Beads enhance the lacy scallops of these dressy socks in a low-cuffed anklet style. I modified a basic feather-and-fan lace structure for ribbed elasticity to hug the ankle and firmness to carry the weight of the beads.

For the model shown to right, I chose a regal looking purple variegated yarn and contrast beads. The anklets look equally elegant in a tone-on-tone combination such as in the pink version 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 300 yards

Double point knitting needles in size 1 to 1.5 us ( 2.25 to 2.5 mm ), or size needed to obtain planned gauge. Instructions are written for a set of 5 needles. If you wish to use another method such as 4 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
472 size $8 / 0$ glass seed beads (approximately 12 g). 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 models were knitted in Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock 80\% merino wool/20\% nylon yarn and Miyuki beads. For the purple model, the yarn color is Purple Club; bead color is Pearl Ceylon. For the pink model, yarn is Gray's Corner and beads are Purple-lined Blue Crystal.

Comments on sizing adjustments: For ease in making adjustments to circumference, the sock is based on an initial 60 stitch cuff using a 15 -stitch repeat, then reducing to 56 stitches at ankle using a 14 -stitch repeat. Planned cuff length is approximately 3 ", and can be adjusted either longer or shorter in increments of 4 rnds. 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 instructons. If you are making adjustments for longer cuff length or especially long feet, you may need more beads and yarn than specified above.

