

Garden House Baby Blanket

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FINISHED SIZE

Crib Blanket (shown), Lap Blanket
30.5 (36.5)'' wide, 32.5 (38.75)'' long

YARN

O-Wool O-WASH FINGERING (100% machine-washable certified organic merino; 100g/428yds), 1 skein ea colors A and E; 2 skeins ea colors B, C, and D. Shown in Cattail (A), Barn Owl (B), Wood Dove (C), Pearly Mussel (D) and Appalachian Stone (E).

GAUGE

18 sts and 36 rows = 4'' in Garter Stitch with yarn held doubled.

NEEDLES

US 7/4.5 mm ndls or size to obtain gauge

NOTIONS

tapestry needle

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The yarn is held doubled throughout.
- If you choose to use your own unique color combination, bear in mind that vibrant colors can bleed onto undyed/light colors during washing. This is the nature of vibrant colors and does not indicate poor dyeing. To prevent this, pre-wash your vibrantly colored skein before knitting. Open the skein and add about 4 additional ties of scrap yarn in an undyed color to prevent tangling. Using a bucket or stainless sink/basin, gently wash with dish soap or laundry detergent and cold water. Rinse and repeat until the water runs clear. Then gently squeeze the excess water out and lay flat or hang to dry. Now you are ready to start your project!



ABBREVIATIONS**CO:** cast on**dec(d):** decrease(d)**inc(d):** increase(d)**k:** knit**k1fbf:** knit into the front of the stitch, leave that stitch on the left needle and then knit the same stitch again through the back, then again through the front, then drop the stitch from the left ndl.**k2tog:** knit 2 stitches together**m1L:** pick up the bar between the last stitch you just worked and the one you're about to work, bringing the needle from front to back; knit into the back of this stitch.**m1R:** pick up the bar between the last stitch you just worked and the one you're about to work, bringing the needle from the back to the front; knit into the front of this stitch.**ndl(s):** needle(s)**rem:** remain(ing)**RS:** right side**s2kp2:** slip 2 stitches together knitwise to the right needle, knit 1. Pass the two slipped stitches over the knit stitch and off the right needle.**ssk:** slip 2 stitches, one at a time, knitwise to the right needle. Return stitches to the left needle in turned position, then knit them together through the back loops.**st(s):** stitch(es)**INSTRUCTIONS***Note: Yarn is held doubled throughout.***STRIP 1**

With Color A, cast on 1 st.

Set-up Row 1 (RS): K1fbf. [3 sts]

Set-up Row 2 (WS): Knit.

Row 1: K1, m1R, k to last st, m1L, k1.

Row 2: Knit.

[2 sts inc'd]

Work last 2 rows 22 (27) times. [47 (57) sts]

Change to Color B.

*Row 1: K1, m1R, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Row 2: Knit.

Work last 2 rows 23 (28) times.*

Change to Color A. Repeat from * to *.

Change to Color B. Repeat from * to *.

Change to Color A. Repeat from * to *.

Change to Color B.

Row 1: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Row 2: Knit.

[2 sts dec'd]

Work last 2 rows 21 (26) times. [5 sts]

Next row: K1, s2kp2, k1. [3 sts]

Next row: Knit.

Next row: S2kp2. [1 st]

Break yarn. Thread yarn through rem st and fasten off.

STRIP 2

With Color B, cast on 1 st.

Set-up Row 1 (RS): K1fbf. [3 sts]

Set-up Row 2 (WS): Knit.

Row 1: K1, m1R, k to last st, m1L, k1.

Row 2: Knit.

[2 sts inc'd]

Work last 2 rows 22 (27) times. [47 (57) sts]

Change to Color C.

*Row 1: K1, k2tog, k to last st, m1L, k1.

Row 2: Knit.

Work last 2 rows 23 (28) times.*

Change to Color B. Repeat from * to *.

Change to Color C. Repeat from * to *.

Change to Color B. Repeat from * to *.

Change to Color C.

Row 1: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Row 2: Knit.

[2 sts dec'd]

Work last 2 rows 21 (26) times. [5 sts]

Next row: K1, s2kp2, k1. [3 sts]

Next row: Knit.

Next row: S2kp2. [1 st]

Break yarn. Thread yarn through rem st and fasten off.

STRIP 3

Work as for Strip 1, using Color C instead of A and Color D instead of B.

STRIP 4

Work as for Strip 2, using Color D instead of B and Color E instead of C.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Using Mattress Stitch, seam together strips according to photo. Use Color B to seam Strips 1 & 2, Color C for Strips 2 & 3, and Color D for Strips 3 & 4. Place finished item in lingerie bag. Machine wash in cold water and gentle detergent on gentle cycle. Lay flat to dry, patting out to finished dimensions.

