

Bag-Of-Fun Leftovers Lapghan

THE IDEA These smallish afghans (also called lapghans) keep folks warm during and after chemotherapy. It is a good way to use up all those bits and pieces of leftover yarn. Put them all in a grocery sack and take out each new color, without looking, and you will make a surprising and colorful piece. This pattern is very simple, using only the knit stitch; even inexperienced knitters will enjoy this project.

EQUIPMENT:

Size 10 ½, 11, 13, or 15 circular needle. 36 inch needle works well, but is not necessary. This can be accomplished on your 29 inch needle.

Many balls of leftover yarn, any color or texture. You should use primarily worsted weight #4 but throwing in the odd row of thicker or thinner yarn just adds to the uniqueness of the finished lapghan. Ribbon yarn, fun-fur, sequined yarn... all add a dash of specialness.

MATERIALS:

They are in the bag; you just have to pick one without looking inside as you grab each beautiful ball of yarn. (Works well with any yarn, thickness of yarn doesn't matter. Occasional rows of fancy yarns added uniqueness.)

DIRECTIONS:

Cast on 130 stitches, not too tightly.

Knit one row.

Cut this first yarn, leaving a 6 to 8 inch tail, return this ball to the bag and grab another.

Leaving a 6 to 8 inch tail, tie in the next color.

Continue knitting with the various colors until your blanket is approximately 30 inches across.

FINISHING:

The yarn tails left at the ends of the rows together making a nice tasseled edge down each side. It is really not necessary to trim them but if you have any ends that are particularly long, you should trim those back to match the overall length of the fringe.

