

Rib Check Baby Blanket

This blanket has a grid pattern that looks a bit like plaid. It has vertical ribs and horizontal garter ridges, with a garter stitch border on the four edges. It is completely reversible.

Finished size: 36" wide x about 40" long

Gauge: 18 sts and 28 rows = 4" or 10 cm in pattern

Materials

Circular needle 29" or longer (70 or 80 cm) in size 6 Canadian (5.0 mm), or size to achieve gauge
About 420 grams (15 oz.) or 800 m (870 yards) medium worsted weight acrylic yarn. Please use only new, soft, washable yarn.

Directions

Cast on 153 sts. and knit 4 rows of garter stitch.

(start of repeating rib check pattern)

Rows 1 & 2: knit

Rows 3, 5 & 7: *k.3, p.3, rep. from * across, k.3

Rows 4, 6 & 8: k.6, *p.3, k.3, rep. from * across, p.3, k.6

Rows 9 & 10: knit

Rows 11 & 13: k.6, *p.3, k.3, rep. from * across, p.3, k.6

Rows 12 & 14: *k.3, p.3, rep. from * across, k.3

(end of repeating pattern)

Repeat these 14 rows until blanket is about 39 inches long, ending with Row 8. Then knit 6 rows of garter stitch. Cast off loosely knitwise. Weave in the cast-on and cast-off ends and any joins.

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.