

Blocks Baby Blanket

This blanket is truly reversible and can be made by any level of knitter. It has alternating blocks of stocking stitch and reverse stocking stitch, with seed stitch borders. It has been figured out for two different weights of yarn.

Finished size: 36" wide x about 40" long

Lighter blanket in light-weight 3-ply sport yarn

Materials

Circular needle 29" or longer (70 or 80 cm) in size 6 Canadian (5.0 mm), or size to achieve gauge
Quantity: 10 oz. (282 g), or 700 yards (658 m) of a yarn such as TLC Baby
Please use only new, soft, washable yarn.

Gauge: 18 sts and 23 rows = 4" or 10 cm

Directions

Cast on 157 sts. and work 10 rows of seed stitch: for every row, k.1, p.1 across row, k last stitch.

Pattern:

Note: Keep 7 sts. seed stitch border on each side.

Row 1: (k.1, p.1), rep. twice, k.1, (*k.11, p.11), rep. from * to last 18 sts., k.11, (k.1, p.1) to last st., k.1

Row 2: (k.1, p.1), rep. twice, k.1, (*p.11, k.11), rep. from * to last 18 sts., p.11, (k.1, p.1) to last st., k.1

Repeat these two rows until 14 rows of pattern have been worked.

Next row: same as Row 2

Next row: same as Row 1

You have now started the second set of blocks. Work till you have 14 rows in this set, then start with Row 1 and Row 2 for 14 rows.

Keep alternating the rows to make alternating blocks of 14 rows. Work until you have 15 blocks in pattern, counting from the first pattern row (about 39 inches), ending with the 14th row.

Work 10 rows of seed stitch the same as at the beginning. Cast off. Weave in the cast-on and cast-off ends and any joins. Press out in both directions.

Heavier blanket in 4-ply medium worsted

For those who like a faster project, here is the same design in a heavier yarn.

Materials

Circular needle 29" or longer (70 or 80 cm) in size 5 Canadian (5.5 mm), or size to achieve gauge
Quantity: 15 oz. (423 g), or about 650 yards of a medium worsted
Please use only new, soft, washable yarn.

Gauge: 14 sts and 21 rows = 4" or 10 cm

Directions

Cast on 127 sts. and work 6 rows of seed stitch: for every row, k.1, p.1 across row, k last stitch.

Pattern:

Note: Keep 5 sts. seed stitch border on each side.

Row 1: (k.1, p.1), rep. once, k.1, (*k.9, p.9), rep. from * to last 14 sts., k.9, (k.1, p.1) to last st., k.1

Row 2: (k.1, p.1), rep. once, k.1, (*p.9, k.9), rep. from * to last 14 sts., p.9, (k.1, p.1) to last st., k.1

Repeat these two rows until 14 rows of pattern have been worked.

Next row: same as Row 2

Next row: same as Row 1

You have now started the second set of blocks. Work till you have 14 rows in this set, then start with Row 1 and Row 2 for 14 rows.

Keep alternating the rows to make alternating blocks of 14 rows. Work until you have 15 blocks in pattern, counting from the first pattern row (about 39 inches), ending with the 14th row.

Work 6 rows of seed stitch the same as at the beginning. Cast off. Weave in the cast-on and cast-off ends and any joins. Press out in both directions.

Tip: When you cast on and off, be sure that your work is not too tight, so you'll have a nice stretchy edge on top and bottom. Here is an easy way to do that: When you cast on, use a circular needle that is one size larger than you'll use for the blanket (for the lighter blanket, that would be size 5 Canadian or 5.5 mm), and then switch to the proper-sized one when you knit your first row. When you cast off, you can use a single needle of that larger size, or your larger circular needle again.