## **Beaded Stress Ball**

Squish and roll this beaded ball around in your hands to provide relaxation and quick relief to stress, aching or stiff finger joints. Tiny pressure points of beads have a meditative quality.

These balls make a quick, low-cost and much-appreciated gift. Make them bright and colorful for a cheerful uplift, or in subtle colors to fit your most reflective mood.



Finished Size Approximately 2¾" to 3" (7 cm to 7.6 cm) diameter depending on degree of stuffing

**Yarn** 25 yards (23 m) fingering weight

**Beads** 792 size 8/0 (3 mm diameter) glass seed beads, approximately 20 g

**Gauge** 7 stitches per inch (2.5 cm) over beaded garter stitch before stuffing

Knitting Needles Size US 1 (2.25 mm) suggested

**Notions** 

Bead stringing needle or bead spinner

Tapestry needle

Polyester fiberfill or other choice of stuffing

Skill Level Easy

Stitch Instructions Written and charted

**Skills Needed** Knit, slip, simple short rows, stringing beads, long tail cast on, bind off, sewing a seam

**Overview of Construction** Beads are strung on the yarn before knitting begins. The ball is shaped with 6 short-row sections that are knitted flat in one piece. While knitting, the beads are pushed into place between stitches on alternate rows. Ball is stuffed and seamed to close.