

Retro Throw Pattern

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This afghan is made of 12 blocks. I used stripes for my blocks but you can play with solid colored blocks if you choose. Finished block measures 20" x 20". Finished throw (4 blocks x 3 blocks) measures 80" by 60".

Basic Instructions

Using a #10, 32" circular needle, CO 40 sts, pm, CO 2 sts, pm. Rep. from * to *3 times for total of 168 sts ending with CO 2 sts. Join, be careful not to twist sts. pm, but different color to mark beginning of row.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: *Knit to 2 sts before marker, K2tog, slip marker, K2, slip marker, SSK. Rep from *.

Rep Rnd 1 and 2 until 8 sts remain. Change colors as desired to create stripes.

Transfer to dpns when necessary.

Cut the yarn. Use darning needle to thread yarn through last 8 sts. Pull tight and secure.

Finishing

Lay out the 12 blocks, and arrange them in the design of your choice.

Join 3 blocks together into a strip as follows. With one #10 circular needle and RS facing, pick up and knit 42 stitches along one side. Purl back. Do not cast off.

Rep on second block.

With RS of blocks facing, BO using three-needle bind off.

Continue until you have 4 strips of 3 blocks.

Joining the strips as follows. With one #10 circular needle and RS facing, pick up and knit a total of 128 stitches, (3 blocks including the 2 stitch dividers.) Purl back. Do not cast off.

Rep on second strip.

With RS of strips facing, BO using three-needle bind off.

Continue until all 4 strips are connected.

For edging, use attached i-cord as follows. Starting at one corner, pick up and knit 20 sts using a #10 circular needle. You will pick up more stitches as you need them, 20 sts at a time. With a new ball of yarn and 1 dpn, use provisional cast on and CO 3 sts. *Knit 2 sts. Knit the 3rd st and the 1st edge st together. Sl 3 sts on RH needle back onto circular needle. Rep to * around the edge. At corners, knit the 3 sts on the dpn back and forth a couple of times before joining again. That will give some ease at the corners. Rep several times at each corner if necessary. Use a Kitchener stitch to join live sts to provisional cast on edge.



Finished Sizes:

Blocks: 20" x 20"

Throw: 80" x 60"

Yarn:

Knit Picks Crayon (100% Pima Cotton; 128 yds/50grms): Each block uses 2 balls of yarn plus 2 balls for edging: a total of 26 balls of yarn.

Needles:

2 Size 10: 32" circular

Size 10: dpn. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions:

darning needle

Gauge:

2.5 sts/ 1" and 4 rows / 1" on size 10 needles in stockinette stitch.

Check your gauge before you begin.



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Abbreviations							
		cm	centimeter(s)	P, p	purl	skp	sl, k, pssso: 1 st dec
		cn	cable needle	p2tog	purl 2 sts together	sl	slip
"	inches	CO	cast on	pat	pattern	sl st	slip stitch(es)
()	rep inst bet ()'s as many times as noted afterward	cont	continue	pm	place marker	sl1k	slip 1 kwise
*	rep inst foll single * as directed	dec	decrease(es)	pop	popcorn	sl1p	slip 1 pwise
**	rep inst bet **'s as many times as noted after	dpn	double pointed needles	pr	previous row	SSK	sl, sl, k these 2 sts tog
[]	rep inst bet []'s as many times as noted after	fl	front loop(s)	prev	previous	sssk	sl, sl, sl, k these 3 sts tog
alt	alternate	foll	follow(s)(ing)	pssso	pass slipped stitch over	st st	stockinette stitch
approx	approximately	Inst	instructions	pwise	purlwise	sts	stitch(es)
beg	begin/beginning	K, k	knit	R	row	tbl	through back loop
bet	between	k2tog	knit two sts together	rem	remain(ing)	tfl	through front loop
BO	bind off	kwise	knitwise	rep	repeat	tog	together
CA	color A	LH	left hand	Rev st st	reverse stockinette stitch	WE	work even
CB	color B	lps	loops	RH	right hand	WS	wrong side
CC	color C	m	meter	rnd(s)	round(s)	wyib	with yarn in back
		M1	make one stitch	RS	right side	wyif	with yarn in front
		MC	main color	sk	skip	yd(s)	yard(s)
		mm	millimeter(s)	sk2p	sl 1, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over	yfwd	yarn forward
		nld(s)	needle(s)		k2tog: 2 sts dec	yo	yarn over
		oz	ounce			yon	yarn over needle
		P up	pick up and purl			yarn	yarn around needle