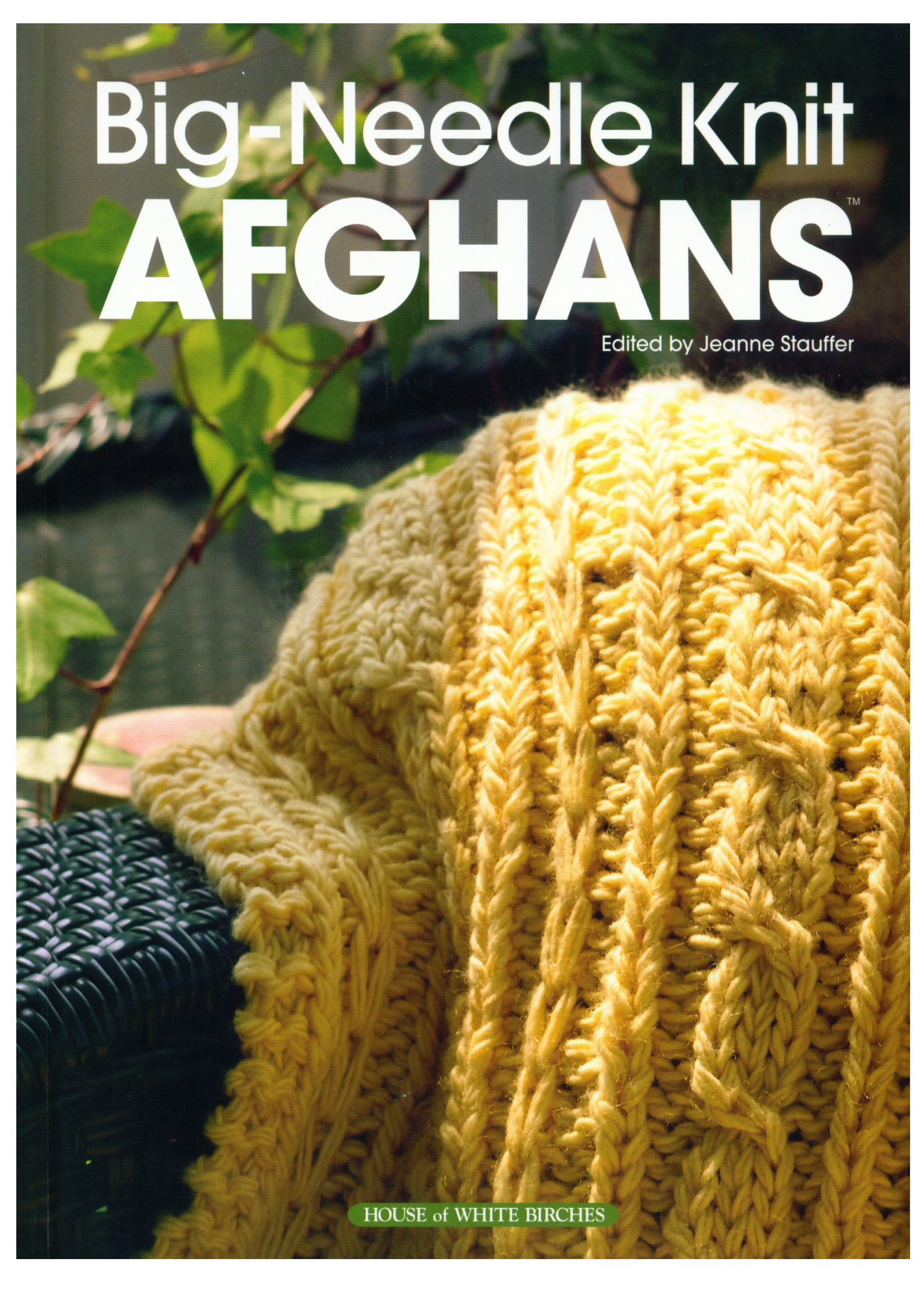




Big-Needle Knit **AFGHANS**TM

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HOUSE of WHITE BIRCHES

A Note From the Editor

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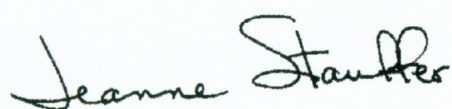
You'll love knitting afghans on big needles. It's quick, it's easy and it's fun. Each afghan in this book is knit on needles size 10½ and up.

Some designs use bulky yarns and others use multiple strands of worsted or sport-weight yarn. All the yarn used for the afghans in this book is from Brown Sheep Co. They have wonderful cotton and wool yarns in a wide array of colors. Their yarn makes knitting such a pleasure.

Knowing that many knitters like to knit baby blankets for precious little ones, we've included an entire section of baby afghans. You'll also find lots of cozy, comfy throws and many afghans with texture and 3-D flowers. For those who love cables, we've also included gorgeous afghans with wonderful cables. You'll love making cables with big needles because they knit up so quickly.

So, welcome to *Big-Needle Knit Afghans*. Come in and enjoy the fun activity of deciding which afghan to knit first. You'll be surprised at the short amount of time it takes to knit an afghan on large, oversized needles. It won't be long before you're deciding on the second afghan to knit, then the third, the fourth and so on. You'll enjoy every stitch!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Stauffer". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeanne" and last name "Stauffer" clearly legible.

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Lollipops

Design by Kennita Tully

Bright-colored 'lollipops,' formed by short rows, line up on a cheery kid's blanket.



Skill Level

Intermediate***

Size

Approximately 30 x 44 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Bulky, 85 percent wool/15 percent mohair bulky weight yarn (125 yds/4 oz per skein): 3 skeins crème #M10 (MC), 1 skein each supreme purple #M100 (A), limeade #M120 (B), RPM pink #M105 (C), orange you glad #M110 (D), and lemon drop #M155 (E)
- Size 11 (8mm) 29-inch circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

9 sts and 15 rows = 4 inches/10cm in Lollipop pat
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Stitch

Lollipops

Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 (WS): With MC, purl.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12: Knit.

Row 14: With CC k11, * turn, sl 1 wyif, k3, turn, p4, k12, rep from * across, end last rep k1 instead of k12.

Row 15: With CC k5, * turn, p4, turn, k3, sl 1 wyif, k12, rep from * across, end last rep k7 instead of k12.

Row 16: With MC k8, * sl 2 wyib, k10, rep from *, end last rep k2 instead of k10.

Rows 17–29: Rep Rows 1–13.

Row 30: With CC k5, * turn, sl 1 wyif, k3, turn, p4, k12, rep from * across, end last rep k7 instead of k12.

Row 31: K11, * turn, p4, turn, k3, sl 1 wyif, k12, rep from * across, end last rep k1 instead of k12.

Row 32: With MC k2, * sl 2 wyib, k10, rep from *, end last rep k8 instead of k10.

Rep Rows 1–32 for pat, following color sequence for lollipop rows.

Pattern Note

Sl all sts purlwise.

Color sequence for lollipop rows (Rows 14, 15, 30 and 31) is 2 rows each of A, B, C, D, E, D, C, B, A.

Blanket

With MC, cast on 60 sts.

[Work Rows 1–32 of Lollipop pat] 4 times, rep Rows 1–29.

Bind off.

Border

With RS facing and E, pick up and k 60 sts along cast-on edge.

Knit 1 row.

Knit 2 rows each D, C, B and A.

Bind off.

Rep border along bound-off edge.

Rep border along side edges, picking up 109 sts instead of 60. ♦



Sweet Scallops

Design by Sue Childress

A simplified version of the Old Shale pattern is used to create a delicate baby afghan.



Skill Level

Easy**

Size

Approximately 35 x 47 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Superwash Bulky, 100 percent washable wool bulky weight yarn (110 yds/100g per skein): 9 skeins mint cream #SW120
- Size 15 (10mm) 29-inch circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge

8 sts and 12 rows = 4 inches/10cm in pat st
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Notes

Two strands of yarn are held tog throughout afghan. Circular needles are used to accommodate sts. Do not join; work in rows. St count varies from row to row.

Afghan

Cast on 70 sts.

Bottom Border

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2: K2, [yo, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 3: Purl.

Rows 4 and 5: Rep Rows 2 and 3.

Beg pat

Row 1 (RS): K2, [yo, k2tog] twice, k3, *ssk, k9, k2tog, rep from * to last 9 sts, k3, [k2tog, yo] twice, k2. (62 sts)

Rows 2 and 4: Purl.

Row 3: K2, [yo, k2tog] twice, k3, *ssk, k7, k2tog, rep from * to last 9 sts, k3, [k2tog, yo] twice, k2. (54 sts)

Row 5: K2, [yo, k2tog] twice, k3, *ssk, yo, [k1, yo] 5 times, k2tog, rep from * to last 9 sts, k3, [k2tog, yo] twice, k2. (70 sts)

Row 6: Knit.

[Rep Rows 1–6] 20 times.

Top Border

Row 1: K2, [yo, k2tog] twice, k to last 6 sts, [k2tog, yo] twice, k2.

Row 2: Purl.

Rows 3 and 4: Repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Rows 5 and 7: K2, [yo, k2tog] to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 6: Purl.

Bind off knitwise on WS.

Wet block. ♦



Strawberry Parfait

Design by Sue Childress

Pastel pink and creamy white combine in a delicious baby blanket.

Skill Level

Easy**

Size

Approximately 36 x 40 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece, 80 percent cotton/20 percent Merino wool light worsted weight yarn (215 yds/100g per skein): 4 skeins pink diamond #CW222 (MC), 2 skeins cotton ball #CW100 (CC)
- Size 19 (15mm) needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge

6 sts and 4 rows = 4 inches/10cm in Fern Lace pat
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Stitches

A. Checked Border

Rows 1 (WS), 3 and 6: K2, *p2, k2, rep from * across.

Rows 2, 4, 5 and 7: P2, *k2, p2, rep from * across.

Row 8: K2, [p2, k2] to last 8 sts, p2tog, k2, p2, k2.

Rep Rows 1–8 for pat.

B. Fern Lace

Rows 1 and 3 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: K3, *yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, rep from

* to last st, k1.

Row 4: K2, *yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rep Rows 1–4 for pat.

Pattern Notes

Four strands of yarn are held tog throughout afghan.

Borders are worked in CC, center area is MC.

To avoid holes when changing colors, always bring new color up over old. When working side borders, do not dec on Row 8.

Afghan

With CC, cast on 62 sts.

Work 8 rows of Checked Border pat.

Set up pat (WS): With CC k2, p2, k2, with MC work Row 1 of Fern Lace pat, with CC k2, p2, k2. Keeping 6 sts at each end in Checked Border pat and center in Fern Lace, work even for 14 reps, inc 1 MC st on last row. (56 rows)

Top Border

Cut MC.

Next Row: K2, p2, k2, p to last 6 sts, k2, p2, k2.

Work Rows 2–7 of Border pat.

Row 8: K2, *p2, k2, rep from * across.

Bind off. ♦





Morning Sunlight

Design by Janet Rehfeldt

Cables and long slip stitches resemble rays of sunshine on this cheery crib blanket.

Skill Level

Easy**

Size

Approximately 34 x 46 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Superwash Worsted, 100 percent washable wool worsted weight yarn (200 yds/100g per skein): 10 skeins corn silk #SW13
- Size 17 (13mm) 29-inch circular needle
- Cable needle

Gauge

9½ sts and 10 rows = 4 inches/10cm in pat st
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Special Abbreviation

C3F (cable 3 front): Sl 1 st to cn and hold in front, k2, k1 from cn.

Pattern Note

Afghan is worked with 3 strands of yarn held tog throughout.
Circular needle is used to accommodate large number of sts. Do not join, work in rows.

Afghan

With 3 strands held tog, cast on 81 sts.
Knit 4 rows.

Beg pat

Row 1 (RS): K3, p2, sl 1 wyib, p2, k1, *p2, k3, p2, k1, p2, sl 1 wyib, p2, k1, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2: K2, p1, k2, sl 1 wyif, k2, p1, *k2, p3, k2, p1, k2, sl 1 wyif, k2, k1, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 3: K3, p2, k1, p2, k1, *p2, k3, [p2, k1] 3 times, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: K3, p2, sl 1 wyib, p2, k1, *p2, C3F, p2, k1, p2, sl 1 wyib, p2, k1, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 6: [K2, p1] 3 times, *k2, p3, [k2, p1] 3 times, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 7: K3, p2, sl 1 wyib, p2, k1, *p2, k3, p2, k1, p2, sl 1 wyib, p2, k1, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 8: Rep Row 2.

Row 9: K3, p2, k1, p2, k1, *p2, k3, [p2, k1] 3 times, rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 10: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 5–10 until afghan measures approximately 48 inches, ending with Row 8.

Knit 3 rows.

Bind off knitwise on WS. ♦





Little Gems

Design by Janet Rehfeldt

Slip stitches and bright colors make this a blanket that looks as good on the reverse side.



Skill Level

Easy**

Size

Approximately 38 x 50 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Superwash Bulky, 100 percent washable wool bulky weight yarn (110 yds/100g per skein): 9 skeins white frost #SW11 (MC), 2 skeins each serendipity turquoise #SW36 (A) and saffron #SW14 (C), 1 skein sweeten pink #SW35 (B)
- Size 11 (8mm) 36-inch circular needle

Gauge

14 sts and 23 rows = 4 inches/10cm in pat
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Stitch

Row 1 (RS): With A k1, *sl 1 wyib, k1, rep from * across.

Row 2: K1, *sl 1 wyif, k1, rep from * across.

Row 3: With MC, knit.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: With B k2, *sl 1 wyib, k1, rep from * across, end last rep k2.

Row 6: K2, *sl 1 wyif, k1, rep from * across, end last rep k2.

Rows 7–10: With MC, knit.

Row 11: Rep Row 5.

Row 12: Rep Row 6.

Row 13: With MC, knit.

Row 14: Purl.

Row 15: Rep Row 1.

Row 16: Rep Row 2.

Rows 17–20: With MC, knit.

Row 21: Rep Row 1.

Row 22: Rep Row 2.

Row 23: With MC, knit.

Row 24: Purl.

Row 25: With C, rep Row 5.

Row 26: With C, rep Row 6.

Rows 27–30: With MC, knit.

Row 31: With C, rep Row 5.

Row 32: With C, rep Row 6.

Row 33: With MC, knit.

Row 34: Purl.

Row 35: With A, rep Row 1.

Row 36: With A, rep Row 2.

Rows 37–40: With MC, knit.

Rep Rows 1–40 for pat.

Pattern Notes

Sl all stitches purlwise.

Do not carry CC colors up side edge after color rep is finished. Cut yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail for weaving.

Afghan

With MC, cast on 117 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Work even in pat until afghan measures approximately 46 inches, ending with Row 18 or 38. Bind off.

Border

With MC and RS facing, pick up and k 117 sts along bound-off edge.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

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Heart of Mine

Design by Kathy Sasser

Here is a perfect afghan for that special little person who has captured your heart!



Skill Level

Intermediate***

Size

Approximately 32 x 40 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece, 80 percent cotton/20 percent Merino wool light worsted weight yarn (215 yds/100g per skein): 9 skeins coral sunset #CW225
- Size 13 (9mm) 32-inch circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- Cable needle

Gauge

9 sts and 17 rows = 4 inches/10cm in Irish Moss pat
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Stitches

A. Irish Moss

(multiple of 2)

Row 1 (WS) and 2: *K1, p1, rep from * across.

Rows 3 and 4: *P1, k1, rep from * across.

Rep Rows 1-4 for pat.

B. Front Cable

(worked over 8 sts)

Rows 1 and 3 (WS): K1, p6, k1.

Row 2: P1, k6, p1.

Row 4: P1, sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, k3 from cn.

Rep Rows 1–4 for pat.

C. Back Cable

(worked over 8 sts)

Rows 1 and 3 (WS): K1, p6, k1.

Row 2: P1, k6, p1.

Row 4: P1, sl 3 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, k3 from cn.

Rep Rows 1–4 for pat.

Pattern Notes

Circular needle is used to accommodate sts.

Work in rows, do not join.

Three strands of yarn are held tog throughout afghan.

Work Rows 1–19 of Cabled Heart chart once,
[rep Rows 4–19] 7 times.

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CABLED HEART CHART

STITCH KEY

☐	K on RS, p on WS
☐	P on RS, k on WS
☐	SI 1 to cn and hold in front, k1, k1 from cn
☐	SI 1 to cn and hold in back, k1, k1 from cn
☐	SI 1 to cn and hold in front, p1, k1 from cn
☐	SI 1 to cn and hold in back, k1, p1 from cn
☐	SI 2 to cn and hold in front, p1, k2 from cn
☐	SI 1 to cn and hold in back, k1, p1 from cn
☐	SI 2 to cn and hold in front, k2, k2 from cn

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Field of Pansies

Design by Mary J. Saunders

Basic stitches and an easy pattern repeat form a light and lacy afghan for baby.

Skill Level

Beginner*

Size

Approximately 38 x 38 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Handpaint Originals, 70 percent mohair/30 percent wool worsted weight yarn (88 yds/50g per hank): 8 hanks plum purple #HP45
- Size 11 (8mm) needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge

10 sts and 16 rows = 4 inches/10cm in pat st
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Stitch

Pansy Pattern

Row 1: K6, *yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k1, k2tog, repeat from * to last 6 sts, k6.

Row 2: K6, *sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yo, k3, yo, repeat from * to last 6 sts, k6.

Row 3: K6, *k2tog, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, repeat from * to last 6 sts, k6.

Row 4: K6, *yo, k3, yo, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, repeat from * to last 6 sts, k6.

Rep Rows 1–4 for pat.

Afghan

Cast on 96 sts.

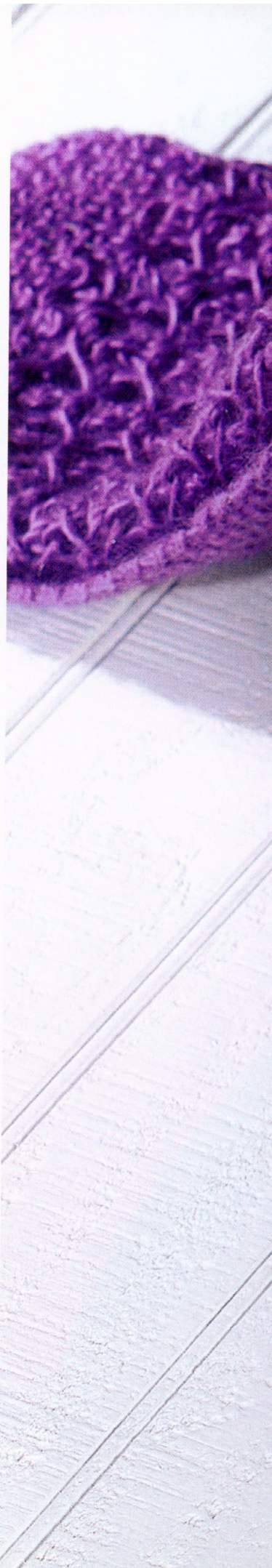
Knit 12 rows.

Work even in pat until afghan measures approximately 36 inches, ending with Row 4.

Knit 12 rows.

Bind off.

Block lightly to measurements. ♦





April Showers

Design by Lilliane Dickinson

Sunshine and showers, umbrellas and rainbows—all show up in a whimsical child's afghan.



Skill Level

Intermediate***

Size

Approximately 30 x 41 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Nature Spun, 100 percent wool worsted weight yarn (245 yds/100g per skein): 4 skeins meadow green #N56 (A), 2 skeins red fox #N46 (B), 2 skeins bit of blue #115 (C), 1 skein each sunburst gold #308 (D), orange you glad #N54 (E), amethyst #N62 (F), lullaby #307 (G), snow #740 (H), China blue #N36 (I)
- Size 13 (9mm) 29-inch circular needle
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

12 sts and 13 rows = 4 inches/10cm in color pat
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Notes

Afghan is worked with 2 strands of yarn held tog throughout.

Color pat is worked in St st from charts.

Edging is worked separately for each side, then sewn onto finished piece.

Umbrella Lace Edging st count changes from row to row.

Afghan

With B, cast on 65 sts.

Work color pat as follows:

Chart A: Work chart 8 times, rep first st once.

Chart B: Work chart 4 times, rep first st once.

Chart C: Work chart 16 times, rep first st once.

Chart D: Work chart 4 times, rep first st once.

Chart C: Work chart 16 times, rep first st once.

Chart E: Work rep 10 times, work to end of chart.
Work for a total of 22 rows.

Rainbow Stripe: Work 2 rows each of colors F, I, A, G, E and B.

Chart F: Work chart twice, rep first st once.

Chart G: Work 5 sts with B, work chart, work 5 sts with B.

Chart H: Work rep 5 times, work to end of chart.
Bind off in color pat.

Umbrella Lace Edging

(Multiple of 17 sts + 1)

Row 1 (RS): K1, *yo, k1, [p3, k1] 4 times, yo, rep from * across row.

Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl.

Row 3: K2, *yo, k1, [p3, k1] 4 times, yo, k2, rep from * across, end last rep k1.

Row 5: K3, *yo, k1, [p3, k1] 4 times, yo, k4, rep from * across, end last rep k2.

Row 7: K4, *yo, k1, [p2tog, p1, k1] 4 times, yo, k6, rep from * across, end last rep k3.

Row 9: K5, *yo, k1, [p2tog, k1] 4 times, yo, k8, rep from * across, end last rep k4.

Row 11: K6, *yo, k1, [k3tog, k1] 2 times, yo, k10, rep from * across, end last rep k5.

Side Borders

Make 2

With A, cast on 103 sts.

Work 11 rows of Umbrella Lace Edging.



Bind off purlwise on WS.

Top and Bottom Borders

Make 2

With A, cast on 69 sts.

Work 11 rows of Umbrella Lace Edging.

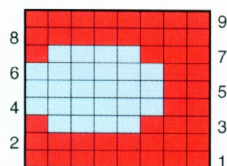


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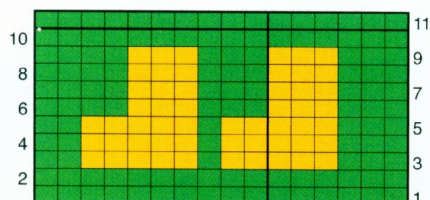


CHART B



CHART C

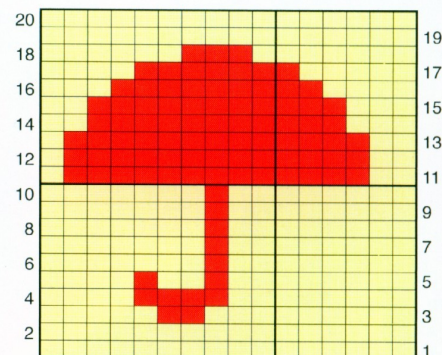


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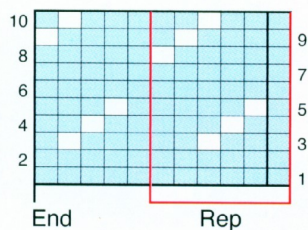


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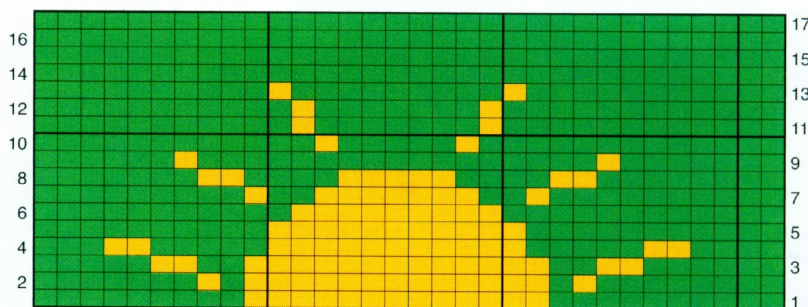


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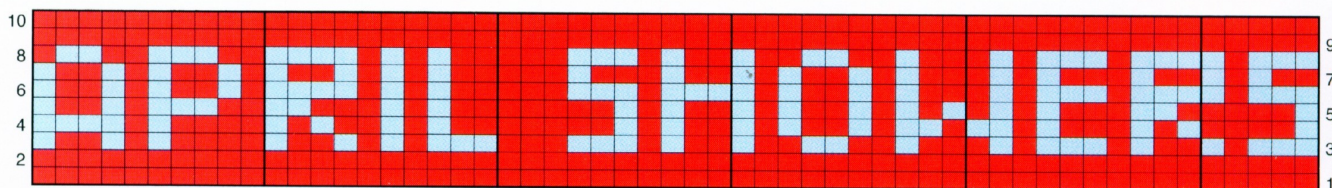


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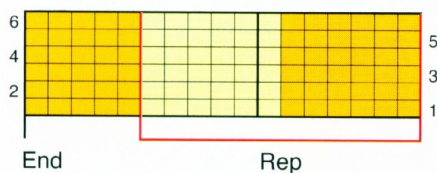


CHART H

COLOR KEY	
■	Meadow green (A)
■	Red fox (B)
■	Bit of blue (C)
■	Sunburst gold (D)
■	Orange you glad (E)
■	Amethyst (F)
■	Lullaby (G)
■	Snow (H)
■	China blue (I)

Star Quilt

Design by Nazanin S. Fard

This quiltlike afghan was inspired by the famous Ohio Star quilt pattern to create an heirloom piece.



Skill Level

Easy**

Size

Approximately 42 x 42 inches
Each block measures 8 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Top of the Lamb Sport, 100 percent wool sport weight yarn (350 yds/4 oz per hank) 15 hanks each red baron #420 and blanche #470, 10 hanks each appletree #403 and saffron #414, 5 hanks future purple #465
- Size 13 (9mm) needles
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

10 sts and 20 rows (10 ridges) = 4 inches/10cm in garter st with 5 strands of yarn held tog
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Special Abbreviation

Inc 1: K in front and back of same st.

Pattern Notes

This afghan is worked in blocks of garter st from point to point. The blocks are joined; the border is knit on last.

On single-color blocks, there is no change of color on Row 29.

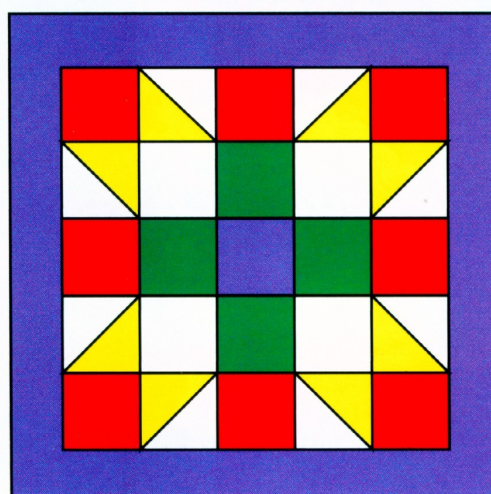
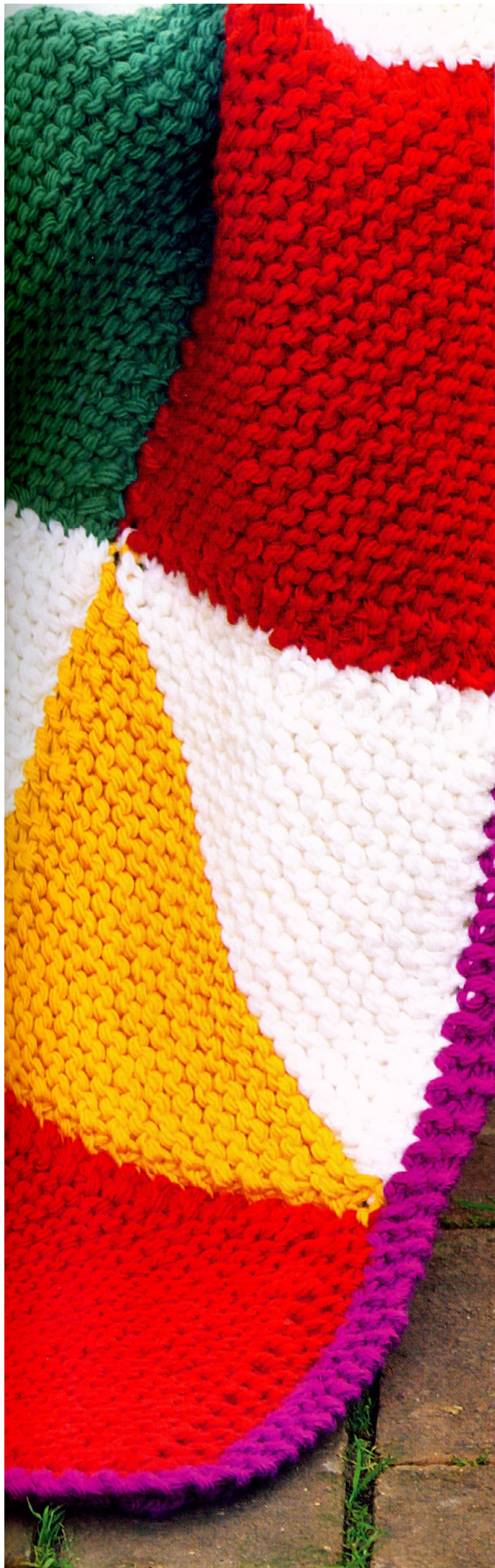


FIG. 1

COLOR KEY	
	Red baron
	Blanche
	Apple tree
	Saffron
	Future purple



Block

(Make 1 future purple

4 apple tree

4 blanche

8 red baron

8 blanche/saffron)

With 5 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1 and all odd-numbered rows (RS): Knit.

Row 2: K1, inc 1, k1. (5 sts)

Row 4: K1, inc 1, k1, inc 1, k1. (7 sts)

Row 6: K1, inc 1, k3, inc 1, k1. (9 sts)

Row 8: K1, inc 1, k to last 2 sts, inc 1, k1. (11 sts)

Rep Row 8 until there are 31 sts. (If working two-color blocks, cut blanche and join saffron. Otherwise continue with same color yarn.)

Row 29: Knit.

Row 30 (beg decs): K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (29 sts)

Rep Row 30 until 5 sts remain.

Next row: K1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k1.

Bind off.

Finishing

Sew blocks tog as shown in Fig. 1.

Border

With future purple, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: K2, sl 1.

With RS facing, insert RH needle into corner st of afghan, pick up and k 1 st, pssso, turn.

***Row 2:** K3, turn.

Row 3: K2, sl 1, pick up and k 1 st in next ridge, pssso, turn.

Rep Rows 2–3 until you reach next corner.

Work rows 1 and 2 in the same st to create a curved edge for the corner*, [rep from * to *] 3 times.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 again in first st.

Bind off 3 sts.

Sew ends of border tog. ♦

Bells & Lace

Design by Jacqueline Hoyle

A bell and bobble flounced border grace the diagonal lace center portion of a traditional baby afghan. The edges are finished with I-cord.



Skill Level

Intermediate***

Size

Approximately 30 x 40 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece, 80 percent cotton/20 percent Merino wool light worsted weight yarn (215 yards/100g per skein): 10 skeins cotton ball #CW100
- Size 10½ (6.5mm) 24-inch circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size K/10½ crochet hook
- Few yards smooth, bulky weight waste yarn
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

12 sts and 20 rows = 4 inches/10cm in Diagonal Madeira Lace pat
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Special Abbreviations

MB (make bobble): K in front, back, front, back, front of same st. Pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sts over first st.

Provisional Cast On: With waste yarn and crochet hook, chain as directed. Fasten off. Turn chain over.

With working yarn, pick up and k 1 st in each bump on crochet chain. Yarn will be removed at end of project leaving live sts.





Pattern Stitches

A. Embossed Bell

Row 1 (RS): Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: P6, *cast on 8 sts, p6, rep from * across.

Rows 4 and 6: K6, *p8, k6, rep from * across.

Row 5: P2, MB, p3, *k8, p2, MB, p3, rep from * across.

Row 7: P1, MB, p4, *ssk, k4, k2tog, p1, MB, p4, rep from * across.

Row 8: K6, *p6, k6, rep from * across.

Row 9: P3, MB, p2, *ssk, k2, k2tog, p3, MB, p2, rep from * across.

Row 10: K6, *p4, k6, rep from * across.

Row 11: P6, *ssk, k2tog, p6, rep from * across.

Row 12: K6, *p2, k6, rep from * across.

Row 13: P6, *k2tog, p6, rep from * across.

Row 14: K6, *p1, k6, rep from * across.

Row 15: P6, *k2tog, p5, rep from * across.

Row 16: Knit.

Rep Rows 1–16 for pat.

B. Diagonal Madeira Lace

(Multiple of 4 sts)

Row 1 and all other WS rows: Purl.

Row 2: K2, *yo, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yo, k1, rep from * across, end last rep k2.

Row 4: K2, *k1, yo, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yo, rep from * across, end last rep k2.

Row 6: K1, k2tog, *yo, k1, yo, sl 1, k2tog, psso, rep from * across, end last rep yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2.

Row 8: K2, k2tog, *yo, k1, yo, sl 1, k2tog, psso, rep from * across, end last rep yo, k1, yo, ssk, k1.

Rep Rows 1–8 for pat.

Pattern Notes

Two strands of yarn are held tog throughout.

Circular needle is used to accommodate all sts. Do not join; work in rows.

Yarn count changes on Embossed Bell pat. Original

count will remain on Rows 1, 2, 15 and 16 only.

Afghan

With 2 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 108 sts using Provisional method.

Work 16 rows of Embossed Bell pat.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Set up pat (RS): Work Embossed Bell pat across 12 sts, pm, k84, pm, Embossed Bell pat on 12 sts. Keeping sts between markers in Diagonal Madeira Lace pat, and 12 sts at each end in Embossed Bell pat, work even until afghan measures approximately 36 inches, ending with Row 16 of Embossed Bell pat.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row.

Remove markers and work 16 rows of Embossed Bell pat across all sts.

Do not bind off, leave sts on needle.

I-Cord Border

Cast on 3 sts to LH needle.

K these 3 sts and slip them back to LH needle.

*K2 sts, k next st and 1 st from afghan tog-tbl, sl 3 sts back to LH needle. Rep from * across row until 1 afghan st remains, k3 sts without attaching, knit 1 attached row, k3 without attaching.

Slide 3 remaining sts to other end of needle*.

Using a double strand from a separate ball of yarn, pick up and k 3 sts for every 4 rows along side of afghan to next corner. Cut pick-up yarn.

Remove provisional cast on and place sts on needle next to ones just picked up, with separate ball of yarn, pick up and k 3 sts for every 4 rows along remaining edge, cut pick-up yarn.

Return to working yarn and [rep from * to *] 3 times as for first edge.

Weave remaining 3 sts to first cast-on sts of I-cord.

Block lightly. ♦

Kid's Cabin Coverlet

Design by Katharine Hunt

This coverlet is worked using the entrelac method. The sophisticated colorway takes it from childhood through to college.



Skill Level

Advanced****

Size

Approximately 32 x 44 inches, lightly blocked

Materials

- Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride SuperwashWorsted, 100 percent washable wool worsted weight yarn (200 yds/100g per ball): 3 balls each lichen #SW18 and midnight pine #SW63, 5 balls alabaster #SW10
- Size 10½ (6.5mm) 29-inch circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size J/10 crochet hook

Gauge

14 sts and 17 rows = 4 inches/10cm in St st lightly blocked

To save time, take time to check gauge.

Special Abbreviation

Ssp: Slip 1, p1, pass slipped st over

Pattern Notes

Circular needle is used to accommodate large number of sts. Do not join at end of row.

Coverlet is worked using 2 strands held tog throughout.

Color A is 1 strand each of lichen and midnight pine; color B is 2 strands of alabaster.

Coverlet is worked from side to side.

Border must fit short ends of coverlet, one point per adjacent triangle. If too wide, change to a size smaller needle.

Coverlet

1. Base Triangles

With A, cast on 84 sts.

Rows 1 and 2: P2, turn, k2, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: P3, turn, k3, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: P4, turn, k4, turn.

Rows 7 and 8: P5, turn, k5, turn.

Row 9: P6.

[Rep Rows 1–9] 13 more times. (14 triangles)

Cut A, join B.

2. Right Edge Triangle

Rows 1 (RS) and 2: K2, turn, p2, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: Inc by knitting into front and back of first st, ssk, turn, p3, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: Inc in first st, k1, ssk, turn, p4, turn.

Rows 7 and 8: Inc in first st, k2, ssk, turn, p5, turn.

Row 9: Inc in first st, k3, ssk, do not turn.

3. Left-Slanting Rectangle

With RS facing, pick up and k 6 sts down left side of adjacent triangle, turn.

Rows 1 and 2: P6, turn, k5, ssk (last B st and next A st), turn.

Rows 3–12: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

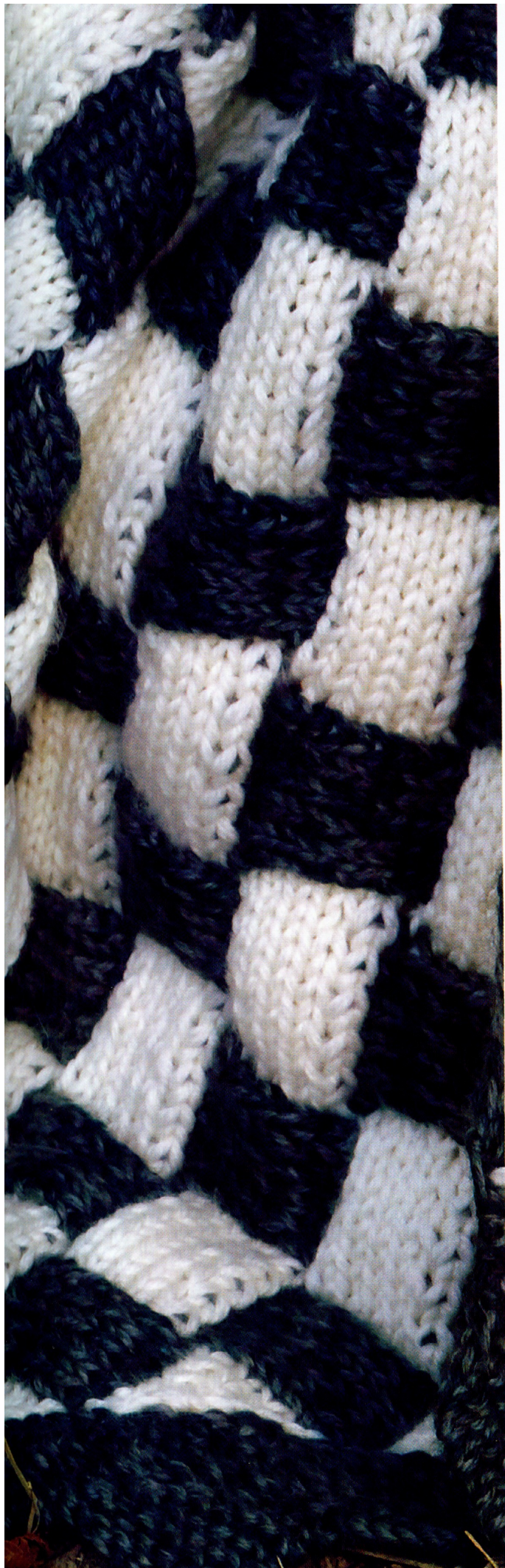
Rep Rows 1–12 until there are 13 rectangles.

4. Left Edge Triangle

Rows 1 and 2: With RS facing, pick up and k 6 sts along side of last triangle, turn, p2tog, p4, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: K5, turn, p2tog, p3, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: K4, turn, p2tog, p2, turn.



Rows 7 and 8: K3, turn, p2tog, p1, turn.

Rows 9 and 10: K2, turn, p2tog.

Cut B and draw through last st, leaving a 4-inch end to weave in.

5. Right-Slanting Rectangle

Rows 1 and 2: With A and WS facing, pick up and p 6 sts along side of edge triangle, turn, k6, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: P5, p2tog (last A st and next B st), turn, k6, turn.

Rows 5–12: Rep Rows 3 and 4.

Row 13: P5, p2tog. Do not turn.

Rep Rows 1–12 until there are 14 rectangles.

[Rep steps 2–5] 9 times more, [rep steps 2–4] once. Do not fasten off last st of left triangle.

Finishing Triangles

Rows 1 and 2: With A and WS facing, pick up and p 5 sts, turn, k6, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: P5, p2tog, turn, k6, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: P2tog, p3, p2tog, turn, k5, turn.

Rows 7 and 8: P2tog, p2, p2tog, turn, k4, turn.

Rows 9 and 10: P2tog, p1, p2tog, turn, k3, turn.

Rows 11 and 12: [P2tog] twice, turn, k2, turn.

Row 13: P3tog.

Rep Rows 1–13 until all sts are worked off.

Sawtooth Border

Make 2

With A, cast on 7 sts. Knit 2 rows.

Row 1 (RS): Yo, [k2tog, yo] twice, k3. (8 sts)

Row 2 and all WS rows: Knit.

Row 3: Yo, [K2tog, yo] twice, k4. (9 sts)

Row 5: Yo, [K2tog, yo] twice, k5. (10 sts)

Row 7: Yo, [K2tog, yo] twice, k6. (11 sts)

Row 9: Yo, [K2tog, yo] twice, k7. (12 sts)

Row 11: Yo, [K2tog, yo] twice, k8. (13 sts)

Row 12: Bind off 6 sts knitwise, k to end. (7 sts)

Rep Rows 1–12 until there are 11 points.

Knit 1 row.

Bind off knitwise.

Finishing

Pin coverlet to size, cover with damp cloth and leave overnight to dry.

With crochet hook and A, work 1 row sc along each short end of coverlet.

With RS facing, sew 1 border to each end, matching 1 point of border to each end triangle. ♦

This Way & That Way

Design by Barbara Venishnick

Garner stitch squares face in opposite directions to give an interesting look to this jewel of an afghan. It makes a great carry-along project.

Skill Level

Intermediate***

Size

Approximately 38 x 50 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Nature's Spectrum, 100 percent wool bulky weight yarn (81 yds/2 oz per hank): 14 hanks ocean treasures #W8300 (MC)
- Brown Sheep Handpaint Originals 70 percent mohair/30 percent wool worsted weight yarn (88 yds/50g hanks): 6 hanks peacock #HP65 (CC)
- Size 11 (8mm) straight, 2 double-pointed and (2) 29-inch circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size J/10 crochet hook

Gauge

10 sts and 20 rows (10 ridges) = 4 inches/10cm in garter st with MC

To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Note

Afghan is made in garter st squares; squares are joined with three-needle bind off.

Squares

Make 48

With MC, cast on 18 stitches.

Every row: K1-tbl, k16, sl 1 wyif.

[Rep this row] 31 times. (16 ridges)

Bind off.

Joining Squares

Afghan is organized into 6 rows of 8 squares each.

With 2 strands of CC held tog and dpn, pick up and k 16 sts along

bound-off edge of first square. Do not cut yarn.

Continuing with same double strand of yarn and 2nd dpn, pick up and k 16 sts along side edge of 2nd square.

Fold 2nd square behind first, having WS tog and needles parallel.

Working end of yarn will be at the right of work; 'folded' end of picked-up sts will be at the left.

Keeping working yarn between needles at all times, work three-needle bind off as follows:

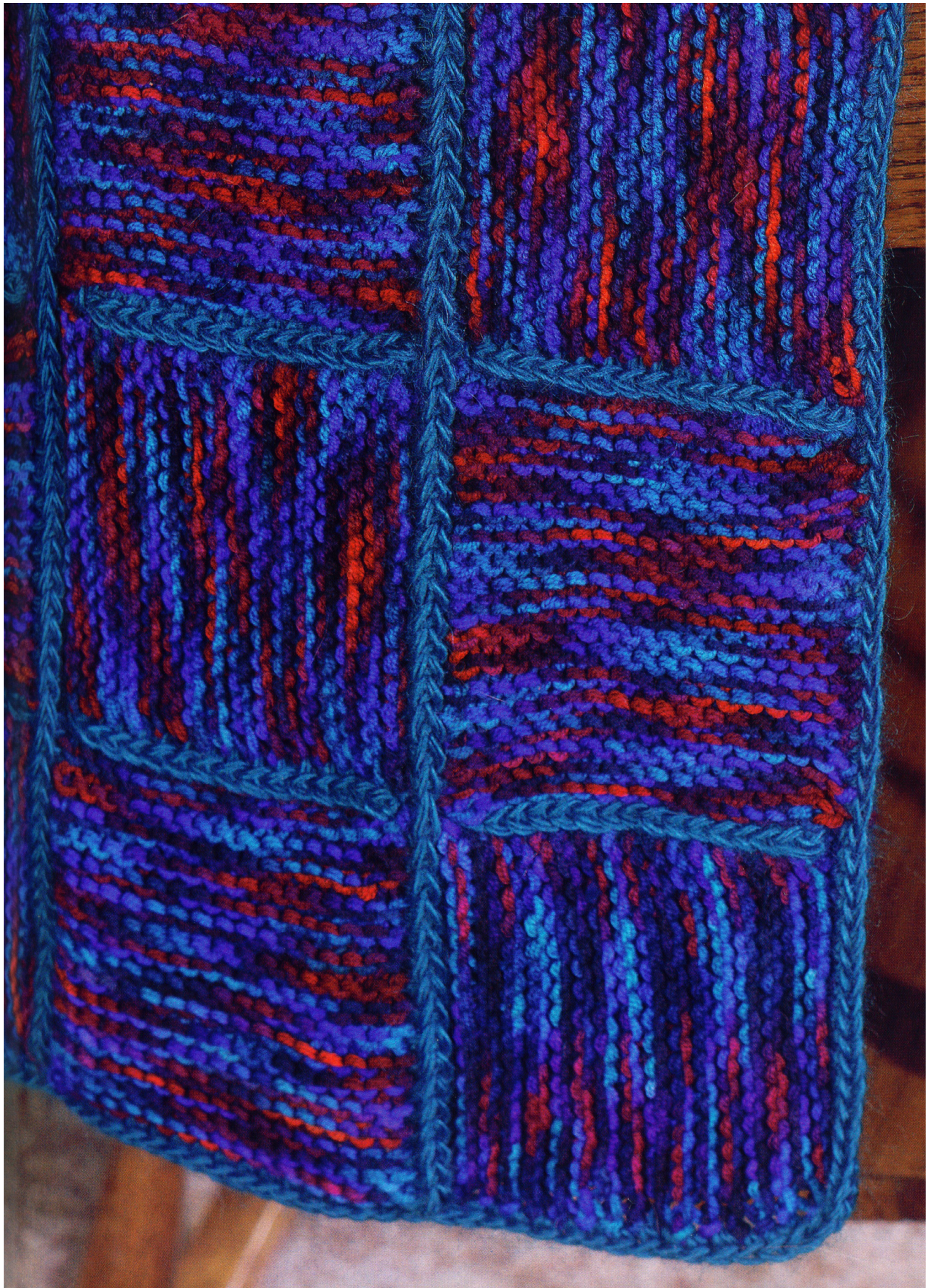
*Insert RH needle into first st of front square knitwise, then into first st of back square purlwise, wrap yarn around needle and pull through both sts, sl both sts off needles. Rep from * once (2 sts on RH needle). Pass first st over 2nd st as in regular bind off. Continue to work in this manner until all sts are bound off. Cut yarn and fasten off final st.

A flat knit chain has been created between first and 2nd squares.

Continue to join squares in same manner, alternating directions of ridges by joining selvage edges to cast-on or bound-off edges until you have a long strip of 8 squares. Make 5 more strips, making sure



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A blue crocheted blanket with a geometric pattern is draped over a white crib. The blanket features a repeating diamond or lattice-like design. In the background, a white stuffed animal is visible on the crib, and a colorful, multi-colored stuffed animal is partially visible behind the blanket. The scene is set in a room with light-colored walls and a pinkish carpet.

The unique combination of large needles and worsted weight yarn join to produce a light and lacy baby blanket, finished with a dainty crochet edging. The decreases and yarn overs produce squares that are at an angle.



Baby Blocks

Design by Kennita Tully

Blocks of diamond and square motifs
embellish an afghan knit in ocean colors.



Skill Level

Easy**

Size

Approximately 32 x 35 inches

Materials

- Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece, 80 percent cotton/20 percent Merino wool light worsted weight yarn (215 yds/100g per skein): 4 skeins each dusty sage #CW380 (A) and rue #CW375 (B), 2 skeins lilac haze #CW695 (C)
- Size 17 (12mm) 29-inch circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge

7 sts and 11 rows = 4 inches/10cm in Seed st
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Stitches

A. Seed Stitch

All Rows: K1, *p1, k1, rep from * across row.

B. Block Patterns

Diamond A

Rows 1 and 3: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 4: P6, k1, p6.

Row 5: K5, p1, k1, p1, k5.

Row 6: P4, [k1, p1] twice, k1, p4.

Row 7: K3, [p1, k1] 3 times, p1, k3.

Row 8: P2, [k1, p1] 4 times, k1, p2.

Row 9: K1, *p1, k1, rep from * across row.

Row 10: Rep Row 8.

Row 11: Rep Row 7.

Row 12: Rep Row 6.

Row 13: Rep Row 5.

Row 14: Rep Row 4.

Rows 15 and 17: Knit.

Row 16: Purl.

Square A

Rows 1 and 3: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Rows 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14: P3, [k1, p1] 3 times, k1, p3.

Rows 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13: K4, [p1, k1] twice, p1, k4.

Rows 15 and 17: Knit.

Row 16: Purl.

Diamond B

Rows 1 and 3: Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 4: K6, p1, k6.

Row 5: P5, k1, p1, k1, p5.

Row 6: K4, [p1, k1] twice, p1, p4.

Row 7: P3, [k1, p1] 3 times, k1, p3.

Row 8: K2, [p1, k1] 4 times, p1, k2.

Row 9: P1, *k1, p1 rep from * across row.

Row 10: Rep Row 8.

Row 11: Rep Row 7.

Row 12: Rep Row 6.

Row 13: Rep Row 5.

Row 14: Rep Row 4.

Rows 15 and 17: Purl.

Row 16: Knit.

Square B

Rows 1 and 3: Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Rows 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14: K3, [p1, k1] 3 times, p1, k3.

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Rio Grande Stripes

Design by E.J. Slayton

Beginning with the sheep that came into New Mexico with Coronado in 1540, wool and weaving have played an important part in the culture of the American Southwest. This afghan is based on woven blankets from the mid-1800s, worked in an easy pattern of garter, stockinette and simple slip-stitch stripes.



Skill Level

Easy**

Size

Approximately 38 x 54 (43 x 66) inches

Instructions are given for smaller size, with larger size in parentheses. When only 1 number is given, it applies to both sizes.

Materials

- Brown Sheep Burly Spun, 100 percent wool super-bulky weight yarn (132 yds/8 oz per hank): 4 (5) hanks black #BS05 (MC), 2 (3) hanks limeade #BS120 (A), 1 (2) hanks orange you glad #BS110 (B), 1 hank periwinkle #BS59 (C)
- Size 13 (9mm) needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

9 sts and 12 rows = 4 inches/10cm in St st
To save time, take time to check gauge.

Pattern Stitches

A. Wide Stripe (uneven number of sts)

Row 1 (RS): With A, k5, *sl 1, k1, rep from * to last 4 sts, end k4.

Row 2: With A, sl 1, k3, p1, *sl 1, p1, rep from * to last 4 sts, end k3, sl 1.

Row 3: With A, knit.

Row 4: With A, sl 1, k3, p to last 4 sts, end k3, sl 1.

Row 5: With B, k5, *sl 1, k1, rep from * to last 4 sts, end k4.

Row 6: With B, sl 1, k4, *sl 1, k1, rep from * to last 4 sts, end k3, sl 1.

Row 7: With B, knit.

Row 8: With B, sl 1, k to last st, end sl 1.

Rows 9–12: Rep Rows 1–4.

Row 13: With MC, k4, *sl 1, k1, rep from * to last 5 sts, end sl 1, k4.

Row 14: With MC, sl 1, k3, *sl 1, p1, rep from * to last 5 sts, end sl 1, k3, sl 1.

B. Narrow Stripe (multiple of 4 sts + 1)

Row 1 (RS): With C, knit.

Row 2: With C, sl 1, k to last st, sl 1.



Row 3: With A, k4, *sl 1, k3, rep from * to last 5 sts, end sl 1, k4.

Row 4: With A, *sl 1, k3, rep from * to last st, sl 1.

Rows 5 and 6: With C, rep Rows 1 and 2.

Pattern Notes

Sl all sts purlwise with yarn on WS of fabric.

Sl first and last st of all WS rows.

When working sl st stripes, be careful not to pull yarn too tightly behind sl sts.

Except in Narrow Stripe, break color not in use and re-attach next time it is needed.

Afghan

With A, cast on 77 (87) sts.

Row 1 (WS): Sl 1, k to last st, sl 1.

Row 2: Knit.

Rows 3 and 4: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

Row 5: Rep Row 1.

Knit, inc 8 (10) sts evenly. (85, 97 sts)

Next row: Sl 1, k3, p to last 4 sts, k3, sl 1.

Work Rows 5–14 of Wide Stripe, then work 10 rows MC.

Work Narrow Stripe, then work 12 rows MC.

Work Rows 1–14 of Wide Stripe, then work 32 rows MC. Rep Narrow Stripe.

For larger size only: Work 12 rows MC, Rows 1–14 of Wide Stripe, 12 rows MC, rep Narrow Stripe.

Both sizes: Work 32 rows MC, Rows 1–14 of Wide Stripe, 12 rows MC, Narrow Stripe, 12 rows MC, rep Rows 1–12 of Wide Stripe.

Next row: With A knit, dec 8 (10) sts evenly. (77, 87 sts)

Knit 4 rows, sl first and last sts of WS rows.

Bind off knitwise on WS.

Block. ♦

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Row 2: K1, inc 1 by knitting into front and back of next st, k to last 2 sts, inc 1 in next st, k1.

Rows 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2, using color C on Rows 4 and 5.

Bind off on WS knitwise.

Rep border along cast-on edge.

Work side borders the same, picking up and k 156 sts instead of 117.

Sew corners tog. ♦



Heart of Mine

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Afghan

Holding 3 strands tog, cast on 96 sts.

Knit 4 rows.

Set up pat (WS): Garter st over 3 sts, pm, work Row 1 of [Irish Moss pat over 10 sts, Back Cable pat over 8 sts] twice, pm, Cabled Heart pat from chart over 18 sts, pm, [Front Cable pat over 8 sts, Irish Moss pat over 10 sts] twice, pm, garter st over 3 sts. Work even in established pats until 8 heart pats have been completed.

Knit 4 rows.

Bind off. ♦



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that 3 strips have beginning squares facing in opposite directions as others.

Joining Strips

Hold first strip with RS facing, using double strand of CC and circular needle, pick up and k 16 sts in each square along right edge of strip. Cut yarn.

With 2nd circular needle pick up and k 16 sts in each square along left edge of 2nd strip. Hold strips with WS tog, making sure squares form a 'checker board' pat. Join strips with three-needle bind off as for individual squares.

Join remaining strips to those previously finished.

Edging

With double strand of CC, work 16 sc in each square along outside edge of afghan, working 2 sc in each corner st and making sure to keep work flat. Join with sl st. Block. ♦



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Rows 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13: P4, [k1, p1] twice, k1, p4.

Rows 15 and 17: Purl.

Row 16: Knit.

Pattern Notes

Five strands of yarn are held tog for entire afghan:

2 strands each of A and B, and 1 strand C.

Borders and motifs are worked in Seed st.

Blanket

With 5 strands of yarn held tog, cast on 57 sts.

Work in Seed st for 6 rows.

***Next Row (RS):** Work Seed st over 5 sts, Diamond A over 13 sts, Seed st over 4 sts, Square A over 13 sts, Seed st over 4 sts, Diamond A over 13 sts, Seed st over 5 sts.

Work even in established pat for 16 more rows.

Work 6 rows of Seed st.

Next Row (WS):

Work Seed st over 5 sts, Square B over 13 sts, Seed st over 4 sts, Diamond B over 13 sts, Seed st over 4 sts, Square B over 13 sts, Seed st over 5 sts.

Work even in established pat for 16 more rows.

Work 6 rows of Seed st.

Rep from * once.

Bind off.

Block blanket to finished measurements. ♦

