



Galit: Wavy Baby Blanket Pattern by Haley Waxberg

Galit means waves in Hebrew, but I've always associated it with gentle kindness.

Skill Level

Intermediate-beginner (you're sick of scarves and are ready to move on)

Skills

- Knit, follow a pattern, keep track of rows, increase a stitch (knit front & back or kfb), decrease a stitch (knit 2 together, or k2tog), cast on & cast off, weave in ends, crochet slip stitch (optional & not necessary to complete this project).
- For help with knitting techniques and skills visit www.knittinghelp.com, or refer to the following references: Stitch 'N Bitch by Debbie Stoller, The Knitters Companion by Vicki Square.

Size

29" x 30"

Materials

- 10 balls Needful Kelly (aran weight cotton)
- 5mm/29" circular needles
- Row counter (optional)
- Locking Stitch Markers in 2 colours (optional but will make your life easier!)
- 5mm crochet hook (optional, for finishing)
- 2 thin double pointed needles (optional, for measuring gauge)

Gauge

18 sts & 28 rows = 4"/10cm over wave stitch

19 sts & 26 rows = 4"/10cm in stocking stitch suggested by yarn

Gauge Swatch: How To

NOTE: It is well worth you time to check your gauge! A proper sized gauge swatch will be 5" x 5"

or larger.

- Cast on 60 sts and work the Stitch Pattern (below) 4 times.
- Cast off loosely. Block the swatch as you will block the final project.
- With a ruler and 2 double pointed needles measure 4 inches/10cm horizontally in the middle of the swatch. Place the needles at each end of the 4 inches/10cm, you can stick them through the swatch to help keep them in place.
- Count the number of stitches between the pointy ticks. this is your stitch gauge.
- Remove the sticks, place the ruler vertically in the middle of the swatch, measure the number of rows over 4 inches/10cm on the ruler (one ridge equals 2 rows). This is your row gauge.

Abbreviations

K knit

K2tog knit 2 stitches together (decrease)

Kfb knit into the front of the stitch then knit into the back of the stitch (increase)

st/s stitch/es

Stitch Pattern

Wave Pattern

- Worked over 30 sts +10 + 20

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: Knit.

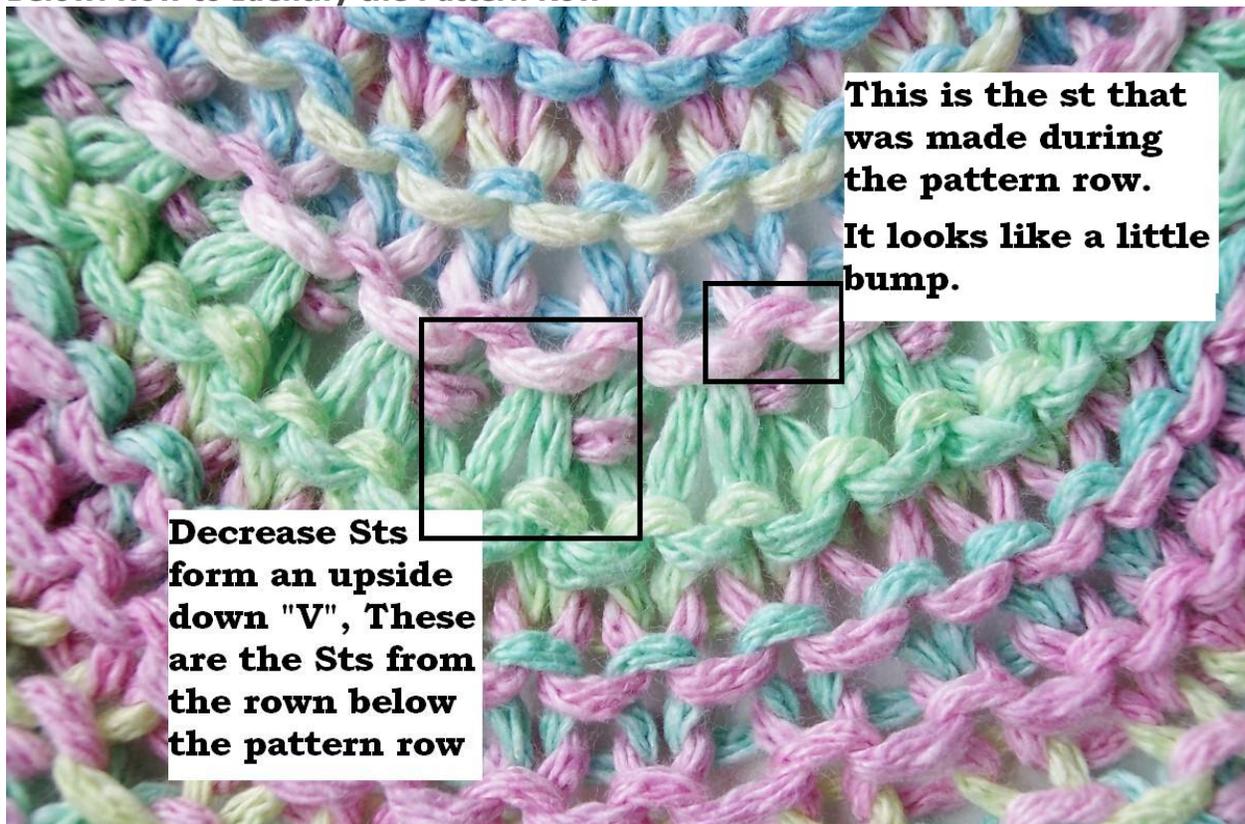
Row 3: K2tog 5 times, *kfb 10 times, k2tog 10 times; repeat from * to last 20 sts, kfb 10times,
k2tog 5 times.

Suggestions on How to Keep Track of Your Rows

You are going to have to keep track of the rows in the pattern repeat (8 rows) and you may want to keep an eye on your wave pattern row (row 3).

- To help keep track of pattern repeats place a locking stitch marker after every 8th row.
- To help keep track of wave rows place a stitch marker in a different colour on those rows.
- If you get lost, remember that one ridge equals 2 rows, so 1 pattern repeat will be 4 ridges.
- You can locate the pattern row (row 3) by looking for stitches which look like an upside down "V". These are the 2 stitches from the row before the pattern row that you knit together. The stitch made during the pattern row is just above & offset, it looks like a little bump between the two "V"s.

Below: How to Identify the Pattern Row



Directions

- Using long tail method, cast on 150 sts.

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: Knit

Row 3: K2tog 5 times, *kfb 10 times, k2tog 10 times; repeat from * to last 20 sts, kfb 10times, k2tog 5 times.

- Repeat the last 8 rows 28 more times.
- Repeat rows 1 to 7. Cast off loosely. Weave in ends.
- If you like, use a 5mm crochet hook and slip stitch up the sides for a cleaner edge.



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