

Starryknit Designs: Garter Outside-in Mitered Square

This is a generic pattern for a mitered square, suitable for using as a blanket square. Stitches are cast on for the outside edge, and decreases are placed to achieve a square shape.

Yarn: Roughly 25-30 grams of worsted-weight yarn.

Skills Required: Knitting in the round, decreasing

Size: Following the gauge given in the pattern will yield squares that are about 6.75 inches on each side. The squares can be scaled up or down by knitting thicker yarn on larger needles or thinner yarn on smaller needles.

Needles and Gauge: Choose needles that give you a gauge of about 5 stitches per inch in garter stitch. This may be knit using magic loop, two circulars, or a set of 5 DPNs.



A Note on the Photos:

The baby blankets shown here were knit in Cascade 220 Superwash on size US 5-7 needles. We assembled the blankets by sewing 25 squares into a 5 x 5 grid using whipstitch, and knitting a log cabin garter stitch border around the edges.

Stitch Guide:

k = knit
p = purl
pm = place marker
sm = slip marker
ssk = slip slip knit
k2tog = knit 2 together
sl2tog = slip 2 together

Pattern:

Leaving at least a 15-inch tail, *loosely* cast on 124 stitches and join in the round, being careful not to twist. (Leaving a long tail allows you use it for seaming your squares together into a blanket more easily.)

Round 1: *p1, pm, p30, pm*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. The last marker will be your beginning-of-round marker.

Note: If knitting on DPNs, arrange stitches evenly across the needles (31 stitches per needle). You may ignore any directions to pm or sm, and instead repeat from * to * for each needle.

Round 2: *k1, sm, ssk, k until two stitches before next marker, k2tog, sm*, repeat from * to * 3 more times.



Round 3: p all stitches, slipping markers as you come to them.

When introducing a different color for stripes, always do so on a knit (decreasing) round.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have 12 stitches remaining, ending with a purl round. Remove all markers on this last purl round.

Next round: k2 (this is the new beginning-of-round), *sl2tog (as if to k2tog), k1, pass slipped stitches over*, repeat from * to * 3 more times. Four stitches should remain.

Finishing: Break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches, and pull tight. Weave in final end of yarn, but leave beginning end of yarn free for seaming squares together. Block your square to 6.75 inches on each side if desired.

