

Burnished Metal Lariat/Belt

The fabric of this slinky necklace or belt must be felt to be believed! Composed of almost all bugle beads and worked in silk, it can be expanded into a camisole or tank top. The long bugle beads emulate the long stitches of double crochet.

Finished Size

3¾" (9.5 cm) wide and 45" (114.5 cm) long.

Materials

- Yarn: Gudebrod Silk size F (100% silk; 140 yd [128 m]/spool): #12–1153BS 0 Brown, **2 spools**
Yarn distributed by Fire Mountain Gems.
- Beads: 0.4" (1 cm) glass bugle beads: about 1,450. Shown in #611 copper, from Beads World.
- Crochet hook: Steel size 4 (2 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.
- Notions: Bead-stringing needle; tapestry needle.

Gauge

16 sts = 1" (2.5 cm) and 18 rows = 4" (10 cm) in patt.

Special Note

Prestring bugle beads onto yarn before working with about 650 at beg of first spool, then 340 for the end of first spool and 418 at beg of second spool.

Special Abbreviations

BU2BB: Bring Up 2 Bugle Beads. Snuggle the 2 beads up close to the hook.

Instructions

Row 1: Chain 50, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—49 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1 and turn, sc in each of first 4 sc, *BU2BB, skip next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc; rep from *, end sc in last sc—11 pairs of bugle beads forming V-lps.

Row 3: Ch 3 and turn (counts as a dc), skip first sc, dc in next sc, ch 2, skip next 2 sc, *sc into thread at center of next V-lp, ch 3, skip next 3 sc; rep from *, end sc into thread at center of last V-lp, ch 2, skip next 2 sc, dc in each of last 2 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1 and turn, sc in each of first 2 dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 space, *sc in next sc above V-lp, 3 sc in next ch-3 space; rep from *, end sc in next sc above last V-lp, 2 sc in next ch-2 space, sc in next dc, sc in top of turning ch—49 sc.

Rep Rows 2 to 4 for patt.

Work until one spool has run out; join other spool and cont patt. Work until bugle beads run out, ending with patt Row 4, rotate scarf and work 1 row of sc evenly spaced along one side edge working extra sc into corners. Rotate scarf and sc in each foundation ch, rotate scarf and sc evenly spaced along other side edge. Join with sl st to first sc of last completed row; fasten and end off.