

## Diamonds Baby Blanket

This blanket has a pattern in stocking and reversed stocking stitch, with garter stitch on the four edges. It is reversible.

Finished size: 36" wide x about 40" long

Gauge: 18 sts and 26 rows = 4" or 10 cm in diamond pattern

### Materials

Circular needle 29" or longer (70 or 80 cm) in size 6 Canadian (5.0 mm), or size to achieve gauge  
About 350 grams of double knitting weight acrylic yarn (about 122 yds./133 m per 50-gram ball). Please use only new, soft, washable yarn.

### Directions

Cast on 161 sts. and knit 7 rows of garter stitch.

The pattern will begin with the wrong side of work facing you. (Note that all odd-numbered rows are on the wrong side, and on the even-numbered ones you will have the right side facing you.)

(start of repeating pattern)

Row 1 (wrong side): k.4, p.4, (\*k.1, p.8), rep. from \* to last 9 sts., k.1, p.4, k.4

Row 2: k.7, (\*p.3, k.6), rep. from \* to last 10 sts., p.3, k.7

Row 3: k.4, p.2, (\*k.5, p.4), rep. from \* to last 11 sts., k.5, p.2, k.4

Row 4: k.5, (\*p.7, k.2), rep. from \* to last 12 sts., p.7, k.5

Row 5: knit across row

Row 6: same as row 4

Row 7: same as row 3

Row 8: same as row 2

(end of repeating pattern)

Repeat these 8 rows until blanket is about 39 inches long, ending with Row 8. Then knit 7 rows of garter stitch. Cast off loosely. Weave in the cast-on and cast-off ends and any joins. Press.

This is an easy pattern, but you can never stop counting!

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 (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.