

BEAD RIBBED SOCKS



Designed especially for those multi-colored sock yarns you can't resist! The stitch pattern is a variation of an interrupted rib, with beads highlighting the pattern shift. Simple yet fascinating!

Sizing

4 sizes in small through extra-large adult. Instructions for smallest size are given first, with each next larger size in the [, ,] brackets. Finished foot circumference without stretching is 6[7½,9,10½]". As a guideline, these are planned for Child/Adult Small [Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult Extra Large] sizes.

Pictured model was knitted in Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock 80% merino wool/20% nylon yarn in color #42 Cool, and Miyuki beads in color Metallic Blue Iris.

To choose the size most accurately, measure around widest point on foot of person who will be wearing the socks. Subtract 10% from this measurement. If this number is between 2 sizes, choose the smaller size for a snugger fit, and the next larger for a looser fit.

Planned cuff/leg length is approximately 6¼", and can be adjusted either longer or shorter according to the stitch pattern repeat. Foot length is adjustable to specific measurements of wearer. If you are making adjustments for longer leg length, or especially long feet, you may need more yarn than specified below.

Yarn, Beads and Needles

Fingering weight sock yarn (16 - 17 wraps per inch) that is smooth enough to allow the beads to slide along it, approximately 275[350,425,500] yards

Size 1 us (2.5 mm) double point needles, or size needed to obtain planned gauge, set of 4 or 5 needles

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

640 [800, 960, 1120] size 8/0 glass seed beads (approximately 25g [30g, 35g, 40g] or other size beads with holes large enough for yarn to pass through (allow some extra beads for loss due to possible defects)

Tapestry needle **size 24** or similar with eye small enough for stringing the beads

Skill Level: Intermediate knitter

Abbreviations

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

eor - end-of-round

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

m1 - see make 1

make 1 - increase 1 stitch as follows: insert left tip of needle away from you under the uppermost horizontal thread that lies between the 2 needles; knit into back loop of this raised thread

ndl(s) - needle(s)

p - purl

p2tog - purl 2 stitches together

rep - repeat(ing)

rep from * - repeat all instructions from the previous asterisk

rnd(s) - round(s)

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

sl - slip

sl 1 wyib - slip 1 stitch as if to purl while keeping yarn to back of work

sl 1 wyif - slip 1 stitch as if to purl while keeping yarn to front of work

slip bead-purl 1 - slip bead into place next to needle before making next stitch, then purl 1 while taking care that bead is not pulled through loop while making new stitch and remains to front of fabric

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)

tog - together

WS - wrong side (the side of the knitted fabric worn to the inside)

wyib - with yarn in back of work

wyif - with yarn in front of work