

Autumnal Equinox Blanket
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Finished Size:

Square with 33" / 84 cm long sides.

Yarn:

Cascade 220 Superwash Sport Multis (100% Superwash Merino Wool; 136 yards / 125 meters per 50g / 1.75oz)

107 Browns (10 skeins)

Yardage:

1300 - 1360 yards / 1189 – 1250 meters

Recommended Needle Size: Circular Needle US # 5/3.75mm 36" long, Double Pointed Needles (DPN) US #5/3.75mm (set of 5).

Notions: Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.

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Abbreviations:

KFB - Knit in front and back of the same stitch, this creates two stitches from one stitch.

SSK - slip stitch, slip stitch and knit the two stitches together, this decreases two stitches to one stitch.

DPN – Double Pointed Needles

Sl. St. – Slip stitch from left to right needle without knitting it.

Technique:

This blanket is knitted in one piece. Start from one corner, increasing every other row on one side.

Continue with decrease at every other row until you have only 1 sts left. Continue by picking up stitches along the longer side of the triangle. Continue knitting with decrease at the beginning of each row until you have 1 stitch left. The blanket is finished with I-cord all around for a nice finish.

I-cord technique.

With MC yarn and double pointed needle cast on 3 additional sts on left needle. Pick up 1 st through the edge. Position the yarn behind and work as follows:

Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together. Return the 3 sts back onto left needle and repeat. Continue to work in I-cord attaching the I-cord along the edge of the entire blanket. In every corner continue I-cord for 1 row without attaching it to your work, this will make the corner turn easier. Continue the I-cord, attaching it around the edge until you reach the beginning of your I-cord. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on the needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

Gauge: 24 sts & 33 rows = 4” in stockinette stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS:**First triangle part:**

With the yarn and circular needle, cast on 2 sts. Place the stitch marker on the first st and work as follow:

Row 1, 2: Knit 1 , Sl.st.

Row 3: KFB, Sl.st. (3 sts total)

Row 4: Knit 2, Sl.st.

Row 5: KFB, Knit 1, Sl.st. (4 sts total)

Row 6: Knit 3, Sl.st.

Row 7: KFB, Knit 2, Sl.st. (5 sts total)

Row 8: Knit 4, Sl.st.

Row 9: KFB, Knit 3, Sl.st. (6 sts total)

Row 10: Knit 5, Sl.st.

Row 11: KFB, Knit 4, Sl.st. (7 sts total)

Row 12: Knit 6, Sl.st.

Row 13: KFB, Knit 5, Sl.st. (8 sts total)

Row 14: Knit 7, Sl.st.

Row 15: KFB, Knit 6, Sl.st. (9 sts total)

Row 16: Knit 8, Sl.st.

Row 17: KFB, Knit 7, Sl.st. (10 sts total)

Row 18: Knit 9, Sl.st.

Row 19: KFB, Knit 8, Sl.st. (11 sts total)

Row 20: Knit 10, Sl.st.

Row 21 – 248:

Continue in established pattern, increasing 1 sts every odd row, until you have 125 sts total

Row 249: SSK, Knit 122, Sl.st. (124 sts total)

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Row 250: Knit 123, Sl.st.
Row 251: SSK, Knit 121, Sl.st. (123 sts total)
Row 252: Knit 122, Sl.st.
Row 253: SSK, Knit 120, Sl.st. (122 sts total)
Row 254: Knit 121, Sl.st.
Row 255: SSK, Knit 119, Sl.st. (121 sts total)
Row 256: Knit 120, Sl.st.
Row 257: SSK, Knit 118, Sl.st. (120 sts total)
Row 258: Knit 119, Sl.st.
Row 259 – 494:
Continue in established pattern, decreasing 1 sts every odd row, until you have 2 st left.

Second triangle:

Turn the work and pick up stitches along the long side of triangle to have 246 sts total.

Continue to work as follow:

Row 1: SSK, Knit 243, Sl.st. (245 sts total)
Row 2: SSK, Knit 242, Sl.st. (244 sts total)
Row 3: SSK, Knit 241, Sl.st. (243 sts total)
Row 4: SSK, Knit 240, Sl.st. (242 sts total)
Row 5: SSK, Knit 239, Sl.st. (241 sts total)
Row 6: SSK, Knit 238, Sl.st. (240 sts total)
Row 7: SSK, Knit 237, Sl.st. (239 sts total)
Row 8: SSK, Knit 236, Sl.st. (238 sts total)
Row 9: SSK, Knit 235, Sl.st. (237 sts total)
Row 10: SSK, Knit 234, Sl.st. (236 sts total)
Row 11 - 245:

Continue in established pattern, decreasing 1 sts every row, until you have 1 st left.

Attaching the I-cord:

With yarn and double pointed needle cast on 3 additional sts on left needle. Position the yarn behind and work as follows:

Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together. This decreases the 2 sts to 1st.

Pick up 1 st through the edge. Return the 3 sts back onto left needle. Position the yarn behind and work as follows:

Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together. Return the 3 sts back onto left needle and repeat.

Continue to work in I-cord attaching the I-cord along the edge of the entire blanket. In every corner continue I-cord for 1 row without attaching it to your work, this will make the corner turn easier.

Continue the I-cord, attaching it around the edge until you reach the beginning of your I-cord. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on the needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.



Finishing:
Weave in the ends.

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