

Easy Striped Baby Blanket

Materials:

230 yards each of 3 different colors of Worsted Weight (#4) soft acrylic yarn
 US#9 29" circular needle (you will knit back and forth on the needle, not in the round)
 Tapestry needles to weave in ends

Finished size:

Approx. 33" x 33"

Abbreviations:

k knit
 p purl
 st(s) stitch(es)



Pattern:

Cast on 136 sts. Knit 5 rows in garter st (i.e. knit every row) then switch to pattern rows below

Row 1: k

Row 2: k3, p to last 3 sts, k3 (*see notes below for potential side borders other than garter st border)

Repeat rows 1 and 2 with color A of the yarn until piece is 5.5" from the cast on edge (including the garter border)

Change to color B and repeat these two rows for an additional 5.5" (total from cast on edge is 11")

Change to color C and repeat these two rows for 11" (total length is now 22")

Change back to color B and continue working rows 1 and 2 of pattern for 5.5" (total length is 27.5")

Change back to color A and work rows 1 and 2 until blanket is almost 33" (measure the length of the garter border on the other end and subtract this from 33" to find out exactly when to start garter stitch border)

Work 5 rows of garter stitch and cast off.

Weave in ends

Block gently if needed.

*Optional Borders:

The basic blanket is made with side borders of **Garter Stitch** (i.e. k every row), which can be seen on the edges of the white portion of the sample, but there are options.

Two of them are the Slipped Stitch Border and the Easy Lacy Border. Patterns for these are on the next page.



Option One

Slipped Stitch Border which is seen on the light purple sections of the sample and is worked as follows:

Row 1: knit 1 stitch, slip the next stitch to the right needle without knitting, knit all stitches until two stitches are left on the left needle. Slip the next stitch without knitting and knit the last stitch.

Row 2: purl all stitches.

Row 3: slip the first stitch without knitting, knit the next stitch, slip the third stitch without knitting. Knit all stitches until there are three stitches left on the left needle. Slip the next stitch without knitting, knit one stitch and slip the last stitch without knitting.

Row 4: purl all stitches.



This method isolates the edge stitches so that they are the only ones to curl. The end result is an edge that only curls on the first stitches, and makes them a little bit thicker, but it is really not noticeable.

Option Two

The **Easy Lacy Border** is done on the darker purple section of the sample and is worked as follows:

Row 1: knit one stitch, wrap the yarn around the needle and then knit the next two stitches together. Knit all stitches until there are three stitches left, knit two stitches together, wrap the yarn around the needle and knit the last stitch.

Row 2: purl all stitches, including the wrapped yarn from the previous row.

