Patriotic Bead Striped Socks

Knitted with red yarn, these simple yet fascinating socks alternate blue and white beads in a simple knit and purl pattern. The stripes of beads in the cuff suggest the U.S. flag proudly waving in the breeze.



Sizing

4 sizes in small through extra-large adult. Instructions for smallest size are given first, with each next larger size in the [,,] brackets. Finished foot circumference without stretching is $[7\frac{1}{2}, 9, 10\frac{1}{2}]$ ". As a guideline, these are planned for Child/Adult Small [Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult Extra Large] sizes.

To choose the size most accurately, measure around widest point on foot of person who will be wearing the socks. Subtract 10% from this measurement. If this number is between 2 sizes, choose the smaller size for a snugger fit, and the next larger for a looser fit.

Planned cuff/leg length is approximately 6¼", and can be adjusted either longer or shorter according to the stitch pattern repeat. Foot length is adjustable to specific measurements of wearer. If you are making adjustments for longer leg length, or especially long feet, you may need more yarn than specified below.

Yarn, Beads and Needles

Approximately 275 [350, 425, 500] yards red fingering weight sock yarn

Size 1 US (2.25 mm) knitting needles, or size needed to obtain planned gauge; your choice of double point or circular needle(s)

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

320 [400, 480, 560] size 8/0 glass seed beads in EACH of 2 colors; i.e. blue and white, for a total of 640 [800, 960, 1120] beads (i.e. approximately 8 [10, 12, 14] g of each color for a total of approximately 16 [20, 24, 28] g)

Bead stringing needle