



## LION BRAND® HOMESPUN® Knitted Happy Baby Blanket



If you've never tried working a mitered square pattern, the *Homespun Happy Baby Blanket* -- available in both knit and crochet versions -- is a terrific introduction. If you already know how much fun these are, you'll still want to try this easy pattern. Squares can be joined as you go or worked separately and sewn together for a more portable project.

*Skill Level: Easy +*

## SIZE

40" square

## MATERIALS

- LION BRAND Homespun
  - 2 skeins #357 Inca (MC)
  - 1 skein #123 Seaspray (CC1)
  - 1 skein #371 Boston Rose (CC2)
  - or colors of your choice
- Size 11 (8 mm) - 29" or longer circular knitting needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

## GAUGE

- Stitch markers
- Large-eyed, blunt needle

## GAUGE

9 sts = 4" (10 cm) in garter st (knit every row).  
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

## STITCH EXPLANATION

**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and k them tog.

## NOTES

1 ridge = 2 rows garter st.

Count ridges with RS facing.

## COLOR SEQUENCE

2 ridges MC, 3 ridges CC1, 4 ridges MC, 3 ridges CC2, \*\*4 ridges MC, 3 ridges CC1, 4 ridges MC, 3 ridges CC2\*\*; repeat from \*\* to \*\* for color sequence.

## SQUARE #1

With MC, cast on 40 sts, place center marker, cast on 40 sts – 80 sts.

**\*Pattern Row 1 (WS)** Knit 1 row.

**Pattern Row 2 (RS)** K to 2 sts before marker, ssk, move marker to right needle, k2tog, k to end of row.

Mark RS with stitch marker, safety pin, or loop of contrasting color yarn.

Keeping to color sequence, repeat Pattern Rows 1 and 2 until 2 sts remain. K2tog. Fasten off.

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**SQUARE #2**

With MC, pick up and k 40 sts along cast-on edge of Square #1 to center, place marker, cast on 40 more sts (knit into last st picked up, place new st made back on left needle or use backwards thumb loop method).

Following color sequence, repeat Pattern Rows 1 and 2 of Square #1 until 2 sts remain. K2tog. Fasten off.

**SQUARE #3**

Repeat Square 2, picking up along cast-on edge of Square 2 to center. Continue as for Square #2.

**SQUARE #4**

Repeat Square #2, picking up along cast-on edge of Square #3, place marker, pick up 40 sts along cast-on edge of Square #1.

Continue as for Square #2.

When Square #4 is complete, inner square of Blanket is complete and assembled.

**Edging**

With RS facing and MC, pick up and k 1 st between each garter ridge across one edge of Blanket.

**Next row (WS)** Knit 1 row.

**Increase Row 1 (RS)** With CC1, k into front and back of first st, k across to last st, k into front and back of last st.

**Increase Row 2 (WS)** Knit 1 row.

Repeat Increase Rows 1 and 2 once more with CC1, then twice with MC, binding off all sts across last WS row.

Repeat edging on all 4 sides of Blanket.

Sew corners with flat seam.

Weave in ends.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

k = knit	RS = right side
k2tog = knit 2 together	st(s) = stitch(es)

*Homespun (Article #790) comes in 6 oz/185 yd skeins*

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