

# The Bird Track Blanket

by Shelly Stilger

**Yarn** Puffin by Crystal Palace  
100% polyester fleece  
84 yds/50 gr

**Needles** US 10-3/4 (7mm), 29" or longer circular needle

**Gauge** 3 stitches/inch  
over stockinette stitch

**Finished Size** Approximately 24" x 24" - 4 balls required  
36" x 36" - 8 balls required

**Note** a pictorial tutorial for the daisy stitch is on the Twist blog,  
<http://twistyarnshop.blogspot.com/2009/05/daisy-stitch.html>

**Daisy Stitch (DS)** Insert needle in loop 3 rows below the 2nd stitch on left needle, draw up a loop, knit 2, draw 2nd loop through same stitch, knit 2, draw 3rd loop through same stitch.

## Begin Blanket

Cast on (80)110 stitches. Knit six rows.

Begin pattern:

Rows 1, 3, 5 (RS): k across all sts

Rows 2, 4, 6 (WS): k6, p to last 6 sts, k6

Row 7: k8, DS, \*k6, DS; rep from \* to last 8 stitches, k8

Row 8: k6, p2 \*[p2tog, p1] twice, p2tog, p5; repeat from \* to last 15 sts, [p2tog, p1] twice, p2tog, p1, k6

Rows 9, 11, 13: k across all sts

Rows 10, 12, 14: k6, p 38, k6

Row 15: k12, \*k1, DS, k5; repeat from \* to last 8 sts, k8

Row 16: k6, p2, \*p5, [p2og, p1] twice, p2tog; repeat from \* to last 12 stitches, p6, k6

Repeat rows 1-16 until blanket measures 24"(36") from cast-on edge, or until you run out of yarn.

**Credit:** The daisy stitch is from *101 Stitches to Knit*, a boxed set of cards with stitches from the *Harmony Guides*, published by Interweave Press. The stitch is called, "Ornamental Stitch" and is on card number 2.