

Spider-Web Socksies

Companion socks, a spider on one and web on the other, knitted in lace and beaded stitches. For an evocative statement, choose black socks with silver-beaded spider body and silvery moonlit spider web. If you prefer not to work in black, how about one of the lighter colors with golden sunlit dew drops? Or choose whatever colors you fancy spiders and their webs to be!



Sizing

5 sizes for children and adults. Instructions for smallest size are given first, with each next larger size in the [, , ,] brackets. Finished foot circumference without stretching is 6[7,8,9,10]" . As a guideline, these are planned for Small Child[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 leg length is approximately 5[5½,6,6¼,6½]" , and can be easily adjusted either longer or somewhat shorter. 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

Fingering weight sock yarn (16 - 17 wraps per inch) that is smooth enough to allow the beads to slide along it, approximately 200[250,325,400,450] yards.

Size 1 us (2.5 mm) double point needles, or size needed to obtain planned gauge, set of 4 or 5 needles

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

200 size 8/0 glass seed beads (approximately 7 g) or other size beads with holes large enough for yarn to pass through (allow some extra beads for loss due to possible defects).

Tapestry needle **size 24** or similar with eye small enough for stringing the beads.

Skill Level: Intermediate knitter