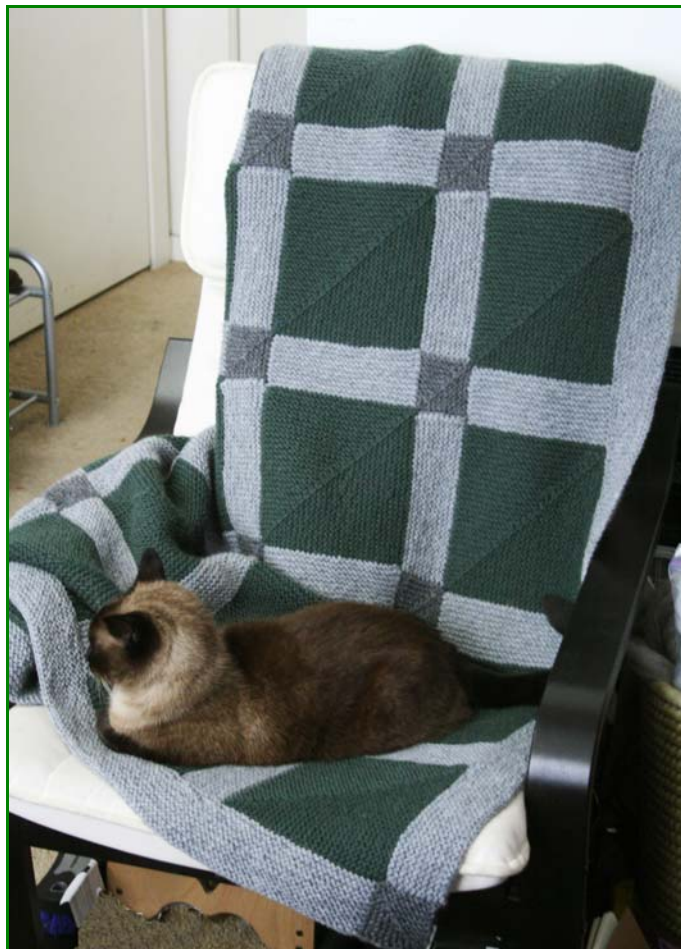


FENCED IN AFGHAN

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This cozy afghan is knit in modular pieces in garter stitch for a soft, cushy blanket. The modular design makes it very easy to adjust the size for a lap afghan or a baby blanket. You could even change the yarn weight and needle size and just knit it until it's as big as you want it. It's also a great way to use up all those scrap yarns!



SPECIFICATIONS

Yarn: 2200 yards in Color 1, 1800 yards in Color 2, and 250 yards in Color 3 of heavy worsted or aran weight yarn. Sample shown in Plymouth Encore Worsted (75% Acrylic/25% Wool, 200 yds per 100 gm skein) Color 1-Green (1233), Color 2-Light Grey (194), Color 3-Medium Grey (0389); 9 wpi
Needles: 5mm (US 8) needle for flat knitting and another 36 or 40 inch circular needle for working borders (see note) or size needed to obtain gauge.

ABBREVIATIONS

k: knit
k2tog: knit two stitches together as one
sl1 wyif: slip 1 st as if to purl from one needle to the other, with the yarn held in front.
p2tog: purl two stitches together as one
sl1 k2tog pssso: slip one stitch as if to knit, knit two stitches

CONSTRUCTION:

This afghan is worked with modular pieces that are picked up and knitted from the existing pieces, beginning with the large mitered square in the bottom right corner. Each full square consists of a large mitered square, two rectangles and a smaller mitered square that completes the full square. Squares on the left and top edges are not full squares, but consist of one or more modular pieces as described in the pattern. Work each square in number order according to the diagram, working from Square 1 to Square 48. When all 48 squares are complete, a border is picked up and knitted on using the longer circular needle, plus 4 small mitered squares in each corner of the border.

Gauge: 18 stitches & 17 rows in 4 inches (10cm) square in garter stitch.
Finished Size: 82 inches (213cm) tall, 62 inches (163cm) wide. Adjustments in size can be made by simply knitting more or fewer modular pieces (see notes)
Notions: crochet hook of similar size to the needle, tapestry needle to weave in ends.

together, then pass the slipped stitch over
pssso: pass the slipped stitch over the next stitch and off the end of the needle.
RS: right side of work
WS: wrong side of work

NOTES:

- For cast ons, use the cable cast on method. See the tutorial video here http://youtu.be/fxckFm02_HA
- Stitches should be picked up as demonstrated in the tutorial video here http://youtu.be/qJ73RI_UskA
- The modular nature of this blanket means it would be very easy to adjust the size either smaller or larger. The yardage required will change if you adjust the size (see last note here). To knit a baby sized blanket, work the modular pieces to be 4 large mitered squares wide and 4 large mitered squares tall. For a lap aghan, work the modular pieces to be 6 large mitered squares wide and 6 large mitered squares tall.
- As the blanket progresses, it might be helpful to mark off each square on the diagram.
- The cable of a 36 or 40 inch circular needle might be a bit unwieldy when working the modular pieces, but if you don't mind the extra cable, you could make do with just the 36 or 40 inch circular needle for the whole blanket.
- A digital scale can be very useful when working this afghan. I use about 23 grams for each large mitered square, 8 grams for each rectangle, and 3 grams for each small mitered square. The border took 165 grams of Color 2, and 12 grams of Color 3. If you're tight on yarn, or making adjustments to the size, working out these weights as you work the first few modular sections will help you estimate the needed yardage. To measure the amount of yarn you are using, weigh the ball BEFORE you begin the modular piece and record the measurement, then weigh the ball again AFTER you work the modular piece. Subtract the second weight from the first and you will know how much yarn went into the modular piece.

MODULAR PIECES:

Large Mitered Square:

Row 1 (WS): knit

Row 2 (RS): sl1 wyif, k28, sl1 k2tog pssso, k29.

Row 3 and following WS rows through Row 57: sl1 wyif, k to end.

Row 4: sl1 wyif, k27, sl1 k2tog pssso, k28.

Row 6: sl1 wyif, k26, sl1 k2tog pssso, k27.

Row 8: sl1 wyif, k25, sl1 k2tog pssso, k26.

Row 10: sl1 wyif, k24, sl1 k2tog pssso, k25.

Row 12: sl1 wyif, k23, sl1 k2tog pssso, k24.

Row 14: sl1 wyif, k22, sl1 k2tog pssso, k23.

Row 16: sl1 wyif, k21, sl1 k2tog pssso, k22.

Row 18: sl1 wyif, k20, sl1 k2tog pssso, k21.

Row 20: sl1 wyif, k19, sl1 k2tog pssso, k20.

Row 22: sl1 wyif, k18, sl1 k2tog pssso, k19.

Row 24: sl1 wyif, k17, sl1 k2tog pssso, k18.

Row 26: sl1 wyif, k16, sl1 k2tog pssso, k17.

Row 28: sl1 wyif, k15, sl1 k2tog pssso, k16.

Row 30: sl1 wyif, k14, sl1 k2tog pssso, k15.

Row 32: sl1 wyif, k13, sl1 k2tog pssso, k14.

Row 34: sl1 wyif, k12, sl1 k2tog pssso, k13.

Row 36: sl1 wyif, k11, sl1 k2tog pssso, k12.

Row 38: sl1 wyif, k10, sl1 k2tog pssso, k11.

Row 40: sl1 wyif, k9, sl1 k2tog pssso, k10.

Row 42: sl1 wyif, k8, sl1 k2tog pssso, k9.

Row 44: sl1 wyif, k7, sl1 k2tog pssso, k8.

Row 46: sl1 wyif, k6, sl1 k2tog pssso, k7.

Row 48: sl1 wyif, k5, sl1 k2tog pssso, k6.

Row 50: sl1 wyif, k4, sl1 k2tog pssso, k5.

Row 52: sl1 wyif, k3, sl1 k2tog pssso, k4.

Row 54: sl1 wyif, k2, sl1 k2tog pssso, k3.

Row 56: sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 k2tog pssso, k2.

Row 58: sl1 wyif, sl1 k2tog pssso, k1.

Row 59 (WS): sl1 wyif, p2tog, pssso. Cut yarn and thread through final loop

Small Mitered Square:

Row 1 (WS): knit

Row 2: sl1 wyif, k8, sl1 k2tog pssso, k9.

Row 3 and following WS rows through Row 17: sl1 wyif, k to end.

Row 4: sl1 wyif, k7, sl1 k2tog pssso, k8.

Row 6: sl1 wyif, k6, sl1 k2tog pssso, k7.

Row 8: sl1 wyif, k5, sl1 k2tog pssso, k6.

Row 10: sl1 wyif, k4, sl1 k2tog pssso, k5.

Row 12: sl1 wyif, k3, sl1 k2tog pssso, k4.

Row 14: sl1 wyif, k2, sl1 k2tog pssso, k3.

Row 16: sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 k2tog pssso, k2.

Row 18: sl1 wyif, sl1 k2tog pssso, k1.

Row 19 (WS): sl1 wyif, p2tog, pssso. Cut yarn and thread through final loop.

Unattached Rectangle:

Row 1 (WS): knit

Rows 2-19: sl1 wyif, knit to end. (10 ridges total)

Bind off loosely. Cut yarn and thread through final loop.

Right Attached Rectangle:

Row 1 (WS): knit

Row 2 (RS): pick up 1 st through the slipped stitch edge of the small mitered square and place it on the needle. K2tog, k to end of row.

Row 3: sl1 wyif, k to end.

Repeat Rows 2-3 eight more times (10 ridges total)

Pick up 1 st through the slipped stitch edge of the small mitered square and place it on the needle. K2tog, then bind off loosely. Cut yarn and thread through final loop.

Left Attached Rectangle:

Row 1 (WS): pick up 1 st through the slipped stitch edge of the small mitered square and place it on the needle. K2tog, k to end of row.

Row 2 (RS): sl1 wyif, k to end.

Repeat Rows 1-2 eight more times (9 ridges total)

Repeat Row 1 again (10 ridges total)

Bind off loosely. Cut yarn and thread through final loop.

PATTERN:

Work each square in number order as instructed below.

Square 1:

With Color 1, cast on 61 sts and work large mitered square.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from slipped stitch edge of the large mitered square, work unattached rectangle.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the other slipped stitch edge of the large mitered square, work unattached rectangle.

With Color 3, pick up 21 sts from the slipped stitch edges of the rectangles where they meet at a 90 degree angle, work a small mitered square.

Squares 2, 4, 7 & 11:

With Color 1, pick up 30 sts from rectangle of neighboring square, then cast on 31 sts (61 sts total). Work a large mitered square.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on top of the large mitered square, work a Right Attached Rectangle.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the side of the large mitered square, work an Unattached Rectangle.

With Color 3, pick up 21 sts from the slipped stitch edges of the rectangles where they meet at a 90 degree angle, work a small mitered square.

Squares 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 27:

With Color 1, cast on 31 sts, then pick up 30 sts from rectangle of neighboring square. (61 sts total). Work a large mitered square.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the top of the large mitered square, work an Unattached Rectangle.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the side of the large mitered square, work a Left Attached Rectangle.

With Color 3, pick up 21 sts from the slipped stitch edges of the rectangles where they meet at a 90 degree angle, work a small mitered square.

Squares 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 44:

With Color 1, pick up 61 sts from rectangles of neighboring squares where they meet at a 90 degree angle. (61 sts total). Work a large mitered square.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the top of the large mitered square, work an Right Attached Rectangle.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the side of the large mitered square, work a Left Attached Rectangle.

With Color 3, pick up 21 sts from the slipped stitch edges of the rectangles where they meet at a 90 degree angle, work a small mitered square.

Squares 16, 22, 28, 34, 39, 43, 46:

With Color 1, pick up 61 sts from rectangles of neighboring squares where they meet at a 90 degree angle. (61 sts total). Work a large mitered square.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the top of the large mitered square, work an Right Attached Rectangle.

Square 33:

With Color 1, cast on 31 sts, then pick up 30 sts from rectangle of neighboring square. (61 sts total). Work a large mitered square.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the side of the large mitered square, work a Left Attached Rectangle.

Squares 38, 42, 45, 47:

With Color 1, pick up 61 sts from rectangles of neighboring squares where they meet at a 90 degree angle. (61 sts total). Work a large mitered square.

With Color 2, pick up 30 sts from the slipped stitch edge on the side of the large mitered square, work a Left Attached Rectangle.

Square 48:

With Color 1, pick up 61 sts from rectangles of neighboring squares where they meet at a 90 degree angle. (61 sts total). Work a large mitered square.

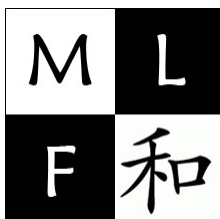
Border:

On each side separately, with Color 2, pick up 30 stitches from every large mitered square and 10 sts from the side of every rectangle. Pick up stitches through slipped stitch edge when available and work an unattached rectangle on each of the 4 sides of the blanket.

With Color 3, pick up 21 sts from the slipped stitch edges of the border rectangles where they meet at a 90 degree angle, work a small mitered square. Repeat at each corner of the blanket.

Weave in ends and block if desired.

48	47	45	42	38	33
46	44	41	37	32	27
43	40	36	31	26	21
39	35	30	25	20	15
34	29	24	19	14	10
28	23	18	13	9	6
22	17	12	8	5	3
16	11	7	4	2	1



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