

EASY KNITTING WITH BEADS

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There are several ways to incorporate beads into your knitting. I find this to be the easiest.

Cast on 25 stitches.

Work 5 rows of garter stitch.

K4, P17, K4

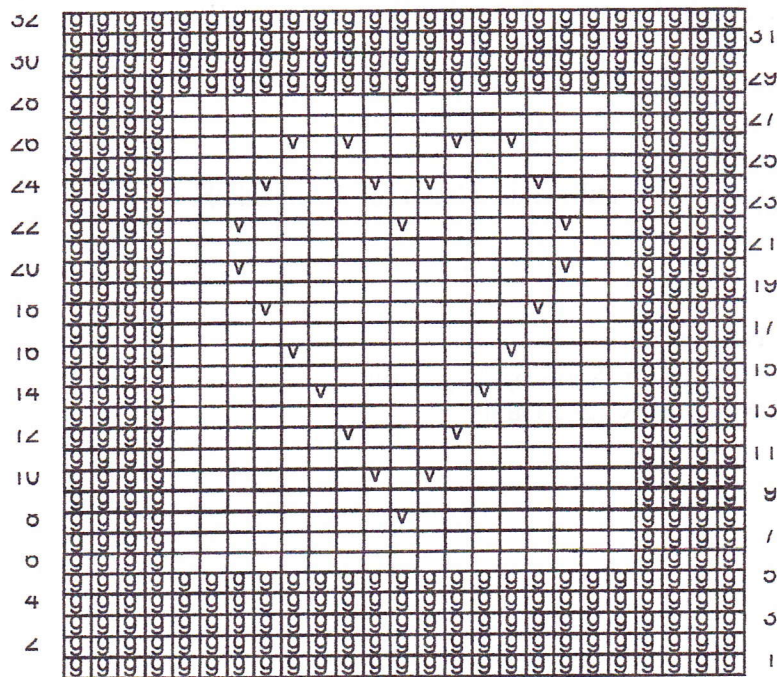
Follow the chart, starting on Row 7

Abbreviations:

g = garter stitch

v = yarn forward, bring up bead, slip next stitch, yarn to back

□ = stockinette stitch



Points to remember:

If you need to put a bead directly above another bead, work a plain row between so the beads don't crowd each other.

Bring your yarn with you when you shop for beads, or bring your beads with you when you shop for yarn. Don't match your beads exactly to your yarn -- you want the beads to be visible..

Beware -- some beads are smoother than others. If there is roughness inside the hole it can damage your yarn.

If you are using a lot of beads think about stringing only what you can slide long distances without damaging your yarn. Cutting and stringing and re-joining is not a crime.

Beware -- glass beads that have color added inside can, occasionally, bleed color onto your knitted fabric. This is a very rare occurrence, but still something to guard against. If your project will be washed, or wet blocked, work a few of the beads into your swatch and see how they respond to the treatment that the garment will receive.

Sources for ideas:

Stitch pattern books -- substitute a bead for a purl stitch.

Suggested reading:

Knit and Crochet with Beads by Lily Chin

Knitting with Beads by Jane Davis