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# Beaded Napkin Rings

**A** lovely sheen and a little sparkle are thanks to the linen/silk blend yarn and the simple crocheted edging accented with beads. If you've never worked with beads before, this is an easy and fun project to start with.

- MEASUREMENTS** Approximately 2.5" (6.5 cm) wide and 4.75" (12 cm) around
- YARN** Classic Elite Interlude, 30% silk/70% linen, 1.75 oz (50 g)/82 yds (75 m), 20266 Banana
- NEEDLES** US 6 (4 mm) straight needles or size you need to obtain correct gauge
- GAUGE** 4.5 stitches = 1" (2.5 cm) in stockinette stitch
- OTHER SUPPLIES** 56 × 1/8" (3.5 mm) beads, one US G/6 (4.5 mm) crochet hook, tapestry needle

## Knitting the Ring

Using waste yarn and a provisional method (see Glossary, page 232), cast on 10 stitches.

**Row 1:** With project yarn, P1, K1, P1, K4, P1, K1, P1.

**Row 2:** P1, K1, P6, K1, P1.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 thirteen more times, or until piece measures approx 4.75", ending on Row 1. Cut yarn, leaving an 18" tail. Thread tail onto tapestry needle.

Remove waste yarn a stitch at a time and place the 10 stitches on a spare needle. With right sides of piece facing, bring together the ends of the ring and graft them closed using Kitchener Stitch (see Glossary, page 230).

## Crocheting the Edging

String 14 beads onto the end of the ball of yarn.

Turn the knitted piece inside out, and with the wrong side facing you, crochet the edging as follows. *Note:* Work the crochet single chains in every other knit row.

Join yarn at the seam, ch 1, \*sc in next 2 spaces, ch 1, pull up a bead and chain around it, ch 1, sc in the same space as the last sc; repeat from \* to end of round; slip stitch into first ch1. Cut yarn and pull through last stitch. Repeat on other side of piece.

Make three more napkin rings.

*Tip:* To string small beads over thick yarn, thread a sewing needle with an 8-inch length of sewing thread; double the thread and tie the two ends together in a firm knot. Thread the pattern yarn through the loop of sewing thread, leaving a 10-inch tail. Draw the sewing needle through a bead, then pull the bead down the sewing thread and over the project thread.