



Zen Yarn Garden Chevron Baby Blanket

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Getting Started.

Size: 36" square (92cm square)

Needles: Size US 13 (9mm) 24 or 32" circulars

Yarn: [Zen Yarn Garden Baby Blanket Kit](#)

Additional Materials: 5 ring stitch markers, tapestry needle for weaving ends

Gauge: 2.5 stitches per inch, 10 stitches over 4" (10cm). One pattern repeat is 6" wide.

YARN SETUP: Decide the order you'd like your colors. Start with Color A (use half of that yarn), switch to Color B (use half of that yarn), switch to Color C (using all of the yarn), then finish with the second half of Color B, then the second half of Color A. This next step is optional, but a good idea. I recommend using a kitchen scale to separate Colors A and B into two equally sized balls. *Just in case your gauge is different from mine*, you want to make sure you don't use more than half of the yarn on the first half of the blanket.

GAUGE: Getting perfect gauge isn't super important, but you want to make sure your gauge is pretty close so that you know you'll have enough yarn.

Abbreviations:

BO - bind-off

CO - cast-on

K - knit

K2tog - knit two stitches together

KFB - knit front/back increase
RS - right side
SM - slip marker
SSK - slip, slip, knit decrease
WS - wrong side

Video Link Part 1, Intro: <https://youtu.be/FIGA1TGPwps>

Video Link Part 2, Working the Chevron Pattern: <https://youtu.be/FIGA1TGPwps?t=1m48s>

Video Link Part 3, Finishing: <https://youtu.be/FIGA1TGPwps?t=15m14s>

Directions.

Using Color A, cast-on 96 stitches using the long-tail cast-on, placing a marker after every 16 stitches (5 markers total).

Knit 1 row, then turn work and mark the right edge of the work with a clipper marker, as shown in the video.

Chevron Pattern:

Row 1 (RS): *K2tog, K5, KFB twice, K5, SSK, SM*, repeat between *s 5 more times across row (after the last SSK, there will be no marker to slip)

Row 2: Knit across all stitches

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 for pattern. Each repeat of 1 & 2 creates 1 garter ridge (CO + 1st WS row creates one ridge, too). 8 ridges per section.

After working 8 garter ridges in Color A (completing Row 2 of the pattern), cut Color A and work 8 ridges in Color B.

After working 8 garter ridges in Color B (completing Row 2 of the pattern), cut Color B and work 16 ridges in Color C.

Then 8 ridges in Color B again, and SEVEN ridges in Color A.

Last section: Work 7 ridges (repeat Rows 1 & 2 seven times), then work Row 1 once. Bind-off knitwise (regular ol' bind-off) on the WS, this will create the 8th ridge. Bind-off loosely, or use a bigger needle size during BO.

Here is a break-down of the color changes:

8 garter ridges Color A
8 garter ridges Color B
16 garter ridges Color C
8 garter ridges Color B
8 garter ridges Color A

Finishing.

Weave in ends as demonstrated in the video. The washing instructions on the yarn label are to hand wash and set out flat to dry. On my swatch and blanket, I machine washed on the gentle cycle with wool wash, and machine dried on a low setting. I took the blanket out of the dryer before it was completely dry, and allowed it to air dry the rest of the way. I shaped it a bit to get the correct 36x36" size, but only gentle blocking was necessary to get the size, and the chevron points to be sharp.

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