

fair & square

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LA KNITTERIE MODERNE

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finished measurements

41" square – after blocking

yarn

Rowan Baby Merino Silk DK – 10 balls

(66% merino wool, 34% silk)

135 m / 148 yds)

Color A – Snowdrop – 1 ball

Color B – Goldilocks – 1 ball

Color C – Leaf – 1 ball

Color D – Pebble – 1 ball

Color F – Sunshine – 1 ball

Color G – Grasshopper – 1 ball

Color H – Cantaloupe – 1 ball

Color I – Strawberry – 3 balls

needles

3.75 mm (US5) double pointed needles

3.75 mm (US5) 16"

3.75 mm (US 5) 24"

3.75 mm (US5) 40"

circular knitting needles –

or size needed to obtain gauge

gauge

22 sts in 4" / 10 cm (row gauge not essential)

Stockinette stitch – BEFORE BLOCKING



notes

Blanket is knit in the round. Due to the construction, it needs to be wet blocked and stretched after finishing, which changes the gauge to about 4.5sts/inch.

The first four colour stripes use up the whole ball of yarn. The following three have a bit left over. The border of the sample size used 3 balls of yarn.

The size of the blanket can be easily reduced by eliminating colors. For a blanket of about 32" square, you want to choose five colours for the stripes, 1 ball each, and 2 balls in a sixth colour for the border.

pattern

Set-Up

With Colour A and double pointed needles cast on 8 sts.

Distribute stitches evenly onto four needles – 2 sts each.

With only four stitches, this is a bit tricky. It gets easier soon!!

Close to knit in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Kfb 8 times. Next round: knit.

Begin pattern:

Round 1: *Kfb, k to last st on needle, kfb; rep from * 3 times – 8 sts increased.

Round 2: knit

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 28 sts on each needle, work row 1 once more – 30 sts on each needle

Switch to 40 cm/16" circular needle. Work round 2, placing marker for beginning of round and after each 30 sts – 4 markers total.

Circular Needle Section:

Round 1: *Kfb, knit to last stitch before next marker, kfb; rep from * 3 times

Round 2: knit

Continue working rounds 1 and 2 until there are 58 sts in each section, ending after round 1. Cut Color A.

Colour Change Round:

With Color B, k1, p1 to end of round.

Continue working rounds 1 and 2 until there are 82 sts in each section (24 rounds of Color B worked), ending after round 1. Cut Color B.

Colour Change Round:

With Color C, k1, p1 to end of round.

Continue working rounds 1 and 2 until there are 100 sts in each section (18 rounds of Color C worked), ending after round 1. Cut Color C.

Switch to 32" circular needle.

Colour Change Round:

With Color D, k1, p1 to end of round.

Continue working rounds 1 and 2 until there are 114 sts in each section (14 rounds of Color D worked), ending after

round 1. Cut Color D.

Colour Change Round:

With Color E, k1, p1 to end of round.

Continue working rounds 1 and 2 until there are 126 sts in each section (12 rounds of Color E worked), ending after round 1. Cut Color E.

Switch to 40" circular needles – it will get crowded toward the end.

Colour Change Round:

With Color F, k1, p1 to end of round.

Continue working rounds 1 and 2 until there are 136 sts in each section (10 rounds of Color F worked), ending after round 1. Cut Color F.

Colour Change Round:

With Color G, k1, p1 to end of round.

Continue working rounds 1 and 2 until there are 144 sts in each section (8 rounds of Color G worked), ending after round 1. Cut Colour G.

Colour Change Round:

With Color H, knit 1 round.

Border:

Round 1: *Kfb, knit to last stitch before next marker, kfb; rep from* 3 times

Round 2: Purl.

Work until there are 176 sts in each section (33 rounds of color H worked).

Bind-off loosely with this knit two together through back loop bind off: k 2, slip them back on the left needle, k2togtbl, *k1, slip 2 stitches back on the left needle, k2togtbl; repeat from * until there are no stitches left. Wet block to square, let dry completely.

standard abbreviations

k: knit

p: purl

kfb: knit into the front and the back of the next stitch (increase)



Happy knitting!



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