

The Lets Play Hopscotch Baby Blanket was inspired by those long ago summers playing hopscotch in the neighborhood. The sidewalk was made up of squares which we would divide up with chalk. The lines in blanket remind me of that game on the sidewalk.

Check out this post for more information on this pattern:

Knitting the Lets Play Hopscotch Baby Blanket

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Project shown is stroller sized with approximately 200 yards each of Hobby Lobby's Heavy Worsted Weight I Love This yarn in:

- Ocean
- Soft Blue
- Arctic Ice

Needles

Size US 8 circular needles with at least a 24" or 32" cord (with worsted weight yarn). I always recommend using the needle size recommended on the yarn sleeve which may differ from US 8.

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... just change the needle to the size recommended by the yarn and choose 1 or 2 sizes larger for DK yarn and 1 or 2 sizes smaller for chunky to approximate the sizes given for Worsted Weight Yarns.

Yarn

Worsted Weight Yarn, acrylic or superwash wool or wool blend recommended

Assuming a gauge of 4.5 stitches to the inch (estimates are approximate depending on your tension)

Stroller: 600 yards for 22 x 28
Baby: 800 yards for 28 x 36
Small: 1200 yards for 34 x 40
Medium: 1700 yards for 36 x 46
Large: 2200 yards for 42 x 50

Miscellaneous

Tapestry Needle Stitch Markers (2)

Stitch Dictionary

K - KnitP - PurlRS - Right sideWS - Wrong side

Notes

Odd rows are the right side of the blanket and even rows are the wrong side. It can be helpful to attach a clip on marker or pin to the front side of the blanket to help keep track of the front of the vs. the back.

Instructions

Choose 3 colors which we will call Colors A, B and C. In this project Color A is green, Color B is blue and Color C is aqua (arctic ice).

Border:

With Size 8 circular needles and Color A: For stroller (baby, small, medium, large) Cast on 92 (104, 128, 152, 176) stitches. Knit 10 rows

Place stitch markers after the first 6 stitches and before the last 6 stitches in the row.

Section 1

With Color A:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: K6, P8 *K4, P8 until last 6 stitches, K6

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 10 (16, 22, 28, 34, 40) rows.

Pick up Color B. Do NOT drop Color A

Holding 2 strands together (1 Color A and 1 Color B), Knit 2 rows. Cut Color A.

Section 2

With Color B only:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: K6, P8 *K4, P8 until last 6 stitches, K6

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 10 (16, 22, 28, 34, 40) rows.

Pick up Color C. Do NOT drop Color B.

Holding 2 strands together (1 Color C and 1 Color B), Knit 2 rows.

Cut Color B.

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Section 3

With Color C:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: K6, P8 *K4, P8 until last 6 stitches, K6

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 10 (16, 22, 28, 34, 40) rows.

Pick up Color A. Do NOT drop Color C.

Holding 2 strands together (1 Color C and 1 Color A), Knit 2 rows.

Cut Color C.

Continue these 3 sections until blanket is as long as you like, ending on Section 3, before picking up color A and knitting the 2 colors together.

Outside Border

Knit 10 rows with Color A
Bind off with a stretchy bindoff and weave in ends

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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