Glen Echo

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MATERIALS

YARN

>> You can use any yarn weight you want. I wouldn't recommend using really fuzzy yarn (like mohair) because you will lose the stitch definition/texture. But any wool, cotton, acrylic, linen...etc. are great too.

>> The yardage depends on your version, a good way to have enough yarn is to start decreasing your blanket a little before you use up half of your total yarn.

Sample uses: I Love This Cotton from Hobby Lobby (100% Cotton, yards per 100 grams) and the original sample is in the colorway 'Limedot'.

NEEDLES

Any size that works well with your yarn. I recommend a cord length of at least 24" to fit all of your stitches.

OTHER MATERIALS

Yarn Needle & Optional Removable Stitch Markers.

GAUGE

This pattern works with any gauge, so the gauge doesn't really matter. Find the yarn you want and do some swatches in garter/twisted rib to figure out which needle size gives you the fabric density you want and go with that combo.

Sample uses worsted weight with a US 8 (5 mm) 24" circular needles which creates a very drapey and loose fabric, exactly what I wanted.

NOTES/TUTORIALS

>> This recipe creates a square blanket.

>> The blanket is made working from corner to corner so you increase until you get half the blanket size you want and then you start decreasing for the second half.

>> Since you are working from corner to corner, the width/length of the blanket is measured sideways (see schematic). Remember that for when you are stopping at the halfway mark.

>> Find a ravelry coupon code at the end of this pattern ;)

ABBREVIATIONS

>> CO = Cast On

>> K1tbl = Knit 1 st. through the back loop

>> K2TOG = Knit 2 sts together (single decrease)

>> K2TOGtbl = Knit 2 sts together through the back loop (single decrease)

>> P1tbl = Purl 1 st. through the back loop

>> RS = Right Side (of work)

>> S2KP2 = Center Double Decrease: slip 2 stitches knit wise (as if to knit them together), K1, then, using your left needle, pull those 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch and off the needle (double decrease)

>> sm = slip marker from needle to the next

>> SSK = Slip 1 knit-wise, Slip 1 purl-wise, then knit those 2 stitches together through the back loop (single decrease)

>> st(s) = stitch(es)

>> WS = Wrong Side (of work)

>> YO = yarn over

This pattern is more of a recipe which gives you instructional guidelines, but can be worked with any yarn/gauge. Perfect for stash busting. It creates a square blanket that is worked from corner to corner.

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Direction of Knitting

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CO Edge
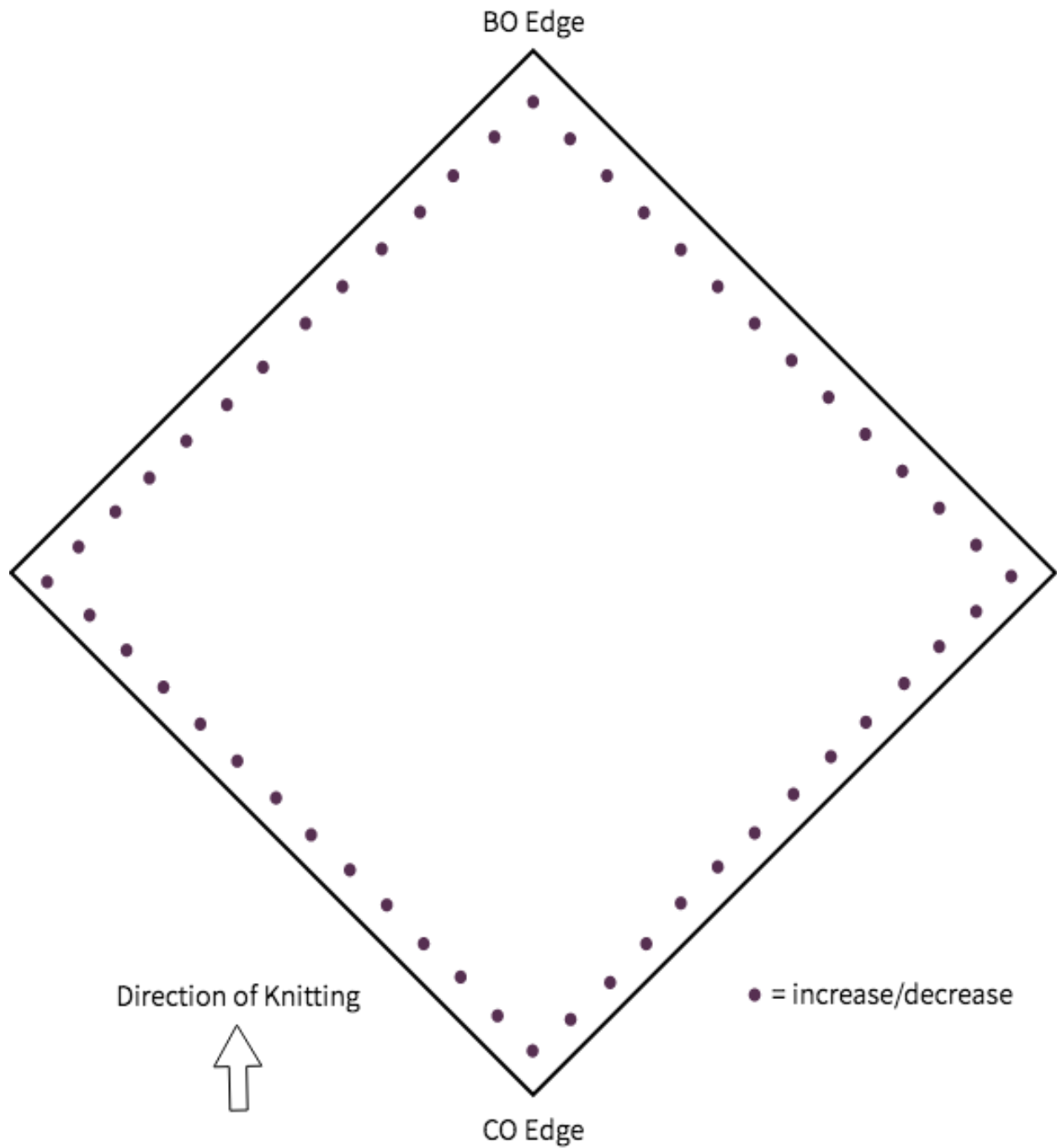
• = increase/decrease

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PATTERN
THE INCREASE HALF
CO 7 sts
Sample uses a long tail cast on.
Setup: Knit 4 rows
This blanket is worked by knitting a garter strip (As Section A) followed by a strip of twisted rib (As Section B). You can work as many repeats of the 2 (4) rows in each section, but I recommend picking an amount of repeats and sticking with it throughout the project.
Note: For the original sample I worked 20 rows of garter (10 repeats of the 2 rows) and then worked 8 rows of twisted rib (2 repeats of the 4 rows). And I followed that pattern throughout.

Section A - <u>Increase</u> Garter
Row 1: K3, YO, Knit to the last 3 sts: YO, K3.
Row 2: Knit across.
Work rows 1-2 as many times as you want.
Choose a number of rows that when divided by 2 is still an even number. For example, 20 is a good amount because half of 20 is 10 which is still an even number. But, 26 is not a good amount because half of 26 is 13 which is not an even number. You do this so that the middle of the blanket (when you switch to decreasing) can be worked evenly.

Section B - <u>Increase</u> Twisted Rib
Row 1: K3, YO, P1tbl, *K1tbl, P1tbl; repeat from * to last 3 sts: YO, K3.
Row 2: K3, P1, *K1tbl, P1tbl; repeat from * to last 5 sts: K1tbl, P1, K3.
Row 3: K3, YO, *K1tbl, P1tbl; repeat from * to last 4 sts: K1tbl, YO, K3.
Row 4: K4, P1tbl, *K1tbl, P1tbl; repeat from * to last 4 sts: K4.
Work rows 1-4 as many times as you want.

Repeat Sections A & B as many times as you want, until your blanket is almost half as large as you want it to be. End with a finished Section B.

THE MIDDLE
Begin working Section A again, and work **half** as many rows as you would normally for that section. For example, if I normally work 20 rows, then I would only work 10.
Then, work the other half (the example would have 10 rows left), **BUT** as it is written below:
Row 1: K2, SSK, YO, SSK, Knit to the last 6 sts: K2TOG, YO, K2TOG, K2.
Row 2: Knit across.
Work rows 1-2 as many times as you need to finish this garter strip (half of what you normally work).

Now we are going to start working decreases to finish the other half of the blanket.

THE DECREASE HALF
Section C - <u>Decrease</u> Twisted Rib
Row 1: K2, SSK, YO, SSK, *P1tbl, K1tbl; repeat from * to the last 7 sts: P1tbl, K2TOG, YO, K2TOG, K2.
Row 2: K4, *P1tbl, K1tbl; repeat from * to last 5 sts: P1tbl, K4.
Row 3: K2, SSK, YO, SSK, K1tbl, *P1tbl, K1tbl; repeat from * to last 6 sts: K2TOG, YO, K2TOG, K2.
Row 4: K4, P1tbl, *P1tbl, K1tbl; repeat from * to last 6 sts: P1tbl, P1tbl, K4.
Work rows 1-4 as many times as you did for section B of the increase half.

Section D - <u>Decrease</u> Garter

Row 1: K2, SSK, YO, SSK, Knit to the last 6 sts: K2TOG, YO, K2TOG, K2.
Row 2: Knit across.
Work rows 1-2 as many times as you did for Section A of the increase half.
Stop when you have 11 sts left in your last garter strip (see next page).

Final Section - Last <u>Decrease</u> Garter Strip

If you just finished a decrease row, work 1 more plain knitting row. If you just finished a plain knitting row then continue as below.
Row 1: K2, SSK, YO, S2KP2, YO, K2TOG, K2 (9 sts).
Row 2: Knit across.
Row 3: K2, SSK, K1, K2TOG, K2 (7 sts).
Row 4: Knit across.
Row 5: Knit across.
Row 6: Bind off.
Sample uses standard knit bind off.

Weave in your ends and enjoy :)

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