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Sampler Afghans in 2 Sizes



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Baby Size



Sampler Baby Blanket

Size: 24" x 28.5"

Materials: 3 – 100g balls Encore Worsted shown in color 1231 Pale Greenhouse.

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" over st st.

Needles: 24-26" size US 7, 2 stitch markers, 1 safety pin type marker.

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NOTES: This pattern is worked as 9 horizontal stripes- each stripe being 16-20 rows. Between each stripe are 4 garter stitch rows. In each stripe, the pattern is worked over the center 96 sts. There are 6 garter sts at each side edge making for a total of 108 sts. There are bottom and top garter stitch borders of 10 rows each.

Begin:

Bottom Border:

Cast on 108 sts. Work in garter st (knit all sts) for 9 rows. On the 10th row, add stitch markers as follows: Knit 6 sts, place marker, knit 96 sts, place marker, knit 6 sts.

Stripe 1: Annette's Rib by JoAnne—16 rows

At the beginning of row 1 of this pattern stripe attach a safety pin type marker to designate that this is the RS of the blanket. You can move that pin up as you work.

Row 1(RS): K6, sm, knit to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 2(WS): K6, sm, p1, *(k2, p2): repeat from * to last 9 sts, k2, p1, sm, k6.

Repeat rows 1 & 2-- 7 times more for a total of 16 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 2: Checkerboard by Lynn - 18 rows

Row 1(RS): K6, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 2(WS): K6, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Rows 3-6: Repeat rows 1 & 2—twice more.

Row 7(RS): K6, sm, *(p6, k6); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 8(WS): K6, sm, *(p6, k6); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Rows 9-12: Repeat rows 7 & 8—twice more.

Row 13(RS): K6, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 14(WS): K6, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Rows 15 – 18: Repeat rows 13 & 14—twice more.

Total length will be 18 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 3: Diagonal Texture by Cindy – 18 rows

Row 1(RS): K6, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 2(WS): K6, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 3: K6, sm, *(p1, k3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 4: K6, sm, *(p3, k1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 5: K6, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 6: K6, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 7: K6, sm, k2, *(p1, k3); repeat from * to last 8 sts, p1, k1, sm, k6.

Row 8: K6, sm, p1, *(k1, p3); repeat from * to last 9 sts, k1, p2, sm, k6.

Repeat rows 1-8 once more, then rows 1 & 2 for a total of 18 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 4: Diamonds by Eileen - 20 rows

Row 1: K6, sm, knit to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 2: K6, sm, purl to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

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Row 3(RS): K6, sm, K3, *(k4, p3, k3); repeat from * to last 9 sts, k3, sm, k6.
Row 4(WS): K6, sm, p3, *(p2, k2, p1, k2, p3); repeat from * to last 9 sts, p2, k1, sm, k6.
Row 5: K6, sm, p2, k1, *(k2, p2, k3, p2, k1); repeat from * to last 9 sts, k2, p1, sm, k6.
Row 6: K6, sm, k2, p1, *(k2, p5, k2, p1); repeat from * to last 9 sts, k2, p1, sm, k6.
Row 7: K6, sm, K2, p1, *(p2, k7, p1); repeat from * to last 9 sts, p2, k1, sm, k6.
Row 8: K6, sm, k2, p1, *(k2, p5, k2, p1); repeat from * to last 9 sts, k2, p1, sm, k6.
Row 9: K6, sm, p2, k1, *(k2, p2, k3, p2, k1); repeat from * to last 9 sts, p2, k1, sm, k6.
Row 10: K6, sm, p3, *(p2, k2, p1, k2, p3); repeat from * to last 9 sts, p2, k1, sm, k6.
Rows 11-18: Repeat rows 3-10.
Row 19: K6, sm, K3, *(k4, p3, k3); repeat from * to last 9 sts, k3, sm, k6
Row 20: K6, sm, purl to last 6 sts, sm, k6. Total of 20 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 5: Vertical Dashes- Linda – 18 rows

Row 1(RS): K6, sm, *(p2, k1tbl, p3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 2(WS): K6, sm, *(k3, p1tbl, k2); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 3: K6, sm, *(p2, k1tbl, p3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 4: K6, sm, *(k3, p1tbl, k2); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 5: K6, sm, *(p2, k1tbl, p3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 6: K6, sm, *(k3, p1tbl, k2); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 7: K6, sm, *(p5, k1tbl); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 8: K6, sm, *(p1tbl, k5); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 9: K6, sm, *(p5, k1tbl); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 10: K6, sm, *(p1tbl, k5); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 11: K6, sm, *(p5, k1tbl); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 12: K6, sm, *(p1tbl, k5); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Rows 13-18: Repeat rows 1-6, for a total of 18 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 6 - Diagonal Stitch - Becky- 18 rows

Row 1(RS) K6, sm, *(k5, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 2(WS): K6, sm, *(k1, p5); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 3: K6, sm, *(k4, p1, k1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 4: K6, sm, *(p1, k1, p4); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 5: K6, sm, *(K3, p1, k2); repeat from * to last 6 sts, k6.
Row 6: K6, sm, *(p2, k1, p3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 7: K6, sm, *(k2, p1, k3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 8: K6, sm, *(p3, k1, p2); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 9: K6, sm, *(k1, p1, k4); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 10: K6, sm, *(p4, k1, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 11: K6, sm, *(p1, k5); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Row 12: K6, sm, *(p5, k1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.
Rows 13-18: Repeat rows 1-6, for a total of 18 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

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Stripe 7 - Stocking Stitch Ridges by Julia- 18 rows.

Note: do not count sts on row 4, 8, 12, or 16. The number of sts decrease on these rows.

Row 1: K6, sm, knit to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 2: K6, sm, purl to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 3(RS): K6, sm, knit to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 4(WS): K6, sm, p1, *(k2tog); repeat from * to last 7 sts, p1, sm, k6.

Row 5: K6, sm, k1, *(Kfb); repeat to last 7 sts, k1, sm, k6.

Row 6: K6, sm, purl to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 7- 18: Repeat rows 3-6—3 more times for a total of 18 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 8: Tiny Bows by Erin - 16 rows

Note: Knitting into the stitch in the row below:

Step 1: Insert your working needle into the stitch directly below the first stitch on your main needle, knit wise.

Step 2: Wrap your working needle with the working yarn and knit the stitch as normal, pulling the yarn through the stitch.

Step 3: Pull the worked stitch and the stitch above off the needle together.

Row 1(RS): K6, sm, knit to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 2(WS): K6, sm, *(p3, k3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 3: K6, sm, *(p1, knit into the stitch in the row below, p1, k3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 4: K6, sm, purl to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 5: K6, sm, knit to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 6: K6, sm, *(k3, p3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 7: K6, sm, *(k3, p1, knit into the stitch in the row below, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 8: K6, sm, purl to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Rows 9-16: Repeat rows 1-8 once more for a total of 16 rows.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 9: Mackerel Scales - by Jen- 18 rows.

Row 1(RS): K6, sm, *(k3, p1, k4); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 2(WS): K6, sm, *(p3, k3, p2); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 3: K6, sm, *(k1, p5, k2); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 4: K6, sm, *(p1, k7); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 5: K6, sm, *(k7, p1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 6: K6, sm, *(k2, p5, k1); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 7: K6, sm, *(p2, k3, p3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 8: K6, sm, *(k4, p1, k3); repeat from * to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 9-16: Repeat rows 1-8 once more.

Row 17: K6, sm, knit to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

Row 18: K6, sm, purl to last 6 sts, sm, k6.

A Total of 18 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Top Border:

Work in garter st (knit all sts) for 10 rows, removing the markers as you work.

Bind off loosely. Weave in all ends.



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Full Size



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Sampler Full Size Afghan

Size: 45" x 51"

Materials: 10 – 100g balls Encore Worsted. Color 702 Purple Dusk

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" over st st.

Needles: 32" size US 7, 2 stitch markers, 1 safety pin type marker.

NOTES: This pattern is worked as 9 horizontal stripes- each stripe being about 30 -36 rows. Between each stripe are 4 garter stitch rows. In each stripe, the pattern is worked over the center 192 sts. There are 7 garter sts at each side edge making for a total of 206 sts. There are bottom and top garter stitch borders of 12 rows each. On pattern stripe 7, you will need to add sts at the beginning of the stripe and remove them at the end of the stripe.

Begin:

Bottom Border:

Cast on 206 sts. Work in garter st (knit all sts) for 11 rows. On the 12th row, add stitch markers as follows: Knit 7 sts, place marker, knit 192 sts, place marker, knit 7 sts.

Stripe 1: Annette's Rib by JoAnne—30 rows

At the beginning of row 1 of this pattern stripe attach a safety pin type marker to designate that this is the RS of the blanket. You can move that pin up as you work.

Row 1(RS): K7, sm, knit to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 2(WS): K7, sm, p1, *(k2, p2): repeat from * to last 10 sts, k2, p1, sm, k7.

Repeat rows 1 & 2-- 14 times more for a total of 30 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 2: Checkerboard by Lynn - 30 rows

Row 1(RS): K7, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 2(WS): K7, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Rows 3-6: Repeat rows 1 & 2—twice more.

Row 7(RS): K7, sm, *(p6, k6); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 8(WS): K7, sm, *(p6, k6); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Rows 9-12: Repeat rows 7 & 8—twice more.

Row 13(RS): K7, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 14(WS): K7, sm, *(k6, p6); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Rows 15 – 18: Repeat rows 13 & 14—twice more.

Repeat rows 7-18 for a total of 30 rows, ending with a WS row.

Total length will be 30 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 3: Diagonal Texture by Cindy – 34 rows

Row 1(RS): K7, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 2(WS): K7, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 3: K7, sm, *(p1, k3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 4: K7, sm, *(p3, k1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 5: K7, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 6: K7, sm, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 7: K7, sm, k2, *(p1, k3); repeat from * to last 9 sts, p1, k1, sm, k7.

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Row 8: K7, sm, p1, *(k1, p3); repeat from * to last 10 sts, k1, p2, sm, k7.
Repeat rows 1-8 --- 3 times more, then rows 1- 2 for a total of 34 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 4: Diamonds by Eileen - 36 rows

Row 1: K7, sm, knit to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 2: K7, sm, purl to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 3(RS): K7, sm, K1, *(k4, p3, k3); repeat from * to last 8 sts, k1, sm, k7.
Row 4(WS): K7, sm, p1, *(p2, k2, p1, k2, p3); repeat from * to last 8 sts, p1, sm, k7.
Row 5: K7, sm, k1, *(k2, p2, k3, p2, k1); repeat from * to last 8 sts, k1, sm, k7.
Row 6: K7, sm, p1, *(k2, p5, k2, p1); repeat from * to last 8 sts, p1, sm, k7.
Row 7: K7, sm, K1, *(p2, k7, p1); repeat from * to last 8 sts, k1, sm, k7.
Row 8: K7, sm, p1, *(k2, p5, k2, p1); repeat from * to last 8 sts, p1, sm, k7.
Row 9: K7, sm, k1, *(k2, p2, k3, p2, k1); repeat from * to last 8 sts, k1, sm, k7.
Row 10: K7, sm, p1, *(p2, k2, p1, k2, p3); repeat from * to last 8 sts, p1, sm, k7.
Rows 11-34: Repeat rows 3-10 --- 3 times.
Row 35: K7, sm, K1, *(k4, p3, k3); repeat from * to last 8 sts, k1, sm, k7.
Row 36: K7, sm, purl to last 7 sts, sm, k7. Total of 36 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 5: Vertical Dashes- Linda – 36 rows

Row 1(RS): K7, sm, *(p2, k1tbl, p3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 2(WS): K7, sm, *(k3, p1tbl, k2); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 3: K7, sm, *(p2, k1tbl, p3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 4: K7, sm, *(k3, p1tbl, k2); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 5: K7, sm, *(p2, k1tbl, p3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 6: K7, sm, *(k3, p1tbl, k2); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 7: K7, sm, *(p5, k1tbl); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 8: K7, sm, *(p1tbl, k5); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 9: K7, sm, *(p5, k1tbl); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 10: K7, sm, *(p1tbl, k5); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 11: K7, sm, *(p5, k1tbl); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 12: K7, sm, *(p1tbl, k5); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Rows 13-36: Repeat rows 1-12 twice more, for a total of 36 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 6 - Diagonal Stitch - Becky- 36 rows

Row 1(RS) K7, sm, *(k5, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 2(WS): K7, sm, *(k1, p5); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 3: K7, sm, *(k4, p1, k1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 4: K7, sm, *(p1, k1, p4); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 5: K7, sm, *(K3, p1, k2); repeat from * to last 7 sts, k7.
Row 6: K7, sm, *(p2, k1, p3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 7: K7, sm, *(k2, p1, k3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 8: K7, sm, *(p3, k1, p2); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

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Row 9: K7, sm, *(k1, p1, k4); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 10: K7, sm, *(p4, k1, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 11: K7, sm, *(p1, k5); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 12: K7, sm, *(p5, k1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Repeat rows 1-12 twice more for a total of 36 rows, ending with a WS row.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 7 - Stocking Stitch Ridges by Julia- 34 rows.

In this section you will be increasing a few stitches which will be removed on the last row of this section.

Note: do not count sts on row 4, 8, 12, or 16. The number of sts decrease on these rows.

Row 1: K7, sm, knit to last 7 sts, sm, k7, increasing 8 sts evenly across the center section (do not increase along the 7 st edges. Work increases as Kfb. (214 sts).

Row 2: K7, sm, purl to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 3(RS): K7, sm, knit to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 4(WS): K7, sm, p1, *(k2tog); repeat from * to last 8 sts, p1, sm, k7.

Row 5: K7, sm, k1, *(Kfb); repeat to last 8 sts, k1, sm, k7.

Row 6: K7, sm, purl to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 7- 34 - Repeat rows 3-6—7 more times for a total of 34 rows worked, ending with a WS row. NOTE: On the last row of this section, decrease 8 sts evenly across the center of the row to go back to the original number of sts (206 sts). Work the decreases as p2tog. DO NOT decrease along the 7 edge sts.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 8: Tiny Bows by Erin - 32 rows

Note: Knitting into the stitch in the row below:

Step 1: Insert your working needle into the stitch directly below the first stitch on your main needle, knit wise.

Step 2: Wrap your working needle with the working yarn and knit the stitch as normal, pulling the yarn through the stitch.

Step 3: Pull the worked stitch and the stitch above off the needle together.

Row 1(RS): K7, sm, knit to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 2(WS): K7, sm, *(p3, k3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 3: K7, sm, *(p1, knit into the stitch in the row below, p1, k3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 4: K7, sm, purl to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 5: K7, sm, knit to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 6: K7, sm, *(k3, p3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 7: K7, sm, *(k3, p1, knit into the stitch in the row below, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 8: K7, sm, purl to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Rows 9-16: Repeat rows 1-8 --3 more times; then work rows 1-4 for a total of 36 rows.

Divider rows:

Knit 4 rows, slipping markers as you work.

Stripe 9: Mackerel Scales by Jen- 38 rows.

Row 1(RS): K7, sm, *(k3, p1, k4); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 2(WS): K7, sm, *(p3, k3, p2); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 3: K7, sm, *(k1, p5, k2); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

Row 4: K7, sm, *(p1, k7); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.

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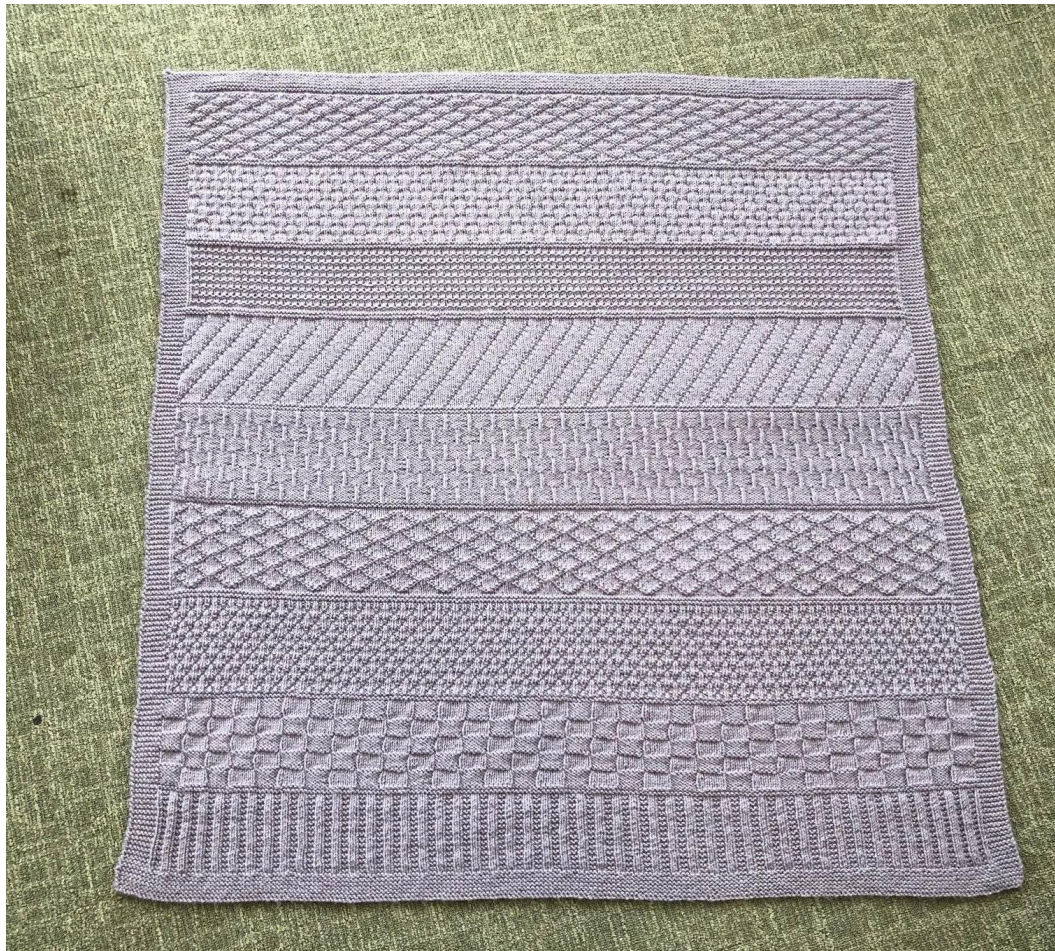
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Row 5: K7, sm, *(k7, p1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 6: K7, sm, *(k2, p5, k1); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 7: K7, sm, *(p2, k3, p3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 8: K7, sm, *(k4, p1, k3); repeat from * to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 9-36: Repeat rows 1-8-- 3 more times, then rows 1-4 once.
Row 37: K7, sm, knit to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
Row 38: K7, sm, purl to last 7 sts, sm, k7.
A Total of 38 rows worked, ending with a WS row.

Top Border:

Work in garter st (knit all sts) for 12 rows, removing the markers as you work.
Bind off loosely. Weave in all ends.



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