

Someday Baby Blanket

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Someday one of my kids is going to call and say, "You're going to be a grandma!" I decided not to wait for that moment to start knitting some little baby things. I started with this blanket in a soft yarn that has excellent drape. It's machine washable in warm water, but it will need to dry flat. That's not too bad!



Blanket Size and Gauge

The blanket has a garter stitch border and a basket-weave main body. This blanket is 32" wide and 28" high. The gauge I achieved on US Size 5 needles is 22 stitches and 36 rows = 4 inches.

Materials

3 Balls Bamboo POP yarn by Universal Yarn (50% cotton, 50%Bamboo, 100grams/3.5 ounces, 266 meters/292 yards) color 205: Brilliant Blues.

32" Size 5 Circular Needle

Tapestry Needle and Scissors

Stitch Pattern: Modified Basketweave (24 rows repeated) (actual starting instructions are listed below)

Rows 1, 3, 5: Knit

Rows 2, 4, 6: *K3, P3* repeat between *s across the row

Rows 7-12: Knit

Rows 13, 15, 17: Knit

Rows 14, 16, 18: *P3, K3* repeat between *s across the row

Rows 19-24: Knit

(Note: odd rows are the right side of the blanket, and conversely, even rows are the wrong side.)



Note on edge stitches:

For projects such as this, where you want a tidy edge with no loose strands, here’s a great way to handle that: always slip the first stitch *knitwise*, and always knit into the back of the last stitch on each row. Just do it. You’re going to like the result!

Start the Blanket:

Cast on 179 stitches.

Bottom border: K 10 rows of garter stitch for bottom border.

Begin Blanket Body: Slip 1 edge stitch (see note above about edge stitches), K6 border stitches, do Row 1 of Modified Basketweave Stitch over next 165 stitches (until 7 stitches are left), K6 border stitches, knit into the back of the last stitch (again, my fave way to make a tidy edge with no loose strands as noted above).

Continue doing the suggested treatment for the edge stitch, work 6 garter stitch side border stitches at the beginning and end of the rows, and the basketweave blanket, until your blanket is the suggested length.

Top Border: K 10 rows of garter stitch for the top of the blanket.

Bind off, and then weave in the loose ends using your favorite method of hiding joins.

