



**Free Knitting Pattern**  
**Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®**  
**Diagonal Squares Afghan**  
Pattern Number: L40264



Use a combination of Vanna's Palettes and Vanna's Choice® to knit on the bias to create the diagonal colorwork appearance seen in this stunning throw. *Designed by Irina Poludnenko.*

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**SKILL LEVEL:** Easy (Level 2)

**SIZE:** One Size

47 x 58 in. (119.5 x 147.5 cm)

**CORRECTIONS:** (applied Jul 8, 2014)

**SQUARE 1 (make 2 1)**

**SQUARE 12 (make 1)**

Make exactly the same as Square 1.

#### MATERIALS

- 860-108 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Dusty Blue  
7 Balls (A)
- 860-109 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Colonial Blue  
2 Balls (B)
- 860-130 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Honey  
1 Ball (C)
- 860-142 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Rose  
1 Ball (D)
- 860-146 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Dusty Purple  
1 Ball (E)
- 860-173 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Dusty Green  
1 Ball (F)
- 860-134 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Terracotta  
1 Ball (G)
- 860-123 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Beige  
1 Ball (H)
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 9 [5.5 mm]
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials  
Circular knitting needle size 9 (5.5 mm), 40 in. (101.5 cm) long

*\*Vanna's Choice® (Article #860). 100% Premium Acrylic*

**400, 401, 403:** 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon  
**402:** 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size: **Solids:** 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)

**Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers:** 3 ozs (85 g) , 145 yards (133 meters)

**Twists:** 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)



**GAUGE:**

16 sts = 4 in. (10 cm) in Garter st (knit every row).

1 Square = about 11 x 11 in. (28 x 28 cm).

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

### Making a Gauge Swatch

#### **STITCH EXPLANATION:**

**kfb (knit in front and back)** Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

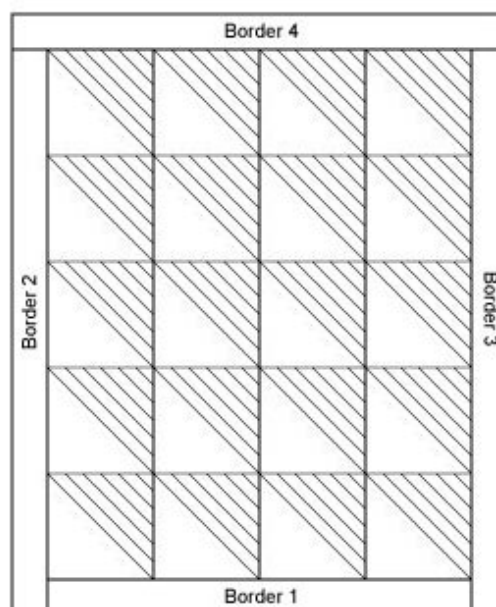
**yo (yarn over)**

An increase that also creates a small decorative hole (eyelet) in the fabric, worked as follows:

1. Bring yarn to front, between the needles.
2. Take yarn to back, over the right needle. This creates the new st. You are now ready to proceed with the next st as instructed.

#### **NOTES:**

1. Afghan is made of 20 Squares, each worked in Garter stitch (knit every row). Each Square is worked diagonally beginning at one corner. Stitches are increased and then decreased to make each Square.
2. The Increase Half of each Square is worked in color A and the Decrease Half is worked in a Stripe Sequence.
3. Squares are sewn together and then stitches are picked up to work a Border along each side of Afghan.
4. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts of Border sections. Work back and forth on circular needle as if working on straight needles.





### **SQUARE 1 (make 1)**

#### **Increase Half**

With straight needles and A, cast on 3 sts.

**Row 1:** K1, (k1, yo, k1) in next st, k1 – 5 sts.

**Row 2:** Knit.

**Row 3:** K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – 7 sts.

**Row 4:** Knit.

Rep last 2 rows until there are 63 sts.

#### **Decrease Half**

Change to H.

**Row 1:** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 61 sts.

**Row 2:** Knit.

**Rows 3-10:** Rep Rows 1 and 2.

With D, rep Rows 1-10.

With G, rep Rows 1-10.

With B, rep Rows 1-10.

With C, rep Rows 1-10.

With E, rep Rows 1-8.

**Next Row:** With E, k1, k3tog, k1 – 3 sts.

**Next Row:** With E, knit.

Bind off.

### **SQUARE 2 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using G, B, C, E, F and H for Decrease Half.

### **SQUARE 3 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using B, C, E, F, H and D for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 4 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using E, F, H, D, G and C for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 5 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using H, D, G, C, E and F for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 6 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using D, G, B, C, E and F for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 7 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using C, E, F, H, D and G for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 8 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using F, H, D, G, B and C for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 9 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using E, B, G, C, H and F for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 10 (make 1)** Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using F, H, D, G, B and E for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 11 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using G, E, B, F, H and D for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 12 (make 1)** Make exactly the same as Square 1.

**SQUARE 13 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using C, E, F, D, G and B for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 14 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using B, F, H, D, G and C for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 15 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using D, C, F, H, E and G for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 16 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using F, C, D, H, G and E for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 17 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using G, B, F, D, C and H for Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 18 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using F, D, C, H, E and G with Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 19 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using E, F, H, D, C and B with Decrease Half.

**SQUARE 20 (make 1)**

Make same as Square 1, working Increase Half with A and using H, G, E, F, D and B with Decrease Half.

**FINISHING**

Arranging colors as desired, sew Squares into 4 strips of 5 Squares each. Sew strips together to make Afghan.

**Note:** When picking up sts for Borders, refer to diagram for which edge of Afghan to pick up along.

**Border 1**

From RS with circular needle and B, pick up and k 176 sts evenly spaced along one short end of Afghan. Knit

9 rows. Bind off.

**Border 2**

From RS with circular needle and B, pick up and k 226 sts evenly spaced along long side of Afghan and Border 1. Knit 9 rows. Bind off.

**Border 3**

From RS with circular needle and A, pick up and k 226 sts evenly spaced along side edge of Border 1 and rem long side of Afghan. Knit 9 rows. Bind off.

**Border 4**

From RS with circular needle and A, pick up and k 188 sts evenly spaced along side edge of Border 3, rem short end of Afghan and side edge of Border 2. Knit 9 rows. Bind off.  
Weave in ends.

<b>ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES</b>	
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<u>k = knit</u>	<u>k2tog = knit 2 together</u>
<u>rem = remain(s)(ing)</u>	<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>
<u>RS = right side</u>	<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>
<u>yo = yarn over</u>	

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