

Two Ways About It Beaded Socks



Bejewel your feet in these lovely beaded lace socks. There are many ways to incorporate beads while knitting. These socks use two different ways; thus, they are a good way to experience the two methods side-by-side in the same design and learn the merits of each.

The lace pattern on the leg of the sock has a lot of give, so it conforms nicely to the shapeliest of legs. Slimming columns of beads frame the silhouette of the lace diamonds on the front of the leg, while the column of beads at center back simulates the look of a high-fashion seamed stocking. 1-1 ribbing transitions from cuff into the beaded lace pattern, then is re-introduced as the ankle approaches and continues down the top of the foot as it takes over the instep sts where the lace diamond motif ends. These socks not only are a pleasure to look at, but they will also wear well with their reinforced slip-stitch heels and toes.

Although the knitting is not terribly difficult, there is almost always something interesting going on. So plan to focus some attention while knitting these and enjoy the process.



Shown in Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock, color #1ns Pink Blossum; Miyuki beads, colors 6-257 Dark Transparent AB and 8-256D Transparent Dark Amber AB

Size adult small (medium, large) to fit 8 (9, 10)" foot circumference slightly stretched

Yarn fingering weight 300 (350, 425) yards

Gauge 34 (32, 30) stitches = 4 inches over stockinette stitch

Suggested Needles US 0 (1, 2) / 2 (2.25, 2.75) mm; your choice of double points or circular(s) for knitting in the round

Glass seed beads 280 size 8/0 — 3 mm diameter *and* 96 size 6/0 — 4 mm diameter (approximately of *each*)

Other Notions crochet hook or similar that is small enough to insert into holes in the size 6/0 beads, bead stringing needle, markers, tapestry needle for finishing ends

Skill Level intermediate.

Stitch Instructions charted and written

Special Techniques Used and Described placing a bead with a crochet hook; placing a pre-strung bead in front of a slipped stitch; left-leaning double decrease; mirrored right-leaning double decrease