



KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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I ♥ U Baby Blanket

Choose three colors that coordinate with the nursery and knit this clever blanket. The I-cord letters and heart are a warm expression of your love!

What you will need:

RED HEART® With Love®: 2 skeins 1201 Daffodil A, and 1 skein each 1620 Clover B and 1538 Lilac C

Knitting Needles: 4.5mm [US 7] straight needles and 2 double-pointed needles (for I-cord)

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4" (10 cm); 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® With Love®, Art. E400 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 390 yd (357 m) and multicolor 5 oz (141 g), 230 yd (211 m) skeins

Blanket measures 36" wide and 36" long [91 cm wide and 91 cm long]

Special Technique

I-Cord = With 2 double-pointed needles, cast on 3 sts, *knit all the sts, do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, and knit all the stitches. Repeat from * until I-cord measures indicated length.

Notes

1. Blanket is knit in strips that are sewn together.
2. Outer edging I-cord is knit and attached as you go.
3. I-cord letters and symbols are knit and then sewn to the blanket.

STRIP #1 (make 2)

With C, cast on 30 sts.

*With C, work in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) for 6" (15 cm) (about 36 rows). Cut yarn.

With A, work in St st for 6" (15 cm). Cut yarn.
With B, work in St st for 6" (15 cm). Cut yarn.
Repeat from * once more.
Bind off.

STRIP #2 (make 2)

With A, cast on 30 sts.

*With A, work in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) for 6". Cut yarn.
With B, work in St st for 6" (15 cm). Cut yarn.
With C, work in St st for 6" (15 cm). Cut yarn.
Repeat from * once more.
Bind off.

STRIP #3 (make 2)

With B, cast on 30 sts.

*With B, work in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) for 6" (15 cm). Cut yarn.
With C, work in St st for 6" (15 cm). Cut yarn.

With A, work in St st for 6" (15 cm). Cut yarn. Repeat from * once more.
Bind off.

ASSEMBLY

Block all strips. Arrange, with long edges together, in the following order: Strip #1, Strip #2, Strip #3, Strip #1, Strip #2, Strip #3. Sew long edges of strips together.

OUTER EDGING

Tip: Practice working attached I-cord around the edges of your swatch, to check your personal ratio of I-cord rows to blanket stitches and rows.

Begin attaching I-cord at beginning of one side edge of blanket. Attach I-cord using your personal ratio of I-cord rows to blanket stitches and rows. Or, attach I-cord in every other row across side edges, every stitch across top and bottom edges, and twice in each corner stitch.

Attached I-cord: With double-pointed needles and A, cast on 3 sts, *knit all the sts, do not turn work. Slide all the stitches to opposite end of needle. Carry yarn tightly across back of work, knit first st together with edge st (or row) of blanket, k2. Slide all stitches to opposite end of needle, carry yarn tightly across back of work, k3; repeat from * around outer edges of blanket.

I-CORD EMBELLISHMENTS

Hearts (make 6)

With double-pointed needles and A, work 12" (30 cm) of I-cord. Bind off. Sew ends of I-cord together. Fold in half to make lower point of heart. Mark opposite fold for top center of heart. Sew one heart to each of the six C squares shown in assembly diagram.

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“I”

With double-pointed needles and **C**, work 4” (10 cm) of I-cord. Bind off. Sew one “I” to each of the six **B** squares shown on assembly diagram.

“U”

With double-pointed needles and **B**, work 8” (20 cm) of I-cord. Bind off. Sew one “U” to each of the six **A** squares shown on assembly diagram.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block blanket.

ABBREVIATIONS

st(s) = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

