Knit • Beginner

Little Field Baby Blanket

A soft, squishy baby blanket in garter stitch (knit every row) framed by a seed-stitch border. Two rows of instructions do the whole middle, so it's restful knitting and a lovely first big project.

Size

About 30 × 34 in (76 × 86 cm).

Materials

- Yarn: worsted-weight (#4) soft wool blend, cotton or baby acrylic, about 1,000 yds (915 m).
- Needles: US 8 (5 mm) circular needle, 32 in (80 cm) long, used back and forth.
- Notions: tapestry needle; 2 stitch markers (optional) to mark the borders.

Gauge

18 sts and 36 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in garter stitch. Gauge is not critical; a different gauge changes the size and the yarn used.

Abbreviations

k: knit
p: purl
rep: repeat
st(s): stitch(es)
*: repeat the instructions after the * as directed
( ): repeat the instructions in parentheses as many times as directed

Notes

- Worked flat, back and forth, on a long circular needle that holds all the stitches.
- The border stitches are the same on every row: knit the stitches that face you as purl bumps and purl the ones that face you as knit Vs, and they turn into seed stitch.
- Markers after the first 7 sts and before the last 7 sts make the border easy to see.

Cast on 135 sts loosely.

☐ Lower border

Rows 1–10: *K1, p1; rep from * to the last st, k1.

☐ Body

Rows 11–296: (K1, p1) 3 times, k1, knit to the last 7 sts, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1.

☐ Upper border

Rows 297–306: *K1, p1; rep from * to the last st, k1.

☐ Finishing

- Bind off loosely in pattern (knit the knits and purl the purls).
- Weave in the ends. Wash and lay flat to dry, patting it into shape.

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