

GARTER STITCH BABY BLANKET SET

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This little baby blanket and hat are super easy to knit making it perfect for beginners, yet is interesting enough for a relaxing knit for all knitters. Alternating and broadening stripes of two different yarns are used throughout the blanket. The little trick of knitting both yarns together in the first stitch of some rows (as instructed) eliminates having to cut your yarns and also makes a nice tidy edge. The hat is knit flat, then folded in half and seamed. Tassels add a bit of whimsy.

Materials

1 skein Lion Brand Homespun (6oz/160g, 185 yds / 169 m)
1 skein worsted weight yarn (5oz/140g, 251 yds / 230 m).
Sample knit with "I Love This Yarn", Hobby Lobby
US Size 10 ½ 29" circular needles
18" of ½" satin ribbon for bow

Size

Blanket: approx Size 24" width x 36" length
Hat 2 sizes: 0-3 months (3-6 months) finished sizes *un-stretched* 12 ½" (15")

Gauge

3 sts x 5 rows = 1"

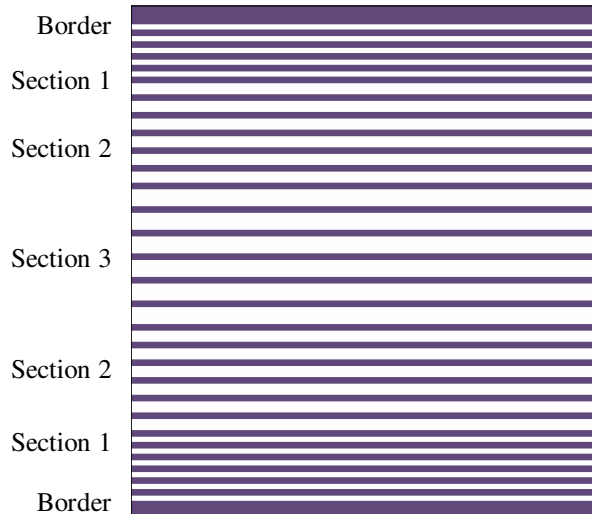
Notes

- All changes between the two different yarns take place on the right-hand side of the blanket.
- The top and bottom borders are knit with Homespun yarn only.
- In the stripe pattern areas Homespun yarn is used for 2 rows (back and forth) only and the smooth yarn is used for 2 rows in Section 1, 4 rows in Section 2 and six rows in Section 3.

BLANKET

BOTTOM BORDER

With Homespun yarn, Cast on 70 st.
Knit 6 rows



SECTION 1

Row 1 (Right Side): Join in worsted yarn, knit to end

Row 2: knit to end

Row 3: Pick up homespun yarn, knit to end

Row 4: knit to end

Repeat **Rows 1 to 4** five (5) more times

SECTION 2

Row 1: pick up worsted yarn, knit to end

Row 2: knit to end

Row 3: with both yarns held together, k1. Drop Homespun yarn and using only worsted yarn, knit to end

Row 4: knit to end

Row 5: pick up Homespun yarn, knit to end

Row 6: knit to end

Repeat **Rows 1 to 6** five (5) more times

SECTION 3

Row 1: pick up worsted yarn, knit to end

Row 2: knit to end

Row 3: with both yarns held together, k1. Drop Homespun yarn and using only worsted yarn, knit to end

Row 4: knit to end

Row 5: with both yarns held together, k1. Drop Homespun yarn and using only worsted yarn, knit to end

Row 6: knit to end

Row 7: pick up Homespun yarn, knit to end

Row 8: knit to end

Repeat **Rows 1 to 8** five (5) more times

Repeat **SECTION 2**

Repeat **SECTION 1**

TOP BORDER

Cut worsted yarn leaving a tail for weaving in later.

With Homespun yarn, knit 4 rows. Bind off. Weave in loose ends.

Thread the satin ribbon through a stitch in the upper left corner as desired. Tightly tie a pretty bow.

HAT

With Homespun yarn, *loosely* cast on 24 st.

Knit 6 rows.

Row 1 (Right Side): Join in worsted yarn, knit to end

Row 2: knit to end

Row 3: Pick up homespun yarn, knit to end

Row 4: knit to end

Repeat **Rows 1 to 4** until piece measures 12 inches ending after working a Row 4.

Cut smooth yarn leaving a tail for weaving in later.

With Homespun yarn, knit 4 rows. *Loosely* bind off.

Fold hat in half with the cast on and bind off edges together and wrong sides together.

Using the mattress stitch seaming technique and the smooth yarn, sew the two sides together.

Make 2 tassels. If using the Homespun yarn as your tassel (as in sample photo) make a tight overhand knot at the end of each length and trim close. Sew to the corner "ears" of the hat.

Weave in all ends.

