

Chevron Blanket with Variations

Materials:

450 – 600 yards of soft worsted weight (#4) acrylic yarn
 Approx. 200 yards of ‘fun yarn’ (fun fur, bobble yarn, eyelash yarn...) if contrast yarn is used
 Size US# 9 or 10 needles (at least 24” circular depending on the size of the blanket you want to make.

Abbreviations:

k knit
 k2tog Knit 2 together (one stitch is decreased and a slant to the right is created)
 k2twist insert right hand needle into back of second stitch from needle and then into front of 1st stitch on needle and take both stitches together off needle. You will have created a cable-like twist on these stitches.
 (kf,yo,kb) Knit into the front of the next stitch and do not remove from needle, yo, then knit into the back of the same stitch and slip off needle (an increase of 2 stitches)
 kfb Knit into first the front and then the back of the next stitch (an increase of 1 stitch)
 kfbf Knit into the front of the stitch, knit into the back of the same stitch, then knit into the front of the same stitch again (an increase of 2 stitches)
 p purl
 rep Repeat
 Rev st st Reverse Stockinette Stitch. Purl the right side rows and knit the wrong side rows.
 s1, k1, pss0 Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, K1, pass slipped stitch over (a decrease of 1 stitch)
 sl Slip 1 stitch knitwise
 ssk Slip, slip, knit (slip next two needles, one at a time, knit-wise onto right needle, then insert the left needle into the front of these 2 stitches and knit them together – one stitch is decreased and a slant to the left is created)
 st(s) Stitche(s)
 yo Yarn over



Gauge:

Approximately 4 sts to the inch (16 sts = 4”)

Notes:

Pattern as written is for a small baby blanket of approximately 24” wide. To make a larger blanket, add stitches in multiples of 10, which is approx. 2 ½ inches wide. The number of stitches given in the pattern below includes 6 sts for a garter border of 3 sts per side.

Variations:

See below pattern for suggestions on variations to Basic Chevron pattern along with photos of those variations.

Basket Chevron Pattern:

Row 1 (Right side): k3, *k2tog, k2, kfb, yo, k3, s1, k1, Pss0 rep from * to last 3 stitches, k3
 Row 2 (Wrong side): k3, p until 3 stitches remain, k3

Directions for Blanket 1: (Basic chevron with contrasting stripes)

Cast on 96 stitches.

Knit 4 rows garter stitch (k every row).

Rows 1-12: Repeat Basic Chevron Pattern 6 times.

Switch to contrast color. Do not cut main color yarn. Bring yarn up side of work by twisting yarns around each other after the 2nd row of contrast color.

Rows 13-16: Knit 4 rows of garter stitch with contrast color. Cut contrast color.

Repeat Rows 1-16 nine times.

Repeat Rows 1-12 one more time.

Knit 4 rows garter stitch.

Bind off and weave in any ends.

Variation 1

Row 1 (Right side): k3, *k2tog, k2, kfbf, k3, s1, k1, Pss0 rep from * to last 3 stitches, k3

Row 2 (Wrong side): k3, p until 3 stitches remain, k3

Cast on 96 sts.

Knit 4 rows garter stitch (k every row)

Rep rows 1 and 2 of pattern 12 times or to desired length.

Knit 4 rows of garter stitch

Bind off and weave in any edges.

Variation 2

Row 1 (Right side): k3, *k2tog, k2, ((kf,yo,kb), k3, s1, k1, Pss0. rep from * to last 3 stitches, k3

Row 2 (Wrong side): k3, p until 3 stitches remain, k3

Cast on 96 sts.

Knit 4 rows garter stitch (k every row)

Rep rows 1 and 2 of pattern 12 times or to desired length.

Knit 4 rows of garter stitch

Bind off and weave in any edges.



Variation 3

Row 1 (Right side): k3, *k2tog, k2, yo, k2, yo, k2, ssk. rep from * to last 3 stitches, k3

Row 2 (Wrong side): k3, p until 3 stitches remain, k3

Cast on 96 sts.

Knit 4 rows garter stitch (k every row)

Rep rows 1 and 2 of pattern 12 times or to desired length.

Knit 4 rows of garter stitch

Bind off and weave in any edges.

**Variation 4**

Row 1 (Right side): k3, *k2tog, k2, yo, k2twist, yo, k2, ssk. rep from * to last 3 stitches, k3

Row 2 (Wrong side): k3, p until 3 stitches remain, k3

Cast on 96 sts.

Knit 4 rows garter stitch (k every row)

Rep rows 1 and 2 of pattern 12 times or to desired length.

Knit 4 rows of garter stitch

Bind off and weave in any edges.



All these blankets (including variations) can be made in single colors, variegated yarns, each individual chevron pattern can be worked in a different color for a brightly colored blanket. The chevrons could be multiples of 3 (12, 15, 18... chevrons) to accommodate them being used for military blankets with R/W/B stripes. An additional variation can be made to any of the blankets by adding a stripe of rev st st between each chevron (rev st st = reverse stockinette stitch, k the wrong side rows and p the right side rows.) These stripes can be the same color, a contrast color, or a fun yarn.

Remember to keep your 3 st garter border as knit every row if you use reverse stockinette.

Suggested From the Heart Blanket Sizes:

Preemie Blanket 20 to 28" square

Newborn Blankets 32" to 40" square

Children's blankets (for clutching or draggin') 24" up to 40 & not necessarily square

Chemo Blankets 30" x 48"

Lap Blankets 27" X 36"

Dialysis Blankets 30" x 60" up to 38" x 68"

Hospice/Palliative Care (No fringe, no tie-ons) 27" x 36"

Bone Marrow Transplant Unit & Palliative Care blankets (Just enough to cover the top of twin bed) 40 x 70" These need to be COLORFUL No light colors for Bone Marrow please