

# *Beaded Swirls Socks*

Swirling texture and variegated color, embellished with knitted in beads, make these socks fun to knit and distinctive to wear. The shaped top edge naturally occurs due to the bias effect of the pattern. Choice of decorative heel for wearing with clogs and sandals, or plain heel for wearing with regular shoes.

### Sizing

Finished foot circumference is approximately 7½” and allows a moderately snug fit on an adult woman’s medium width foot.

Planned leg length is approximately 6” above heel flap, and can be adjusted either longer or shorter in increments of 10 rounds by adding or omitting repeats of Chart B.

Yardage is estimated for foot length up to woman’s shoe size US 12 (11” foot length), and is adjustable to specific measurements of wearer as indicated in the instructions. If you are making adjustments for longer leg length or especially long feet, you may need more beads and yarn than specified below.



Photo showing stitch detail and shaped top edge as viewed from side of leg.



Photo showing pattern stitch detail and decorative heel. Instructions for a plain heel are also included in the pattern.

### 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 375 yards.

Size 1 US (2.5 mm) knitting needles or size needed to obtain planned gauge.

Size 2 US (3.0 mm) knitting needles, or one size larger than those used to achieve gauge.

Instructions are written for a set of 5 double point needles. If you wish to use another method such as 4 double point needles or knitting on circular needle(s), just use the needle references to refer to the stitches however you have placed them on your needle(s).

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch.

336 size 8/0 glass seed beads (approximately 12g). For stringing the beads on the yarn, you will also need a small needle or similar with eye small enough to go through the beads, yet large enough to be threaded with the yarn. I use either a size 24 tapestry needle, or a collapsing eye nylon floss threader.

**Pictured model** was knitted in Lorna’s Laces Shepherd Sock 80% merino wool/20% nylon yarn in color #201 Yellowstone, and Miyuki beads in color Transparent Gray Iris.