

LEVEL	BEGINNER	INTERMEDIATE
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Garter Stitch Baby Blanket

LEARN HOW TO: CAST ON, KNIT, AND BIND OFF

Materials

GARTER STITCH BABY BLANKET This is a beginner level baby blanket (or pet bed, whatever makes you happy) using super bulky weight yarn. It's in the garter stitch which means that you knit every stitch, and won't use the purl stitch.



YARN Any Super Bulky yarn - we recommend Erika Knight Maxi Wool or Cedar House Yarns Windfall Super Bulky. In your beginner kit, we've included enough yarn to make a 24 inch by 33 inch baby blanket. If you're not using one of our kits, you will need at least 205 m (or 225 yds) of yarn.

Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate.

NEEDLES + NOTIONS

Size 12 millimeter circular needles (or US size 17)

Tapestry needle for sewing in the ends

Scissors (not included in the kit)

GAUGE

2 stitches to the inch, although matching gauge exactly isn't necessary for this project

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

24" width, 33" length

Video Tutorials



VIDEO TUTORIALS ONLINE

This free design is written in Row House's Video Tutorial format. That means there is a video tutorial to help you every step of the way. Check out this design online to be able to click the video links in the pdf. Any time you see the symbol **RH** that means there is a video online to help.

GLOSSARY

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

K: knit

Skein: ball or hank of yarn

Super Bulky: a common reference to a thickness of yarn - here it is a very thick yarn

Getting Started

For all abbreviations please check the glossary at the beginning of the pattern.

Make a slipknot. **RH**

Using the knitted cast-on, cast on (“CO”) 50 stitches. **RH**

ROW 1: Knit (“K”) every stitch to the end of the row. **RH**

Continue to knit every row. Knitting every row is called a “garter stitch” pattern. **RH**



ROW HOUSE PRO TIP *When you are starting a new row, make sure you hold the yarn underneath and to the back of the needle, and make sure that you don't accidentally create a new stitch by knitting into both sides of the loop of the first stitch from the row below. Don't worry if the knitting looks loose just under the first stitch, as this will resolve itself once you start the next row.* **RH**

You will need to use multiple skeins of yarn to knit the baby blanket. When you are nearing the end of a skein of yarn, knit until you have a 6 inch tail left, then join the next skein and continue.

CHANGING BALLS OF YARN *You can do this anywhere along your row, although you might find it easier a little bit away from the edge. Take a 6 inch tail of the second ball of yarn, and hold that end in your left hand behind the work. Hold the new and old yarns together in your right hand and knit one stitch, then drop the old yarn and continue knitting with the new yarn only. This is how you add in a new ball of yarn.* **RH**

You'll have two 6 inch tails of yarn hanging (one from the old ball and one from the new ball), which you'll weave in later.

Next Steps + Finishing

Continue knitting all stitches and all rows until you have enough yarn left to bind off all stitches (about a yard left of yarn).

ALMOST DONE Then on the next row, bind off (“BO”) all stitches. **RH**

FINISHING Weave in ends of all yarn using a tapestry needle - both ends of the blanket, and any yarn changes in the middle of the blanket. **RH**

BLOCKING Finally, you have to “block” the blanket. This means that you wet the yarn and relax it a little bit, which will also help even out your stitches. Because you’re knitting with wool, the yarn will stretch, so you want to gently lay it out so that you don’t stretch it too much, just enough that the blanket is as long as your desired measurements.

HOW DO I BLOCK? *Let the blanket sit in cool water for around 30 minutes. Gently drain the water. You can gently roll the blanket in a towel to remove excess water, or you can let it sit in the sink and drain for an hour or so. Make sure that you handle the wet fabric gently and don’t wring it out. Once you have removed the excess water, lay the blanket out on fresh towels or on a blocking board (you need a surface that will allow the water to drain from the wool), and arrange the blanket in a rectangle of the measurements that you desire - keeping the rows even. Let it dry before picking it up again.* **RH**

CONGRATULATIONS! Once it is dry, you are finished. Stand back and admire your work. You are a knitter.

We want to see your blanket, so please send us pictures or tag us on social media using hashtag #rowhouseknits.