

# Ridge Stripes Baby Blanket

This blanket is an easy one. It is completely reversible pattern, with stripes of stocking stitch and reverse stocking stitch with a garter ridge, and garter stitch borders.

Finished size: 36" wide x about 40" long

## Materials

Circular needle 29" or longer (70 or 80 cm) in size 6 Canadian (5.0 mm), or size to achieve gauge  
Quantity: about 10 oz. (282 g), or 700 yards (658 m) of a light-weight 3-ply sport yarn such as TLC Baby  
Please use only new, soft, washable yarn.

Gauge: 16 sts and 25 rows = 4" or 10 cm

## Directions

Cast on 150 sts. and work 6 rows of garter stitch (knit every row).

Stripes pattern:

Note: Keep 5 sts. garter stitch border on each side. This means that on every purl (P) row, you knit (K) the first 5 and the last 5 stitches of the row.

\* Work 15 rows of stocking stitch (K 1 row, P 1 row).

Knit next row (which should have been a P row, making the garter ridge).

Work 5 rows stocking stitch, starting with K row.\*

Now work the same pattern again from \* to \*. The pattern reverses since you start with a K row on the last stocking stitch row that would normally be P.

Repeat these stripe patterns until you have worked about 39" from the cast-on edge, ending after a completed pattern. (Flatten it out to measure it, as it will flatten out after it has been pressed.)

Work 6 rows of garter stitch the same as at the beginning. Cast off. Weave in the cast-on and cast-off ends and any joins. Press out to flatten ridges.

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.