Shades of Spring Blanket

Worsted weight yarn in several colors.
Size 8 knitting needles.
65 stitches creates a blanket only approx. 13 or 14 inches wide so figure how wide you want the blanket to be and add stitches in repeats of 11.

**Pattern is an 11 stitch repeat as follows:**

**Row 1:** k2tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, sl1, k1, psso, repeat to end.

**Row 2:** Purl

To prevent edge curling, begin by working at least 6 rows of garter stitch (knit every row). When working the body of the blanket begin and end every row by knitting those 5 edge stitches.

Cast on enough stitches (figuring 11 per pattern repeat) plus at least 10 additional to allow a 5 stitch border on the sides to match the beginning garter stitch edge. *A very small baby blanket will need at least 65 stitches...55 for the body (that's 5 X the 11 pattern stitches) and 5 for each side.*

**Directions:**

Cast on stitches. When knitting first row, place a marker after first 5 stitches, after each set of 11 stitches that follow and before the last 5 stitches of the row.

Work garter stitch border for 6 rows.

Using colors of your choice, work each shade for at least 6 rows. Always start your new color on a right side facing row.

**Row 7:** Knit 5, slip marker, knit each set of 11 following row 1 of pattern stitches, slip markers as you stitch. After slipping final marker, knit 5. Turn

**Reverse side:** Always knit first and last 5 stitches. Purl all stitches between border markers.

Continue until desired size.

**Last 6 rows:** You may like to work these rows in same color as beginning 6 rows. Knit all stitches, bind off loosely.