Beaded Elegance Stockings



Calf-height dressy socks with beadembellished lace patterning on the leg. The lacy ribs transition into a decorative padded heel and wideribbed foot for comfortable fit.

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 8½" above heel flap, and can be adjusted either longer or shorter by adding or omitting rnds in Chart C and/or the ribbed area just above the heel flap.

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 leg length or especially long feet, you may need more beads and 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 400 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, set of 4 or 5. Instructions are written for a set of 5 needles.

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch over stockinette stitch.

840 size 8/0 glass seed beads (approximately 30g). 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 #44ns Old Rose, and Miyuki beads in color Metallic Purple Iris.

