

Fleur de Lace Socks

The fleur-de-lis is often associated with areas formerly settled by France, such as Louisiana. I named this sock design "Fleur de Lace" as a play on words.

The French translation of fleur de lis is lily flower. The commonly occurring decorative and symbolic representations of the fleur-de-lis are stylized designs of either a lily or iris. Thus I chose a yarn colorway with purples and greens to suggest purple iris flowers and leaves.

With the addition of the gold beads to accentuate the top of the head, petals, and stamen of the loosely rendered flower amid the lace background, we now have the popular purple, green and gold colors of New Orleans Mardi Gras. The beads encircling the cuff of the sock represent the necklaces thrown to the party-going crowd by masked riders on festive Mardi Gras floats.

The trellis lace background suggests the ornamental ironwork of balconies and courtyard gates of stately Louisiana homes that are lovingly preserved as one of Louisiana's state treasures.



Sizes Women's small (medium, large) with planned finished measurements of -

Sock leg length: 5¼ (5½, 6)"

Sock foot length: 8½ (9½, 11)"

Sock foot circumference: 6¾ (7¾, 8¾)"

Yarn 2 - 50g balls Crystal Palace Mini Mochi color 103 OR 250 (300, 375) yards fingering weight of your choice

Beads 412 (444, 476) size 8/0 (3 mm) Miyuki glass seed beads, approximately 12 (13, 14) g, color 1053 Galvanized Gold

Suggested Needles Size US 1 / 2.25 mm or size needed to obtain gauge; your choice of double points or circulars

Gauge 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

Skill Level Intermediate

Stitch Instructions Charted and written