

Crosswise Baby Blanket Knitting Pattern



The Crosswise Baby Blanket is a cozy, garter stitch knit blanket designed to be simple, soothing, and a little bit special. Worked from corner to corner instead of the usual bottom to top, this blanket lets the garter stitch texture shine and gives you that satisfying feeling of progress—fast. The pattern is beginner-friendly but never boring, with an easy-to-memorize rhythm and a modern, tailored look.

Whether you're knitting for a new arrival or stocking up on handmade gifts, Crosswise is a go-to project you'll want to make again and again.

This project was knit with Hobby Lobby's "I Love This Yarn Prints" in the color way Fruit Salad.

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Supplies

☪ This Crosswise was knit with a heavy worsted weight yarn. I prefer to use acrylic yarn for baby blankets because they are so easy to machine wash and dry.

Knit the Crosswise Blanket in a single solid color for a clean, classic look, or let a variegated yarn do the color work for you. Want to play with multiple shades? Try bold stripes, soft fades, or mix things up with random color changes—it's totally up to you. The corner to corner construction makes it easy to add stripes wherever you like. I often use up leftover skeins of yarn with this pattern. Just remember that if you decide to change colors, you will have more ends to weave in. Still, it's fun to be creative!

When knitting a baby blanket exact gauge is not essential. Using a larger needle will yield a lighter, airier blanket while a smaller needle will give you a denser, smaller size. Also, if you prefer to use a chunkier yarn or DK yarn, that's just fine... simply change the needle to the size recommended by the wrapper on the yarn.

More color combinations and ideas: [Crosswise on the blog](#)

How much yarn should you buy? Assuming a gauge of 4.5 stitches to the inch (estimates are approximate):

Stroller: 600 yards for 24 x 24

Baby: 800 yards for 32 x 32

Small: 1200 yards for 40 x 40

Medium: 1700 yards for 56 x 56

Large: 2200 yards 72 x 72

☪ Size US8 (5mm) circular needles with at least a 24" or 32" cord

☪ Tapestry needle

Stitch Dictionary

K - Knit

YO - Yarnover

K2tog - Knit 2 together

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Instructions

Cast on 5 stitches

Rows 1-4: Knit

Then for every row **until you reach the desired length/width:**

Knit 4, YO, knit to the end of the row.

Remember, this blanket is perfectly square. By increasing one stitch on every row you can knit the blanket any size you want. Repeat this same row over and over—each YO adds one stitch and makes the blanket grow wider *and* longer at the same time. Since the blanket is square, just keep going until the side edge (the cast-on edge) measures the length/width you want your finished blanket to be.

When you have reached the desired length/width, begin decreases:

Knit 3, K2tog, YO, K2tog, knit to the end of the row.

Now you will be decreasing by one stitch every row.

Repeat this row until there are 9 stitches left on one needle.

Then: K2tog, K2tog, K2tog, K2tog, K1

Now you will have 5 stitches on the needles.

Knit 4 rows and then bind off (I recommend the Stretchy Bind Off below)

Weave in ends.

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Stretchy Method of Binding Off

Knit the first 2 stitches.

Insert the left needle into the 2 stitches on the right needle and knit them together.

With one stitch on the needle, knit the next stitch, and then knit these 2 stitches together.

Continue this until all stitches are off your needles.

Cut the yarn, pull through the last loop.



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