

Peace, Love & PDX Baby Blanket



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Designed in anticipation of Sock Summit 2009, this comfy baby blanket was inspired by the city of Portland, Oregon, and the knitting charts in Barbara G. Walker's CHARTED KNITTING DESIGNS: A THIRD TREASURY OF KNITTING PATTERNS (Schoolhouse Press, 1998).

Materials:

- *Dream in Color Classy* – 2 skeins Main Color (MC) & 1 skein Contrast Color (CC) for I-cord trim
- US #8 circular knitting needles, 24 inches
- US #8 dpn (*optional, for I-cord trim*)
- Stitch markers

Gauge: 4 ½ sts = 1" in stockinette stitch

Finished Size: Approx. 26" x 28"

Pattern Notes:

Knit in one piece, this blanket features 5 “tiers” of patterned blocks. Each tier is 5 blocks across and 34 rows high. The blanket starts and ends with two rows of Seed Stitch. A contrasting I-cord edging is worked at the end.

Seed Stitch & Seed Stitch Block (worked over an odd number of sts): K1, P1, *K1, P1*, repeat * to * across, end K1.

Pine Tree, Heart & Peace Blocks: Charts follow on next pages. *Special Note for Pine Tree Block:* When worked at edges of blanket on Tier #2 & #4, this block will look best if each row begins and ends with a knit stitch.

Directions:

With MC, cast on 125 sts using a sturdy cast-on such as the long-tail method. Work Seed Stitch for two rows, placing a stitch marker after each 25 st. This makes each 25 st block easier to see.

Starting with Tier 1, read the schematic from right to left, bottom to top. Each block is 25 sts wide and 34 rows high.



The blanket above was knit in Happy Forest and edged in Plum Paisley.

Seed Stitch	Tree	Seed Stitch	Tree	Seed Stitch	5
Tree	Seed Stitch	Peace	Seed Stitch	Tree	4
Seed Stitch	Peace	Heart	Peace	Seed Stitch	3
Tree	Seed Stitch	Peace	Seed Stitch	Tree	2
Seed Stitch	Tree	Seed Stitch	Tree	Seed Stitch	1

Directions, continued:

Following the schematic, work first 25 sts in Seed Stitch. Then begin Pine Tree chart. Alternate Seed Stitch blocks and Pine Tree chart as shown in the schematic through Row 34 of the chart (ending with a WS). Begin Tier #2 with Right Side facing, working the blocks as indicated. Refer to the charts that follow as you work each tier of the afghan. Work each chart through Row 34.

After completing all five tiers and twenty-five blocks, work two rows of Seed Stitch. Do not bind off. Turn the blanket around with Wrong Side facing. This keeps the contrast color from showing through on the Right Side when working I-cord.

Work the Applied I-cord Edging as follows:

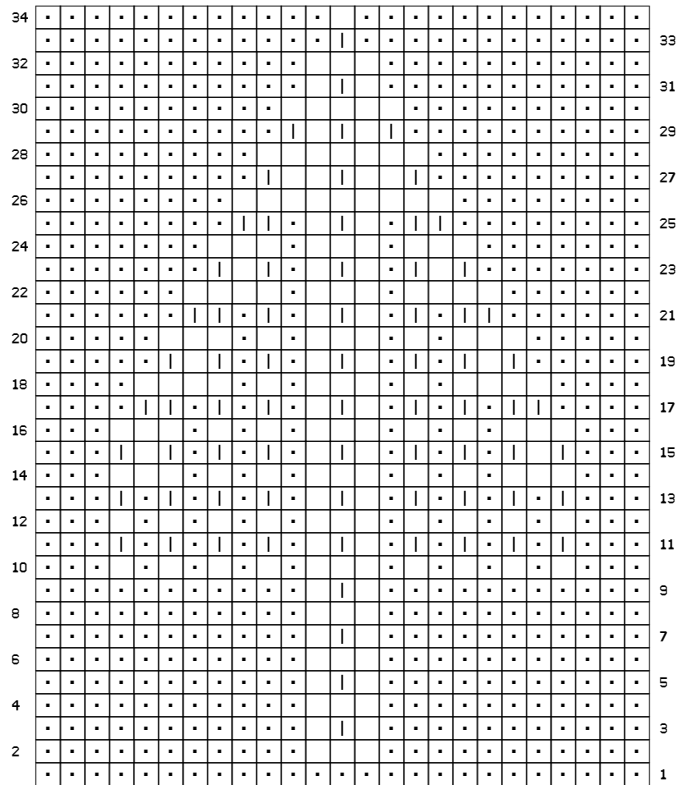
Cast on 3 stitches to the working end of the circular needle with the contrast yarn (backward loop is fine).

* Using the dpn and the CC yarn, K2 then knit the third st together with a blanket stitch *through the back loops*. With the WS still facing you, slip these same 3 sts back to the dpn.* Repeat from * to * to the corner.

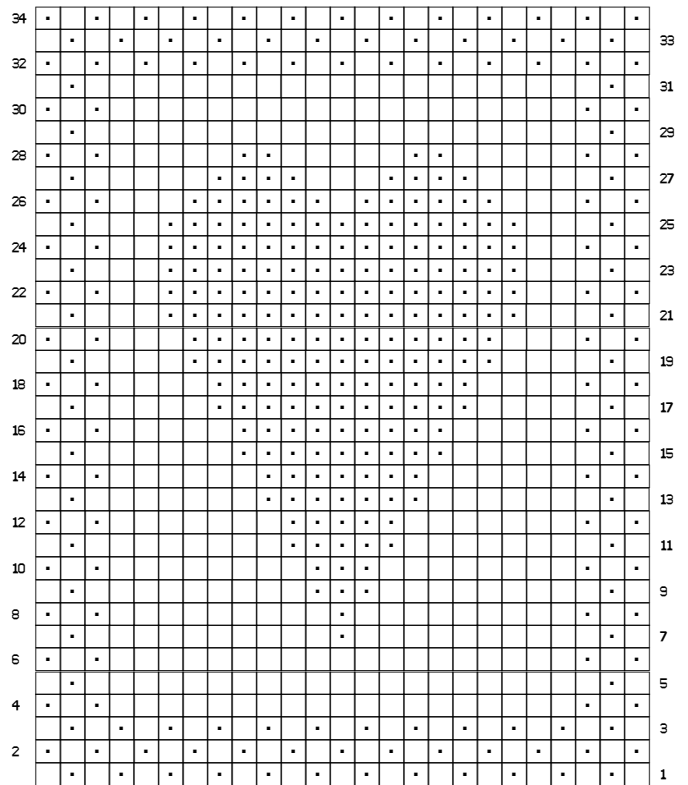
When you reach the corner, work three rows of I-cord on the CC only (knit 3, slide st back across needle without turning) without attaching to the blanket. This will keep your edging from curling at the corners. Resume * to * as above, treating each corner the same way until all blanket stitches are bound off, the I-cord edges the entire blanket, and 3 sts remain. You may either cast off the 3 st and stitch them to the first 3 stitches OR you may graft the stitches together.

Finishing:

Weave in ends with darning needle. Block the blanket by soaking it in lukewarm water with some wool wash for about 10 minutes. Place it on a big dry towel or two and roll up and squeeze to extract the excess water. Lay flat to dry. Because **Classy** is superwash wool, you may place the blanket in the dryer but it's best not to dry it completely; remove from the dryer when slightly damp.

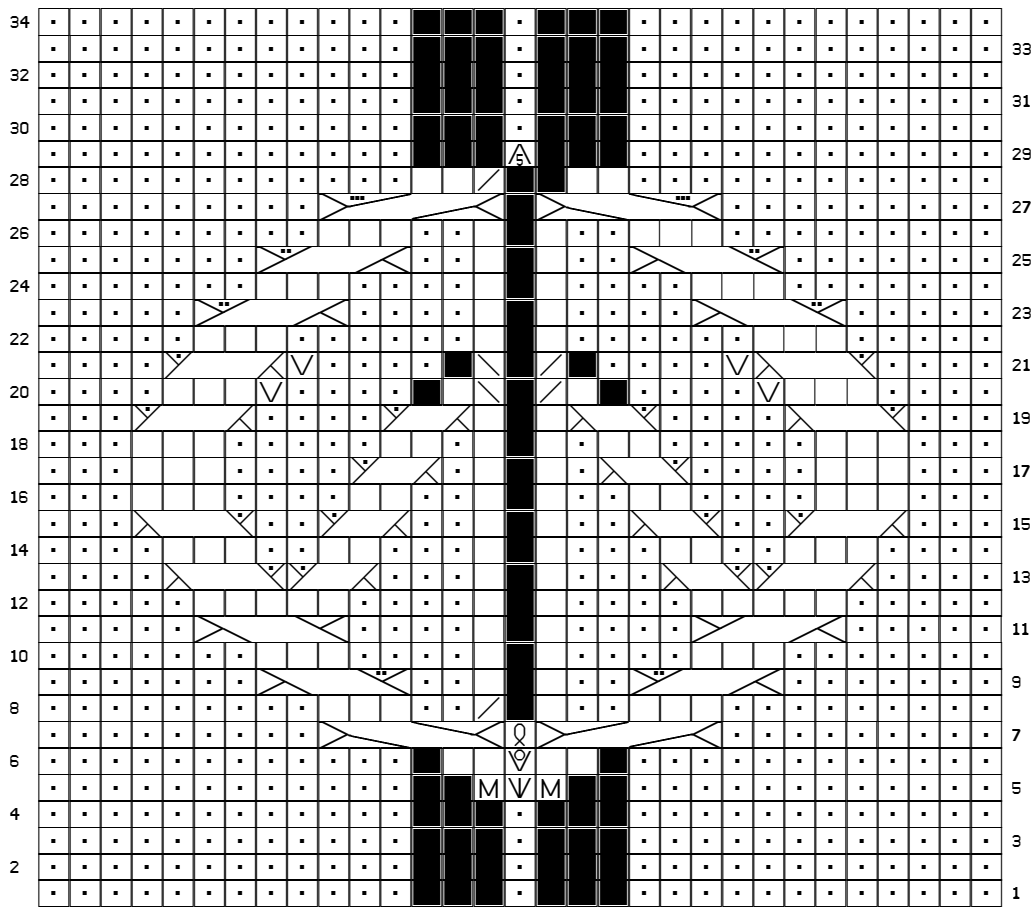


Pine Tree Chart (25 sts)



Heart Chart (25 sts)

- Knit on right side, purl on wrong side
- Purl on right side, knit on wrong side
- Slip stitch purlwise



Peace Chart (25 sts increase to 31 sts)



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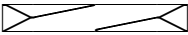
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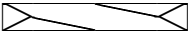
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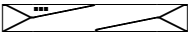
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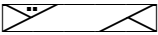
- Knit on right side, purl on wrong side
- Purl on right side, knit on wrong side
- No stitch
- Knit through back loop
- K2tog on right side, P2tog on wrong side
- Ssk on right side, P2tog through back loop on wrong side
- Slip stitch purlwise
- Dec 5 sts to 1 – Sl 3 with yarn in back * pass 2nd st on right needle over 1st (center) st, slip this st back to left needle, pass 2nd st on left needle over it * slip center st back to right needle again and repeat from * to * once more. Pick up yarn and knit the center st.
- Make one – Insert left needle from back to front under the running thread between the st just worked and the next st, and k into the back of this thread.
- Increase 1 st – Knit into the back of the st in the row below the 1st st on left needle, then k into the back of the 1st st.
- Central double increase – Work as for above, then with left needle pick up left side strand of the same st in the row below and knit through back to make the 3rd st.
- (K1, yo, K1) in same st, to make 3 sts from 1.

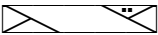
 3/3 cross right – Sl 3 sts to cable needle (cn) and hold in back, k3, then k3 from cn.

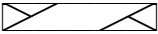
 3/3 cross left – Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, then k3 from cn.

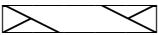
 3/3 cross right with purl – Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, then p3 from cn.

 3/3 cross left with purl – Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, p3, then k3 from cn.

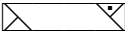
 3/2 cross right with purl – Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, then p2 from cn.

 3/2 cross left with purl – Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, p2, then k3 from cn.


 3/2 cross right – Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, then k2 from cn.

 3/2 cross left – Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k2, then k3 from cn.

 3/1 cross right with purl – Sl 1 st to cn and hold in back, k3, then p1 from cn.

 3/1 cross left with purl – Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, p1, then k3 from cn.

 2/1 cross right with purl – Sl 1 st to cn and hold in back, k2, then p1 from cn.

 2/1 cross left with purl – Sl 2sts to cn and hold in front, p1, then k2 from cn.

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