The Runaway Bunny Baby Blanket Knitting Pattern

Knitting a bunny baby blanket is easier than you think!

The design is made with knits and purls. No changing of colors, no fair isle, no intarsia.

On the right side the white squares are knit while the colored squares are purled

The wrong side is all purled except for the knit stitches on the border.

Inside there are textured stripes that add some pretty details to this fun to knit blanket!

Whether you are an adventurous beginner or more experienced knitter, this baby blanket pattern is enjoyable and produces a very pretty bunny design!

This is a stroller sized blanket, approximately 22 x 28. It is knit with Hobby Lobby's "I Love This Yarn" acrylic worsted weight yarn in 3 colors:

Color A = Cream
Color B = Amethyst
Color C = Soft Pink

Assuming a gauge of 4.25 stitches to the inch, approximately 225 yards of each color will be used. Size US9 circular needles are recommended. Remember, tension is different for every knitter, and if your gauge is different than 4.25 stitches per inch, the blanket may end up bigger or smaller. One thing to also remember is that blankets do not have to fit so gauge is truly not that important!

For more recommendations of colors and yarn recommendations please see these posts on The Runaway Bunny Baby Blanket on candylou.com

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Notes:
RS - right side
WS - wrong side
K - knit
P - Purl
PM - place marker

Label your skeins Color A, Color B, and Color C.
Above photo features Color A = Cream, Color B = Amethyst and Color C = Soft Pink

In this pattern there are rows where you will drop a color. If it says drop, then drop it, **do not cut it.** That is because the next row you may need the color again and you won't have to join it in and then weave in ends.

Instructions

Bottom Border:
With Color A and size US9 needles (or the needle recommended with your yarn choice), cast on 91 stitches.

Knit 10 rows. On Row 10, place markers after the first 5 stitches and before the last 5 stitches to mark the outside borders.

Cut Color A.

Bunny Section A:

Change to Color B and begin the bunny chart (on next page)

The Right Side Rows are odd numbers
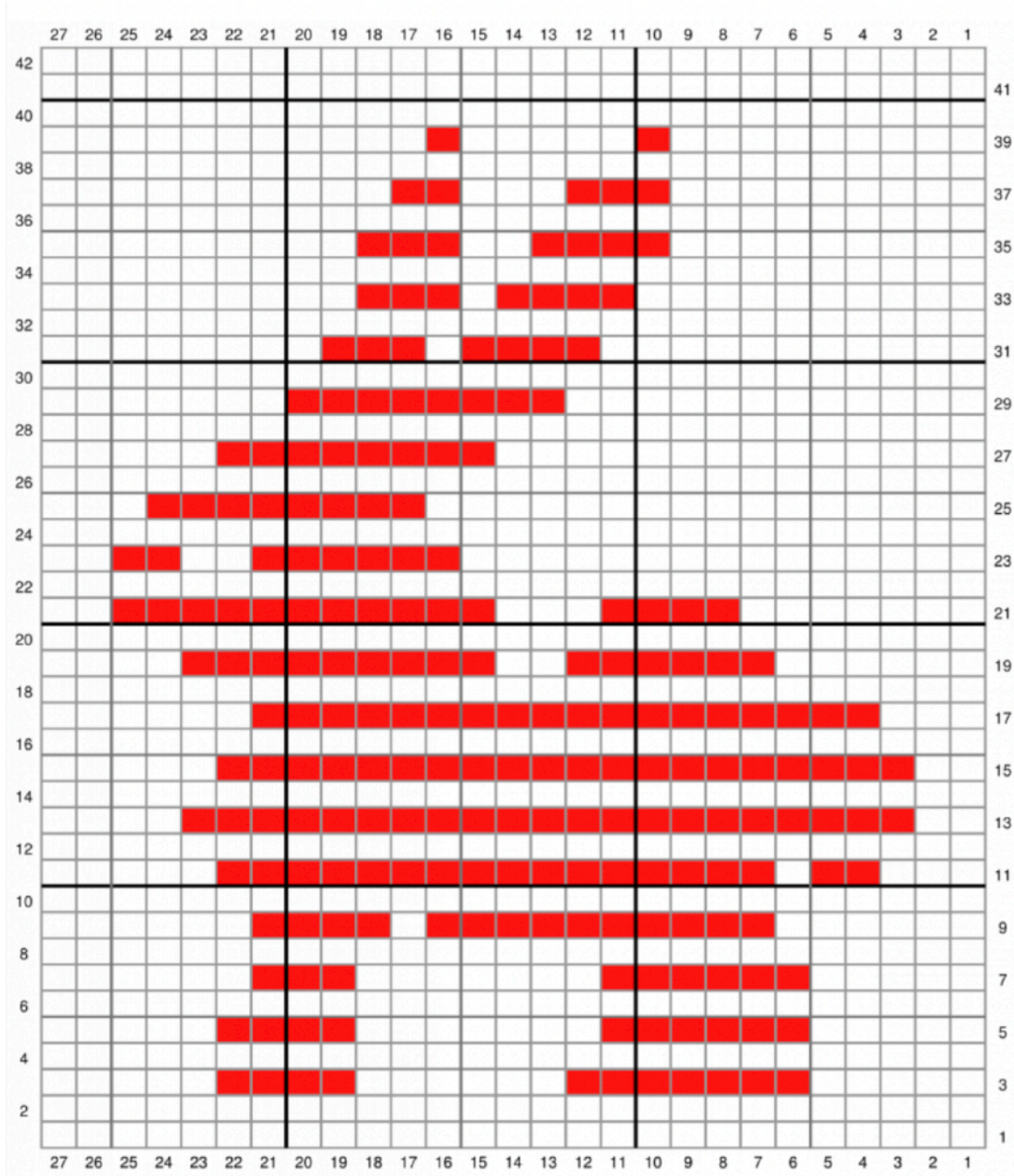The Wrong Side Rows are even numbers

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: K5, purl to the last 5 stitches, slipping the markers as you go, K5

Row 3: K5, Knit the white squares and purl the red squares. Place a marker (PM) after the first bunny (27 stitches) and then again after the next bunny. Repeat the bunny chart a total of 3 times by knitting the white squares and purling the red squares, Knit the last 5 stitches after the marker

Row 4: K5, purl to the last 5 stitches, slipping the markers as you go, K5

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Continue in this manner until the bunny chart is finished, ending on a WS row.
Cut Color B.

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Section B

Row 1: With Color A:
K5, [P1, K1] to the last 5 stitches, K5

Row 2: Drop Color A (do not cut) and pick up Color C.
K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Row 3: Drop Color C (do not cut) and pick up Color B.
Knit

Row 4: Drop Color B and pick up Color A.
K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat rows 1 thru 4

Repeat rows 1 and 2

Cut Colors A and B

Row 11: With Color C, Knit

Row 12: K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat rows 11 and 12 for a total of 20 rows in Color C

Drop Color C

Section C

Row 1: With Color B:
K5, [P1, K1] to the last 5 stitches, K5

Row 2: Drop Color B (do not cut) and join Color A.
K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Row 3: Drop Color A (do not cut) and pick up Color C.
Knit

Row 4: Drop Color C and pick up Color B.
K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat rows 1 thru 4

Repeat rows 1 and 2

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Cut Colors B and C

Row 11: With Color A, Knit

Row 12: K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat rows 11 and 12 for a total of 20 rows in Color A

Drop Color A

Section D

Row 1: With Color C:
K5, [P1, K1] to the last 5 stitches, K5

Row 2: Drop Color C (do not cut) and join Color B.
K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Row 3: Drop Color B (do not cut) and pick up Color A.
Knit

Row 4: Drop Color A and pick up Color C.
K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat rows 1 thru 4

Repeat rows 1 and 2

Cut Colors A and C

Row 11: With Color B, Knit

Row 12: K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat rows 11 and 12 for a total of 20 rows in Color B

Cut Color B

With Color A, Knit 10 rows.

Bind off.

I hope you enjoy your Runaway Bunny Blanket!

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