

Sandy's Diagonal Baby Blanket

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For Jimmy Beans Wool (<http://jimmybeanswool.com>)

Materials

- 2 balls each of 5 coordinating colors Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Chunky [72yds each];
- The colors shown are #11 (A), 09 (B), 12 (C), 10 (D), 08 (E) - but choose whatever colors you like! Please note that we only ended up with about 1 ft of leftover yarn for each color, so you might want to make the blanket a bit smaller, or get 1 more ball of color A...
- US 11 Circular Needle (24, 29, 32, or 36")

Gauge

- Approx 2.5 sts = 1"
- Remember this is a blanket, so gauge isn't as important as it is with a sweater! Adjust needle size if too loose or tight. Blanket should be flexible & not stiff.

Stitch Guide

- K f&b: Increase by knitting into the front and back of the stitch.
- K2tog: Decrease by knitting 2 sts together.
- P f&b: Increase by purling into the front and back of the stitch.
- P2tog: Decrease by purling 2 sts together.

Finished Size

- Approx 32" square

Directions

- Cast on 3 sts with US 11 needle and Color A
- Set up row: Purl across
- Row 1: K f&b of 1st st. K to last st. K f&b last st. You now have 5 sts. (Place a safety pin on this row. This indicates the side on which all increases/decreases are performed.)
- Row 2: K across
- Row 3: P f&b of 1st st. P to last st. P f&b last st. You now have 7 sts.
- Row 4: P across

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- Repeat Rows 1-4 2 more times. Change to the next color in the sequence.
- Continue working through each of the 5 colors, repeating Rows 1-4 3 times for each color until you have 129 sts (you should be back at Color A).
- Start Decreasing by replacing the above "f&b" increases with K2tog or P2tog (depending on K or P row). The first decrease should be on the purl row (row 3) of the the 2nd repeat.
- Continue with established pattern, decreasing until 3 sts remain.
- Bind off last 3 sts.
- Use remaining yarn (there won't be much) & make tassles for the 4 corners.
- Sew in ends (it helps to sew in the ends as you go).