top piece on top of the outer sole piece. Match up Notches and pin in place. Starting at the heel, sew all the way around, taking care to line up edges and ease in fabric. Do not trim edge quite yet.



8 Match the darts and pin in place.

Flip the slipper over so you can see the already sewn seam. **You will be leaving**



about a 3 inch space to turn it inside out.

Beginning on the side of the slipper, backstitch and begin to sew around, following the previous seam line. Keep all three edges even as you sew, easing and stretching as you need. Remove the pins as you go. **Remember to leave an opening!** Backstitch and clip threads. Do this with bot sides.

9 Using scissors, trim around the edges

to remove any bulk. Now you are ready to turn the slipper inside out through the open seam. Stick your hand inside the slipper to smooth out the seams and push the toes, sides and heels out.



Can't wait to get your footies in there can you?

7 LINING

To sew inner lining with a hidden seam,



place the lining piece with **right side down** on top of the already sewn slipper. **(The top piece will be sandwiched between the sole piece and lining).** There will be 3 layers.

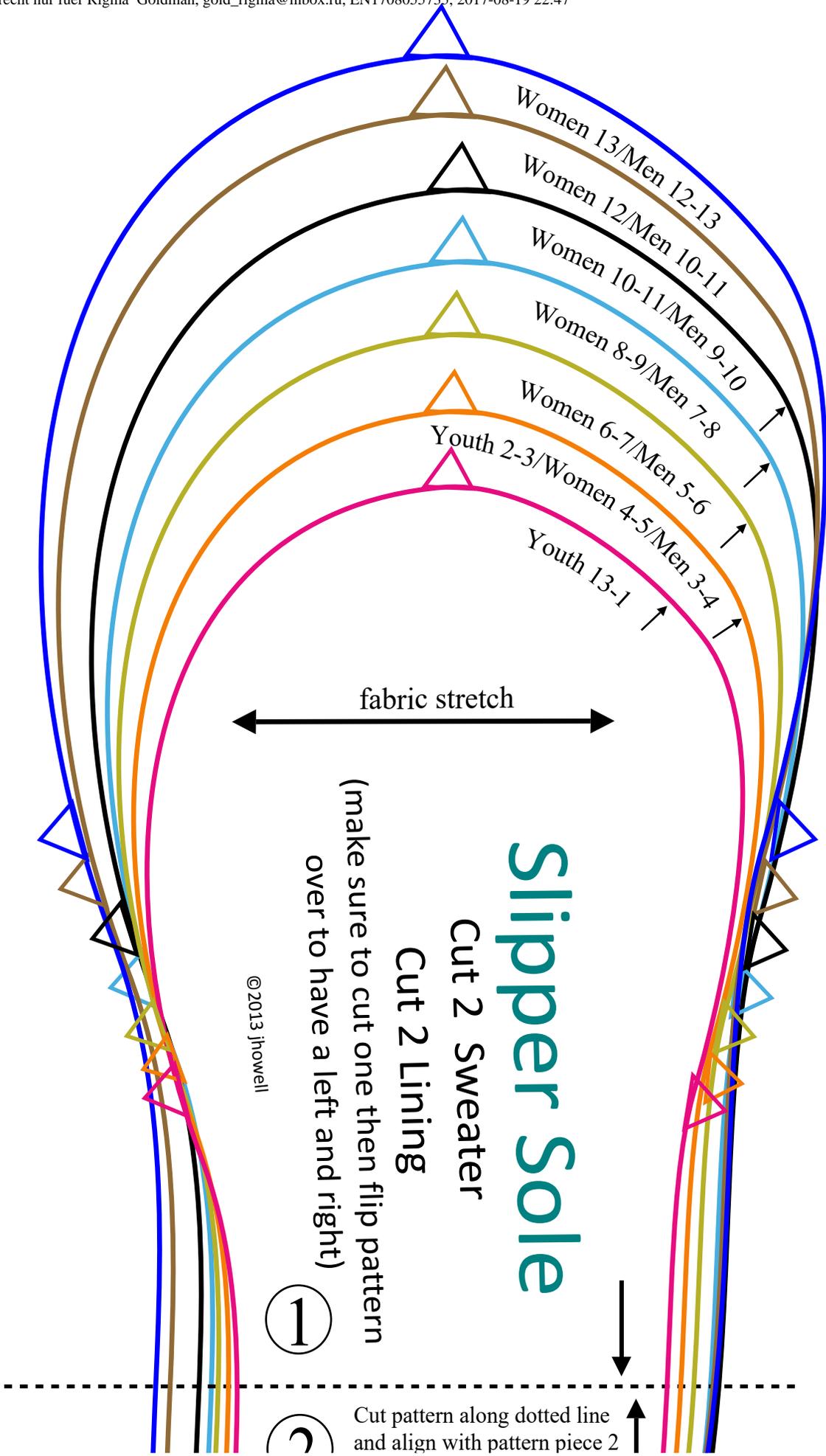


10 To sew the opening closed: double thread a needle with matching thread knot the end.

Fold the raw edge under 1/4" and slip stitch closed. Ease as you sew and knot at the end. Turn inside out again and....

Voilà!





Slipper Sole

Cut 2 Sweater

Cut 2 Lining

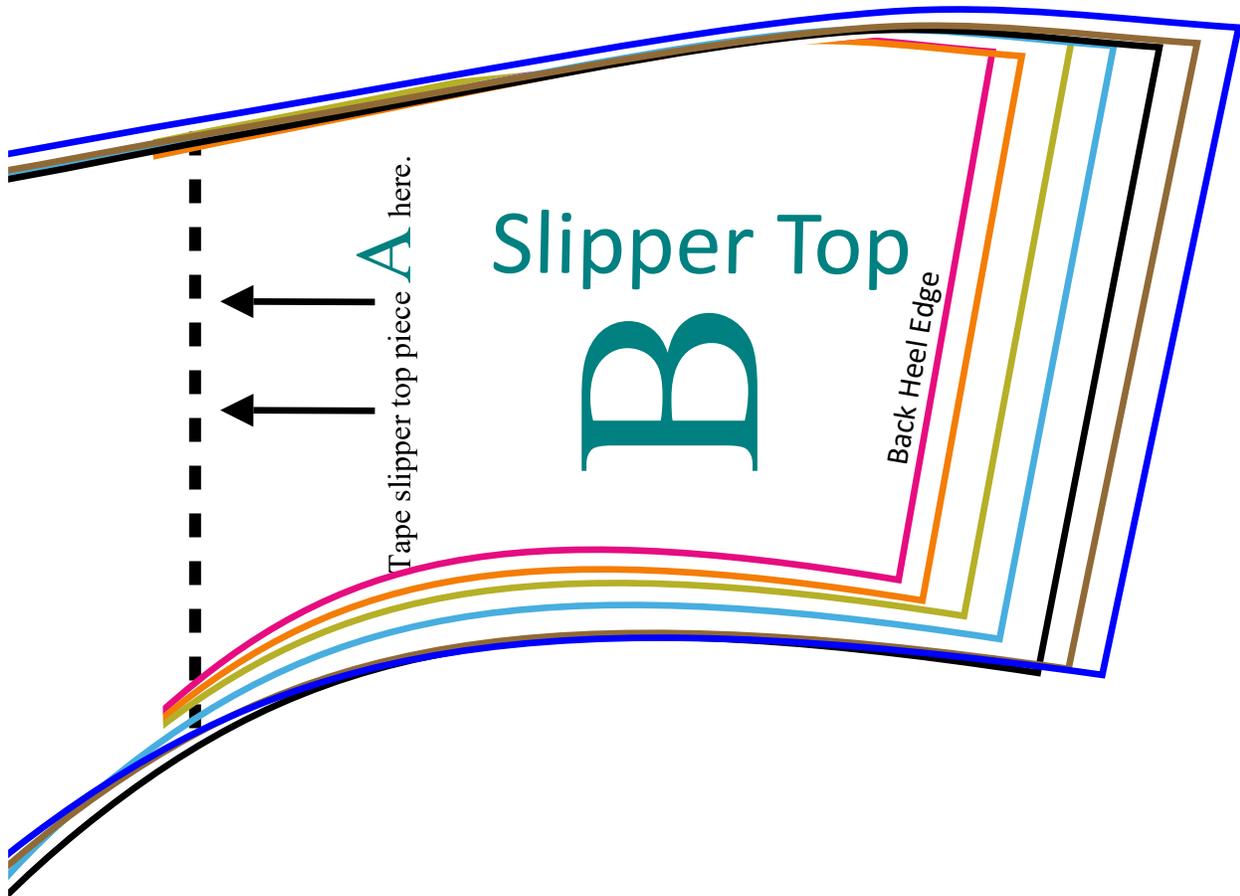
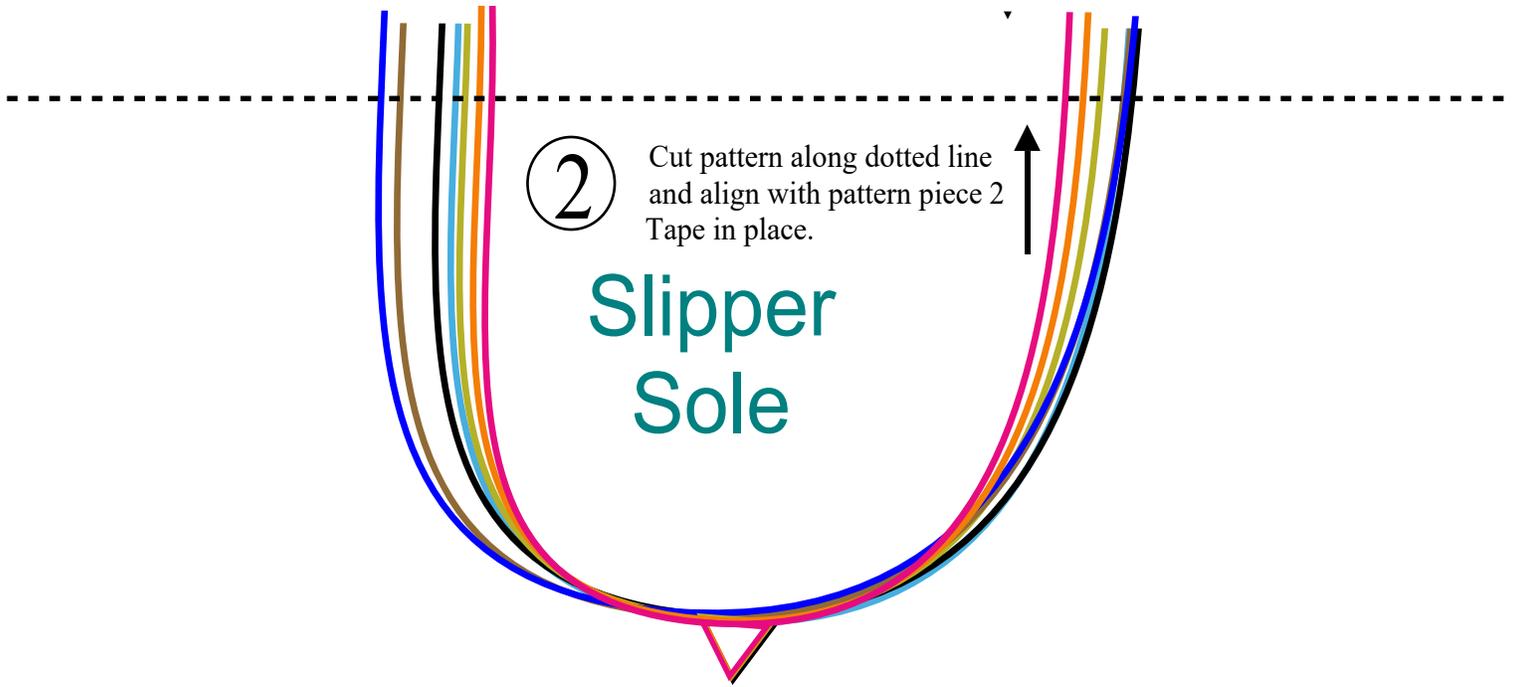
(make sure to cut one then flip pattern over to have a left and right)

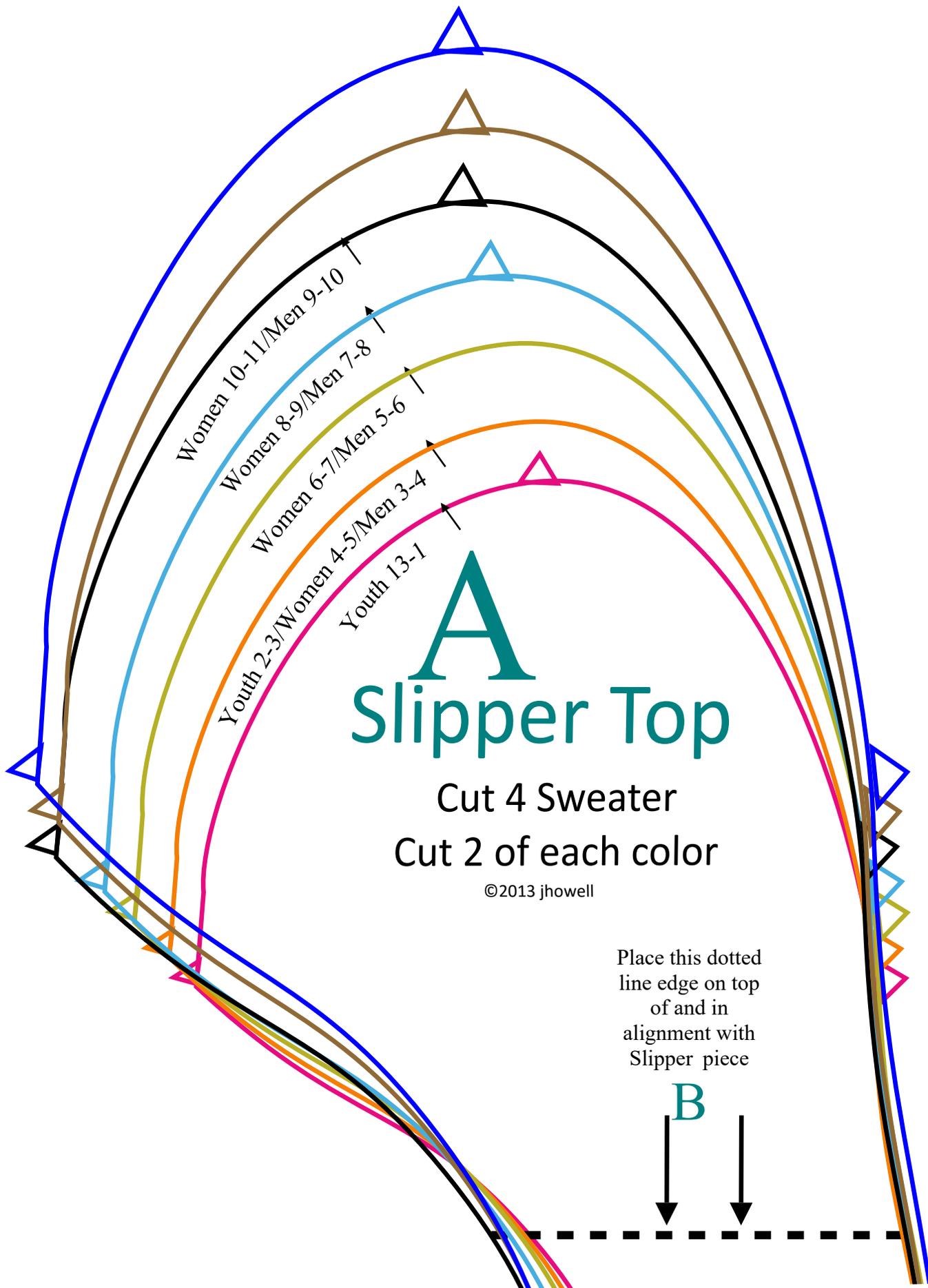
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Cut pattern along dotted line and align with pattern piece 2





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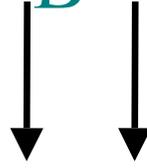
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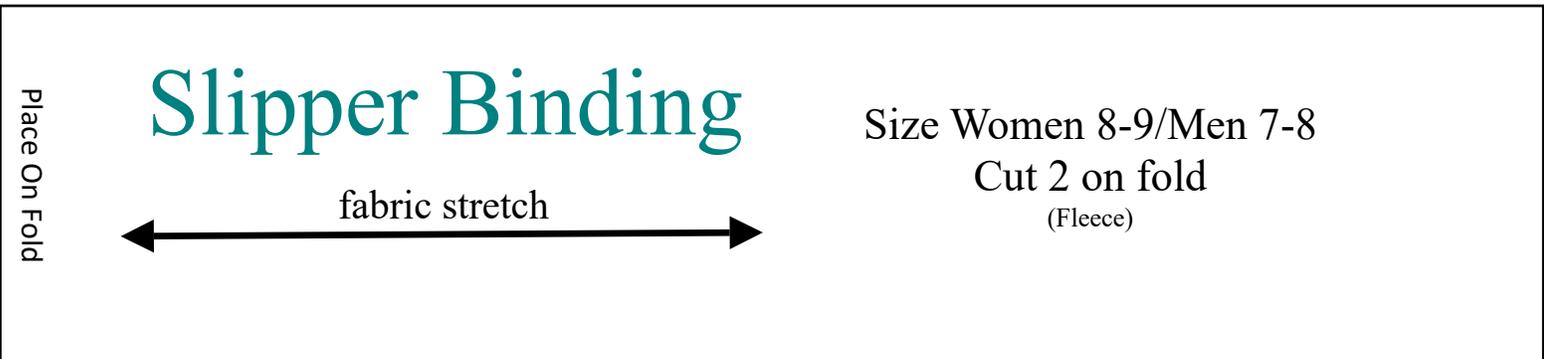
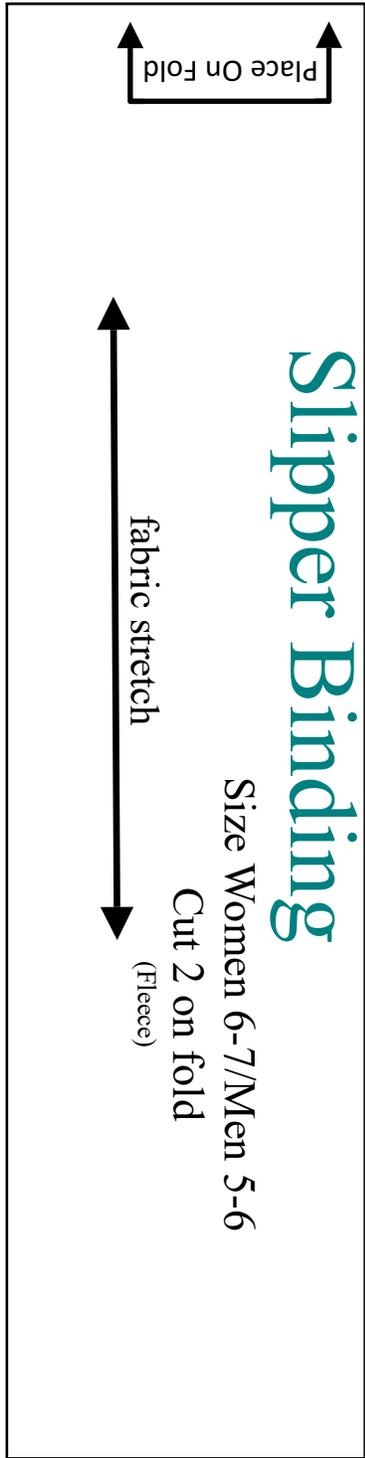
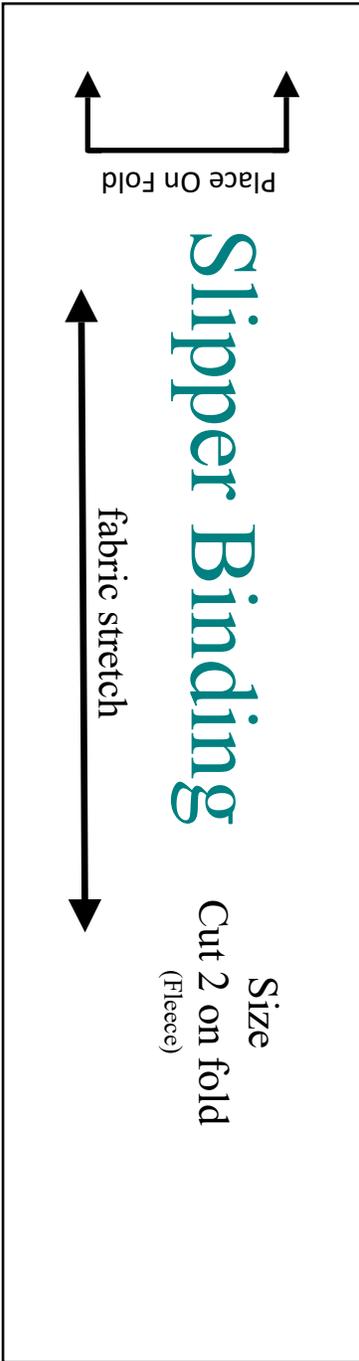
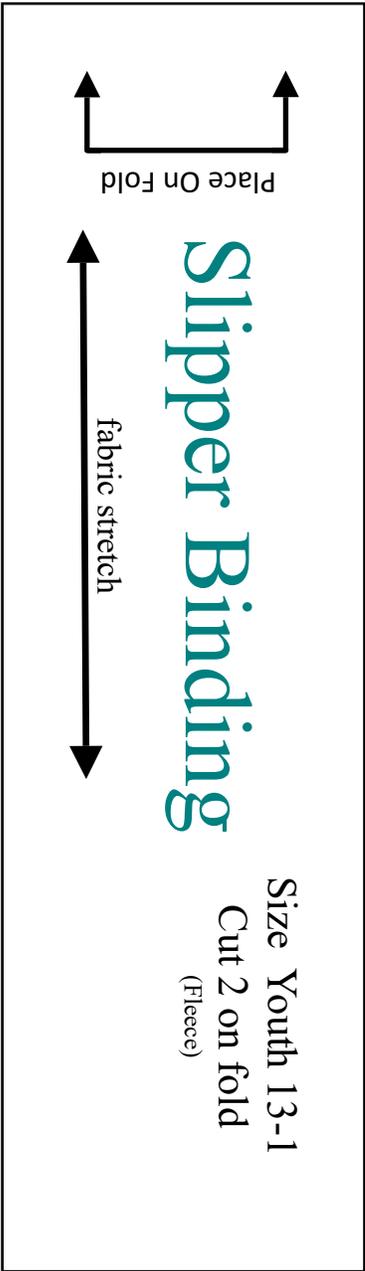
Cut 4 Sweater
Cut 2 of each color

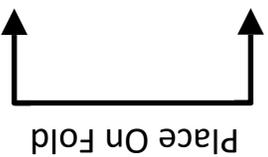
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Place this dotted line edge on top of and in alignment with Slipper piece

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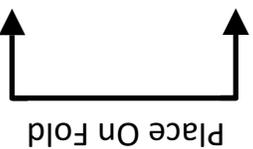






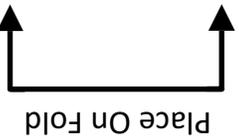
Slipper Binding

Size Men 12-13
Cut 2 on fold
(Fleece)



Slipper Binding

Size women 12/Men 10-11
Cut 2 on fold
(Fleece)



Slipper Binding

Size women 10-11/Men 9-10
Cut 2 on fold
(Fleece)

