

## JoJo Knits: Tabby's Christmas Collar



Camera shy Tabby is modeling the collar in size small. Her neck measures 10 inches. I had 30 gold beads to work with, the rest of the beads in Tabby's collar are silver. Instructions are for size small and size medium in parenthesis.

**Sizing:** Small: Necks up to 11 inches

Medium: Necks up to 14 inches

### Materials:

- Paton's Lace in Vintage- any Fine (2) weight yarn will work
- Size 4 (3.5mm) Needles
- 6mm beads (silver and gold plated) 89 (113)
- Yarn needle for stringing beads and for finishing
- Small crochet hook (size G worked well in this case)
- Stitch markers optional

### Collar

String all the beads (plus a few extra just in case you add a bead or two extra by mistake—you don't want to run out of beads and have to start over!) onto the tail from your skein of yarn. Carefully slide them down until you have a free tail about 5 (7) yards long. Make your slip knot to begin casting on (long tail cast on method or "thumb" method as it is sometimes called). Now slide a bead up and snuggle it up against the slip knot and cast

on a stitch as you would normally. Then cast on the next stitch without a bead. Repeat across the row adding a bead every other cast on stitch. You will cast on 176 (224) stitches. HINT: use stitch markers every 25 stitches to help you with counting!



Adding beads to cast on edge

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Decrease Row— SKP (Slip 1, Knit 1, then pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch) across the row.

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: \*k1, SKP\* across the row to the last stitch, k 1.

Continue knitting rows until work measures 1.5 (2) inches from the cast on row.

Eyelet Row: k2 (k1), \*yo, k2tog\* repeat from\* across row to last 2 (1) stitches, k2 (1).

Knit 2 (3) more rows.

Next row: knit into the front and back of every stitch

Knit 2 (3) more rows and then bind off all stitches leaving a tail long enough to seam the collar from the top down to below the eyelet row. Weave in ends.

Crochet a single chain about 27 inches long and thread it through the eyelets. Add a bead to each end and knot end to hold it in place.