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HeartStrings Pattern: A68 - 1284

Lace Cross

This ornate cross is knitted as a wide lace strip and then shaped using an interesting seamless construction. Instructions are provided for making with or without beads. The Lace Cross can be used as a bookmark, communion gift, mounted and framed, or a thoughtful Christian token of friendship.



Finished Size 10" by 6 1/2"

Yarn 26 yards fingering weight (30 yards for beaded version)

Gauge 3 1/2 stitches per inch over garter stitch blocked (gauge is not critical although it could affect size and amount of yarn used)

Knitting Needles Size US 2 (2.75 mm) suggested; even though this is knitted flat, you will probably want to use at least a 24" circular needle because of the large number of stitches in the wide strip

For Beaded Version (optional)
 160 size 8/0 (3 mm diameter) beads, approximately 4 g
 Needle for stringing beads

Skill Level Intermediate or adventurous advanced beginner lace knitter

Skills Needed Knit, purl, yarn over; for beaded version: long tail cast on, stringing beads

Stitch Instructions Written

Construction Knitted flat and formed into a cross as stitches are bound off

Special Techniques
 Beaded cast on

Center double decrease bind off

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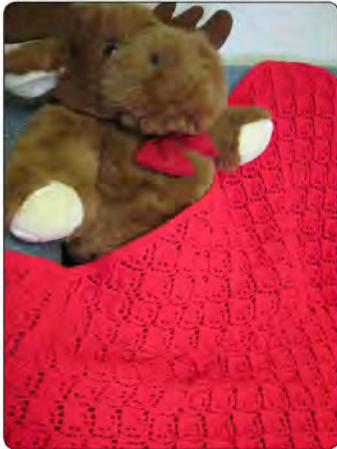
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HeartStrings Pattern: N37 - 1302

Moose Lace Afghan

This attractive, practical afghan is an example of "moose lace", i.e. lace knitted in a large gauge in heavier yarn. The lace makes this afghan lighter in weight for its size, yet pleasingly warm and snuggly.



Finished Size 40"/102 cm wide by 48"/122 cm long, or size desired (can be adjusted in multiples of 10 stitches and repeats of 16 rows)

Yarn 900 yards / 823 m worsted weight (if resizing from measurements above, consider appropriate adjustment to yarn amount)

Gauge 15.5 stitches and 24.5 rows = 4 inches / 10 cm over lace stitch

Knitting Needles US 8 (5 mm) suggested

Skill Level Advanced beginner

Stitch Instructions Charted and written

Construction Worked flat in rows in one piece; no seams to sew

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HeartStrings Pattern: H50 - 1289

Bitty Beady Christmas Tree

This tiny Christmas tree has bead "ornaments" that peek in and out of the trellis lace branches.

You can knit a bunch of Bitty Beady Christmas Trees in hardly any time. They are a great use for small amounts of yarn to make low-cost holiday housewarming gifts, ornaments and package decorations.



Finished Size
 Approximately 5" high by 4 1/4" wide (12.7 by 10.8 cm) after light blocking

Yarn
 10 yards Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock or similar smooth wool-blend fingering weight yarn with a firm twist

Knitting Needles
 Size 2 US (2.75 mm) suggested

Gauge
 5 stitches = 1" (2.5 cm) over trellis lace stitch blocked (gauge is not critical although it could affect size and amount of yarn used)

Beads
 Approximately 3 g size 8/0 (3 mm diameter) beads; 74 beads are used for the bead "ornaments" and the remainder can be used for the hanging loop

Other Notions
 bead stringing needle
 tapestry needle for finishing ends

Skill Level Intermediate or adventurous advanced beginner lace knitter

Stitch Instructions Written

Construction Knitted flat in one piece from tree trunk to top of tree; beads are strung onto the yarn before knitting begins and pushed into place on each yarn over

Special Techniques Used and Described 1-cord; knitted cable cast on; purled cable cast on; center double decrease; serrated stepped bind off

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