UPDATED RIPPLE AFGHAN

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HIS IS AN UPDATED, KNITTED VERSION OF THE CLASSIC ripple stitch afghan pattern my aunt Florence loved. Knit one for your family. And if you get into the ripple knitting groove, like Aunt Florence did, keep on going. Send your rippled warmth out into the world to folks at nursing homes, hospitals, hospice cen-ters, homeless shelters, schools, and daycare centers.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

45" wide x 54" long

YARN

Lion Brand Vanna's Choice (100% premium acrylic; 170 yards / 100 grams): 3 skeins each #110 Navy (A), #099 Linen (C), and #170 Pea Green (E); 2 balls #149 Silver Grey (D); 1 ball #173 Dusty Green

NEEDLES

One 29" long or longer circular (circ) needle size US 10 (6 mm) needles Change needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

GAUGE

14 sts and 28 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Garter stitch (knit every row)







STITCH EXPLANATION

Backward Loop CO Make a loop (using a slip knot) with working yarn and place it on right-hand needle

(first st CO), *wind yarn around thumb clockwise, insert right-hand needle into front of loop on thumb, remove thumb and tighten st on needle; repeat from * for remaining sts to be CO, or for casting on at end of a row in progress.

s2kp2 Slip next 2 stitches together to right-hand needle as if to knit 2 together, k1, pass 2 slipped stitches over.

STITCH PATTERN

Garter Zigzag

(multiple of 30 sts + 3; 2-row repeat)

Note: Work CO sts within the pattern using Backward Loop CO (see Special Techniques, page 158).

Row 1 (RS): K1, skp, *k13, CO 1 st, k1, CO 1 st, k13, s2kp2; repeat from * to last 30 sts, k13, CO 1 st, k1, CO 1 st, k13, k2tog, k1.

Row 2: K1, p1, *k14, p1; repeat from * to last st, k1. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for Garter Zigzag.

Stripe Sequence

*Working in Garter Zigzag, work 20 rows (10 Garter ridges) in A, 4 rows (2 ridges) in B, 16 rows (8 ridges) in C, 8 rows (4 ridges) in D, then 20 rows (10 ridges) in E; repeat from * for Stripe Sequence.

AFGHAN

Using A, CO 213 sts. Begin Garter Zigzag; work even until piece measures approximately 54" from the beginning, ending with next-to-last row of Stripe Sequence. Continuing with E, BO all sts knitwise.

FINISHING

Block as desired.