

Cascade Alpaca Lace
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Yarn: Cascade Yarns, Alpaca Lace 100% Baby Alpaca

Color: 1433 (periwinkle)

Weight/Yardage: 50g, 1.75 oz. 400 meters, 437 yds,

Skeins: 5

Hooks: E 3.5 mm

Steel 0.75 mm

Other: Beads size 8, quantity 1241 as shown- beaded ends only quantity 1040

Needle for weaving ends

Blocking Needles and pins

Size: All sizes are approximate

22"x70" after blocking

20" wide before blocking

Gauge: 5- 7stitch pattern group = 4" before blocking

16 rows = 4"

Stitch Guide: Beaded Single Crochet (Bsc)

Complete sc- remove larger hook (E). Place bead on small hook (0.75). Insert small hook into sc loop, pull bead up and over hook and onto loop. Reinsert large hook and continue in pattern stitch.

Pattern Notes:

I highly recommend the "hook way" to add beads not the pre-stringing way because,

A. this is a lot of beads.

B. the weight of the pre-strung beads throws off tension.

I chose 2 different beads and alternated across row with alternate placement on next beaded row. You can use the same beads throughout. You can also alter the placement of the beads to your liking. Always add beads to right side (RS) rows.

I don't recommend larger beads as these make the piece too heavy and can take away from the yarn. Smaller beads don't show up.

I also recommend not beading the whole piece for comfort and weight reasons, ie: sitting against a hard surface such as a church pew could be uncomfortable and possibly break the glass beads. I chose to randomly place three beads on the beaded rows in the body, it's your choice to do that or leave body un-beaded.

Abbreviations: sc = single crochet dc = double crochet sk = skip
Ch = chain tch = turning chain bsc = beaded single crochet
Rs = right side ws = wrong side

Chain 187

Row 1: Sk 2 ch (this = 1 dc), 2 dc into next ch. *sk 3 ch, 1 sc into next ch, ch 3, 1 dc into next 3 ch: Repeat from * to last 4 ch, sk 3 ch, 1 sc into last ch. Turn.

Row 2: RS **Beaded Row:** Even row. Hint: beginning tail is on your right.

Ch 3 = 1 dc. 2 dc into first sc, * sk 3 dc, 1 bsc (see stitch guide) into first ch of 3 ch, ch 3, 1 dc into next 2 ch, 1 dc into sc. Repeat from * ending sk 2 dc, 1 sc (**not beaded**) into top of tch. Turn.

Row 3: WS. Odd row. Ch 3 = 1 dc. 2 dc into first sc, * sk 3 dc, 1 sc into first ch of 3 ch, ch 3, 1 dc into next 2 ch, 1 dc into sc. Repeat from * ending sk 2 dc, 1 sc into top of tch. Turn.

Rows 4-40 even rows only: RS-Repeat Row 2.

Rows 5-39 odd rows only: WS-Repeat Row 3.

Rows 41-173: odd rows only. WS- Repeat row 3

Rows 42-174: even rows only. RS- Repeat Row 2, randomly bsc three times across row.

Option: Non Beaded Body

Rows 41-175: Repeat Row 3 for all rows.

Rows 175-215: odd rows. WS- Repeat Row 3. Fasten off after row 215.

Rows 176-214: even rows. RS-Repeat Row 2 with every sc being a bsc. **Do Not bead sc in tch.**

Weave in ends. Wet Block. Use blocking needles and pins and block to approx. 22" x 70"