## Seeds \& Quarters Baby Blanket

This blanket is an easy one. It is a completely reversible pattern, with four big squares in stocking stitch and reverse stocking stitch, with seed 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 20 rows of seed stitch:
Row 1: *k.1, p.1, repeat from * to end of row.
Row 2: *p.1, k.1, repeat from * to end of row.
Then start the body pattern. You will have a border of 12 stitches in seed stitch on each edge.
Row 1: *k.1, p.1, repeat from * 5 more times, k.63, p.63, *k.1, p.1, repeat from * to end. Row 2: *p.1, k.1, repeat from * 5 more times, k.63, p.63, *p.1, k.1, repeat from * to end.

Repeat these two rows until you have used half of the yarn (about 20"), ending with Row 2.
Next row: *k.1, p.1, repeat from * 5 more times, p.63, k.63, *k.1, p.1, repeat from * to end. Next row: *p.1, k.1, repeat from * 5 more times, p.63, k.63, *p.1, k.1, repeat from * to end.

Repeat these two rows until you have worked the same number of rows on body pattern as for the first half, ending with a wrong-side row.

Work 20 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 lightly.

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.

