

Beaded Shamrocks



Celebrating St. Patrick's day and Springtime - shamrocks and the promise of faith. Legend has it that St. Patrick used the shamrock to communicate the doctrine of the Trinity. The three leaves combine to make a single plant, just as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost combine to make the holy Trinity. Cuff is sideways knitted in garter stitch. To coordinate with the beadwork, a knit-woven spot pattern decorates heel flap and band at toe.

Sizing

Ladies Medium [Large]. Finished foot circumference is approximately 7½ [9]" and allows a moderately snug fit on an adult woman's medium [wide] width foot.

Yardage given is planned for an overall leg length of 6¼" above heel flap, and foot length of 9½ [11]" to fit up to woman's shoe size US 8 [12]. Leg and foot length are easily adjustable to measurements of wearer as indicated in the instructions. If making adjustments for longer leg or foot lengths, please allow more green yarn.

Yarn, Beads and Needles

Fingering weight sock yarn - natural white 115[150] yards, green 170[215] yards

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

Size 1 US/2.5 mm knitting needles or size needed to obtain planned gauge

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 needle references to mark the stitches however you have placed them on your needle(s).

Size 8/0 glass seed beads - green 880[990] approx 30g, pearl 352[396] approx 15g

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.

Waste yarn

Crochet hook

Pictured model was knitted in size medium using Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock 80% merino wool/20% nylon yarn in colors #0ns Natural and #20ns Pine, and Miyuki beads in transparent green and pearl Ceylon.