

HeliX Beaded Bookmarks

A spiral illusion of beads within a lace mesh ground.
Instructions include pointed and rectangular versions.

Finished sizes:

Pointed bookmark — 1¾ x 7 inches + tassel.

Rectangular bookmark — 1¾ x 8½ inches.

Yarn, Beads and Needles

Size 8 perle cotton thread or equivalent. Your yarn choice needs to be thin, yet strong enough, to carry the beads.

Pointed version with tassel (as pictured) — 30 yards thread; purchased tassel or additional 20 yards of thread for making your own

Rectangular version (no tassel; both ends look the same) — 35 yards thread

1 strand pre-strung seed beads size 10 or 11 for each bookmark.

Size 4/0 US (1.25 mm) needles or size to give gauge of 12 stitches and 18 rows per inch over beaded lace pattern after blocking

Skill Level: Intermediate knitter and comfortable in reading charted lace instructions



Pointed version of bookmark with handmade tassel

Abbreviations and Special Techniques

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

p - purl

p3tog - purl 3 stitches together

p1tr - purl 1 twist right as follows: slip stitch to right needle as to knit (the stitch mount will be twisted from its normal position), slip stitch back onto the left needle in this same twisted position, purl through the front loop of this twisted stitch

RS - right side (the side of the knitted fabric worn to the outside)

p - purl

sl bead-p1tr - slip bead and then p1tr as follows: slip stitch to right needle as to knit (the stitch mount will be twisted from its normal position), slip stitch back onto the left needle in this same twisted position, insert right needle point into front loop of twisted stitch as to purl (but don't make the purl stitch yet), slide 1 bead up against the right needle point, complete the purl stitch taking care that the bead does not slip through the new

stitch being made (the bead will lie between the previous p1tr called for in the stitch pattern and the p1tr being made now; the p1tr stitches on each side of a bead bring the bead forward to the right side of the fabric and help to keep the bead in place between the stitches)

sl 1-k2tog-pss - slip 1 stitch as if to knit, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over the k2tog stitch

SSK - slip 1 stitch as if to knit, and then slip another stitch as if to knit; insert left needle tip into the 2 slipped stitches from left to right and knit these 2 stitches together

st(s) - stitch(es)

tbl - through back loop

WS - wrong side

yo - yarn over

Caution: Instructions are written assuming you are knitting stitches off your left-hand needle onto your right-hand needle. If you are working instead from right needle to left needle, please adjust instructions to agree with your direction of work.