

Mixed Jelly Beans Socks

Give your feet some sweet fun. Ribbed columns of mixed bead colors with coordinating multi-color feet. A hint of slipped stitches in the arch/instep area hugs foot for a comfortable fit.

This pattern is dedicated to a dear friend Robin Driscoll. She gave me the initial inspiration for using mixed-color beads on sock leg to match the yarn color in foot of sock.

Not yet having a name for the sock design, I happened to come across a bag of jelly beans on my snack shelf — those jelly beans reminded me of the medley of bead colors and the happy feeling of these socks. And Robin is one of the happiest and most out-flowing warm-hearted people I know, so the name stuck. Of course, you can choose other colors and name your socks whatever feeling (or food group) of which they remind you!

Sizing

Ladies Medium [Large]. Finished foot circumference is 7¾ [9]" and allows a moderately snug fit on an adult woman's medium [wide] width foot.

Yardage given is planned for a leg length of 5" above heel flap, and foot length 9½ [11]" to fit up to woman's shoe size US 8 [12]. Leg and foot length are easily adjustable to specific measurements of wearer as indicated in the instructions. For longer leg, allow more of the solid color yarn and beads than specified below. For longer foot, allow more multicolor yarn.



Yarn, Beads and Needles

Light sport weight sock yarn (15 wraps per inch) that is smooth enough to allow the beads to slide along it, approximately 125[160] yards each of multicolor and solid color

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

Size 2 us (3 mm) double point needles, or one size larger than those used to obtain gauge

Gauge: 7¾ stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

Size 8/0 glass seed beads 720[840] (approximately 25g.) of mixed colors like those in the multicolor yarn

Beading needle - For stringing the beads on the yarn, you will also need a small needle or similar with eye small enough to go through the beads, yet large enough to be threaded with the yarn. I use either a size 24 tapestry needle, or a collapsing eye nylon floss threader.

Instructions are written for a set of 4 or 5 double point needles. If you wish to use another method such as knitting on circular needle(s), just use the pattern's needle references to mark the stitches however you have placed them on your needle(s).

Pictured model was knitted in Steinbach Wolle Strapaz 80% wool/20% nylon in colors #29 (solid) and #132 (multi). Miyuki beads in mixed colors of red, green, cobalt, sapphire, chartreuse, medium-dark amber, and light gold crystal.