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Knit or Crochet Ripple Baby Blanket



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CROCHET BABY BLANKET

designed by Marilyn Losee

TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Afghan measures approximately 30"/76 cm wide by 38"/96.5 cm long

MATERIALS

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Caron International's *Simply Soft* (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m):

4 oz each in 4 colors

Shown in: #9717 Orchid (A); #9712 Soft Blue; #9801 Baby Brites (C); 9719 Soft Pink (D)

One size US I-9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook

Yarn needle

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this project.

STRIPE SEQUENCE

In Ripple pattern, work 2 rows A, * 2 rows B, 2 rows C, 2 rows D, 2 rows A; repeat from * for length of Afghan.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Changing Colors: Work across to last st, insert hook in last st and pull up a loop – 2 loops on hook), drop color used for this row, with next color in Stripe Sequence, yarn over, draw through both loops on hook to complete sc.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch): Begin by making a slip knot on your hook. * Wrap the yarn around the hook (yarn over) and pull up a loop, [draw the yarn through the loop on the hook to form the first chain]. Repeat from * for number of chains required. **Note:** The loop on the hook is not included when counting the number of chains.

Single Crochet (sc): Insert hook in stitch indicated, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

Ripple Pattern (multiple of 13 sts + 4)

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in next ch, skip 1 ch (edge sts), * sc in next 5 ch, work 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 5 ch, + skip 2 ch; repeat from * across, end last repeat at + skip 1 ch, sc in last 2 ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, working *through the back loop only* of each st, sc in first 2 sts, skip 1 st, * sc in next 5 sts, work 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, skip 2 sts; repeat from * 9 times, end sc in next 5 sts, work 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, skip 1 st, sc in last 2 sts.

Repeat Row 2, following Stripe Sequence, for Ripple patt.

AFGHAN

Using A, loosely chain 148.

Begin Ripple patt; work Row 1—147 sts.

Work even in Stripe Sequence, repeating Row 2 of Ripple patt, until color C has been completely used, ending with 2 rows A —piece measures approximately 36".

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

Blocking

Pin piece to measurements; spray with warm water and let dry.

Hint: Use a small amount of Fabric Softener or Hair Conditioner in the water – it will make the Afghan softer.

KNIT BABY BLANKET

designed by Marilyn Losee

TECHNIQUE USED: Knit



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

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MATERIALS

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4 oz each in 4 colors

Shown in: #9717 Orchid (A); #9712 Soft Blue; #9801 Baby Brites (C); 9719 Soft Pink (D)

One circular needle size US 10 (6 mm), 24 - 30"/60 – 76 cm long

Note: Work back and forth in rows to accommodate large number of sts.

Yarn needle

Stitch markers

Row counter

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

k1-f/b (increase): Knit next st, then knit it through the back

loop.

k2tog (decrease): Knit 2 sts together through the front loops.

STRIPE SEQUENCE

In Ripple pattern, work 4 rows A, * 4 rows B, 4 rows C, 4 rows D, 4 rows A; repeat from * for length of Afghan.

STITCHES USED

Ripple Pattern (multiple of 16 sts + 2 edge sts)

Rows 1 and 3: Knit.

Rows 2 and 4: K1 (edge st), * k2tog, k5, k1-f/b, place a marker (pm), k1-f/b, k5, k2tog; repeat from * across to last st, end k1 (edge st).

Repeat Rows 1 – 4 in Stripe Sequence for Ripple patt.

NOTE

Ripple pattern worked in Garter stitch looks the same on both sides, making the Afghan reversible.

HELPFUL

Markers are placed at the center of the peak of each multiple when beginning the pattern; these may be removed after a few rows, if desired.

AFGHAN

Using A, cast on 146 sts.

Begin Ripple patt; work even until piece measures 38", or desired length from beginning, ending with 4 rows of A.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

Blocking

Pin piece to measurements; spray with warm water and let dry.

Hint: Use a small amount of Fabric Softener or Hair Conditioner in the water – it will make the Afghan softer.

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