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HeartStrings Pattern: HS5 - 9200

FILIGREE LACE-EDGED BABY BLANKET



Here is a special blanket for a special baby that is impressive, yet practical. It combines a pleasingly reversible lace stitch around the edges with a cushiony garter stitch center for cuddly warmth.

This predominantly solid-fabric blanket is great for those who want a bit of impressive lace, yet are concerned about holes in which baby could get their fingers caught.

Size 34" square. With adjustment in planned yardage, the size can easily be increased or reduced by adding or subtracting multiples of 12 stitches.

Yarn and Needles
Sportweight yarn: 1000 yards.
Size 6 US (4 mm) circular knitting needle 40" length.
Gauge: 5 1/4 stitches/inch over lace stitch pattern.
Depending upon your preferred technique for circular knitting, you may also need double point needles or an additional circular needle for when there become too few stitches to comfortably knit in the round.

Shown in Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sport, color Layette

Start with just a bit of lacy pattern knitted circularly to dress up the outer edges of this utilitarian beauty. Then the center is knitted back and forth in garter stitch on the diagonal, forming a square to fill in the center while attaching itself to the edging at the same time. No seams to sew!

The sample model is shown in a softly variegated yarn to play up the zigzag movement in the bias lace pattern along the edges, offset by the diagonally-knitted center. The blanket would be equally lovely in a solid color if you prefer a more classic, less casual look.

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HeartStrings Pattern: W33 - 9240

Sweet Melody Vest

Like notes playing across the staffs of music, the subtle lace eyelets of Sweet Melody Vest drift in and out of a flattering cascade of textured wavy columns. The slightly fluted lower edge is a nice touch, too.



This vest is knitted as one piece so that sewn finishing is almost eliminated. You can leave the front opening buttonless or embellish with button loops and buttons as shown in the model for a center-front closure.

Sizes S/M (L, XL, 2XL) with planned measurements of —
Chest: 38 1/2 (45, 51, 57)"
Length at center back: 22 (22 1/2, 23, 23 1/2)"
Length to underarm: 13 (13 1/4, 13 1/2, 13 3/4)"

Yarn and Needles
700 (850, 1000, 1150) yards DK weight yarn
Size 6 US (4 mm) knitting needles or size to give gauge of 21 stitches and 32 rows per 4 inches over main lace pattern stitch
Cable needle
Optional: 5 buttons; braided trim for button loops

Skill Level Experienced

Shown in size S/M using Lorna's Laces Green Line DK color Mirth, Fimo clay buttons, Kreinik 3/8" Trim color #245 Bright Magenta for button loops

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HeartStrings Pattern: S02 - 9109

Beaded Faux Argyle Socks

Lace, ribbed textures and beads combine for the look of Tartan plaid in these handsome calf-high socks topped with spiffy Scotch garters (optional).



Sizing
Adult medium. Stated yardage allows for planned measurements of 8" leg length above heel flap, 8" sock foot circumference, and 9 1/2" foot length. Foot length is easily adjustable as indicated in the instructions. If making adjustments for longer foot length, please allow more yarn.

Yarn, Beads and Needles
375 yards fingering weight sock yarn
Size 1 US (2.25 mm) knitting needles or size needed to obtain a gauge of 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch; your choice of double point or circular needles for knitting in the round

Size 8/0 (3 mm) glass seed beads in your choice of colors:

Main color (M) - 860 beads, approximately 25g
Secondary color (S) - 388, approximately 10g

Bead stringing needle

Optional Scotch garters: 2 twisted cords or narrow trim, each approximately 20" long



For socks as pictured above use Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock Yarn color #304 Black Watch; Miyuki beads #10 Silver-lined Red (M) and #2 Silver-lined Gold (S).

To make twisted cords as shown for optional garters use Kreinik Metallic 1/16" Ribbon in colors #003 Red and #3232 Brazilliane; Kreinik Ombre #1700.

Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock Yarn color #76 Aslan. Miyuki beads #401 Transparent Black and #141 Transparent Red. Kreinik 3/8" Trim #110 Black Onyx.

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