



**Free Knitting Pattern**  
**Lion Brand® Heartland®**  
**Dancing Cable Afghan**  
Pattern Number: L40216



Learn three different knit cables while making this beautiful and stately afghan - makes a great heirloom gift. *Designed by Kathy Zimmerman.*

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**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate (Level 3)

**SIZE:** One Size

About 50 x 57 in. (127 x 145 cm)

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Jun 29, 2016. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

#### MATERIALS

- 136-098 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn:  
Acadia  
10 Balls
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Cable Needles (Set of 2)
- 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

*\*Heartland (Article #136). Solids: 100% Acrylic  
Tweeds: 94% Acrylic, 6% Rayon; package size: Solids: 5oz/142g (251yd/230m)  
Tweeds: 4oz/113g (200yd/183m)*



#### GAUGE:

22 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in cable patterns.  
26 sts = 4 1/2 in. (11.5 cm) in Dancing Cable.  
13 sts = 2 1/4 in. (6 cm) in Plait Cable.  
18 sts = 3 1/4 in. (8 cm) in Elongated Chain Cable.

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:

**pfb (purl into front and back)** Purl next st without removing it from left needle, then p through back of same st – 1 st increased.

**3/3 RC (3 over 3 right cross)** Slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in back, k3, then k3 from cable needle.

**3/3 LC (3 over 3 left cross)** Slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, k3, then k3 from cable needle.

**3/2 RPC (3 over 2 right purl cross):** Slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back, k3, then p2 from cable needle.

**3/2 LPC (3 over 2 left purl cross):** Slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, p2, then k3 from cable needle.

#### PATTERN STITCHES

**Elongated Chain Cable (worked over 18 sts)**

**Row 1 (RS):** K1 tbl, p2, 3/3 RC, 3/3 LC, p2, k1 tbl.

**Row 2:** P1 tbl, k2, p12, k2, p1 tbl.

**Row 3:** K1 tbl, p2, k12, p2, k1 tbl.

**Row 4:** P1 tbl, k2, p12, k2, p1 tbl.

**Rows 5-8:** Rep Rows 3 and 4.

**Row 9:** K1 tbl, p2, 3/3 LC, 3/3 RC, p2, k1 tbl.

**Rows 10-15:** Rep Rows 2 and 3.

**Row 16:** Rep Row 2.  
Rep Rows 1-16 for Elongated Chain Cable.

**Plait Cable (worked over 13 sts)**

**Row 1 (RS):** P2, 3/3 RC, k3, p2.

**Row 2:** K2, p9, k2.

**Row 3:** P2, k9, p2.

**Row 4:** K2, p9, k2.

**Row 5:** P2, k3, 3/3 LC, p2.

**Rows 6 and 7:** Rep Rows 2 and 3.

**Row 8:** Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1-8 for Plait Cable.

**Dancing Cable (worked over 26 sts)**

**Row 1 (RS):** K1 tbl, p4, 3/3 LC, p4, 3/3 LC, p4, k1 tbl.

**Row 2:** P1 tbl, k4, p6, k4, p6, k4, p1 tbl.

**Row 3:** K1 tbl, p4, k6, p4, k6, p4, k1 tbl.

**Row 4:** P1 tbl, k4, p6, k4, p6, k4, p1 tbl.

**Rows 5 and 6:** Rep Rows 3 and 4.

**Rows 7 and 8:** Rep Rows 1 and 2.

**Row 9:** K1 tbl, p2, (3/2 RPC, 3/2 LPC) twice, p2, k1 tbl.

**Row 10:** P1 tbl, k2, p3, k4, p6, k4, p3, k2, p1 tbl.

**Row 11:** K1 tbl, p2, k3, p4, 3/3 LC, p4, k3, p2, k1 tbl.

**Row 12:** P1 tbl, k2, p3, k4, p6, k4, p3, k2, p1 tbl.

**Row 13:** K1 tbl, p2, k3, p4, k6, p4, k3, p2, k1 tbl.

**Rows 14-17:** Rep Rows 12 and 13.

**Row 18:** Rep Row 12.

**Rows 19-26:** Rep Rows 11-18.

**Rows 27 and 28:** Rep Rows 11 and 12.

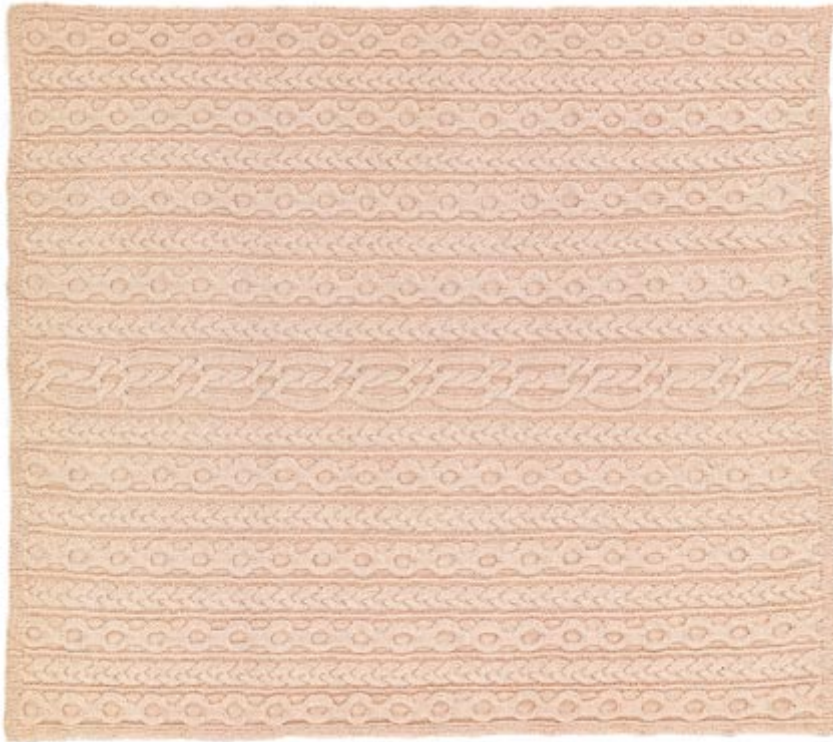
**Row 29:** K1 tbl, p2, (3/2 LPC, 3/2 RPC) twice, p2, k1 tbl.

**Row 30:** Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1-30 for Dancing Cable.

**NOTES:**

1. Afghan is worked in one piece, back and forth in rows.
2. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of stitches. Work back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working on straight needles.
3. Stitch markers are used to separate the cable patterns. Count the sts between markers frequently to ensure that you maintain the correct number of sts for each cable pattern.
4. Cable patterns can be worked from written instructions or by following charts. When working from charts, read RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right.



## AFGHAN

Cast on 283 sts.

**Note:** Sl the first st of every row as if to purl.

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl 1, \*p1, k1; rep from \* across.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, \*k1, p1; rep from \* across.

**Rows 3 and 4:** Rep Rows 1 and 2.

**Row 5:** Sl 1, (p1, k1) 70 times, pfb, k1, \*p1, k1; rep from \* to end of row – 284 sts.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, (k1, p1) twice, place marker (pm), (work Row 1 of Elongated Chain Cable across 18 sts, pm, work Row 1 of Plait Cable across 13 sts, pm) 4 times, work Row 1 of Dancing Cable across 26 sts, pm, (work Row 1 of Plait Cable across 13 sts, pm, work Row 1 of Elongated Chain Cable across 18 sts, pm) 4 times; (p1, k1) twice, p1.

**Row 7:** Sl 1, (p1, k1) twice, slip marker (sm), (work next row of Elongated Chain Cable across 18 sts, sm, work next row of Plait Cable across 13 sts, sm) 4 times, work next row of Dancing Cable across 26 sts, sm, (work next row of Plait Cable across 13 sts, sm, work next row of Elongated Chain Cable across 18 sts, sm) 4 times; (k1, p1) twice, k1.

**Rows 8-312:** Continue to sl the first st at beg of every row and continue in patterns as established, slipping markers as you come to them, until 10 complete 30-row pattern repeats and then 7 more rows of Dancing Cable have been worked.

**Row 313:** Sl 1, (p1, k1) 70 times, p2tog, k1, \*p1, k1; rep from \* to end of row – 283 sts.

**Row 314 (RS):** Sl 1, \*k1, p1; rep from \* across.

**Row 315:** Sl 1, \*p1, k1; rep from \* across.

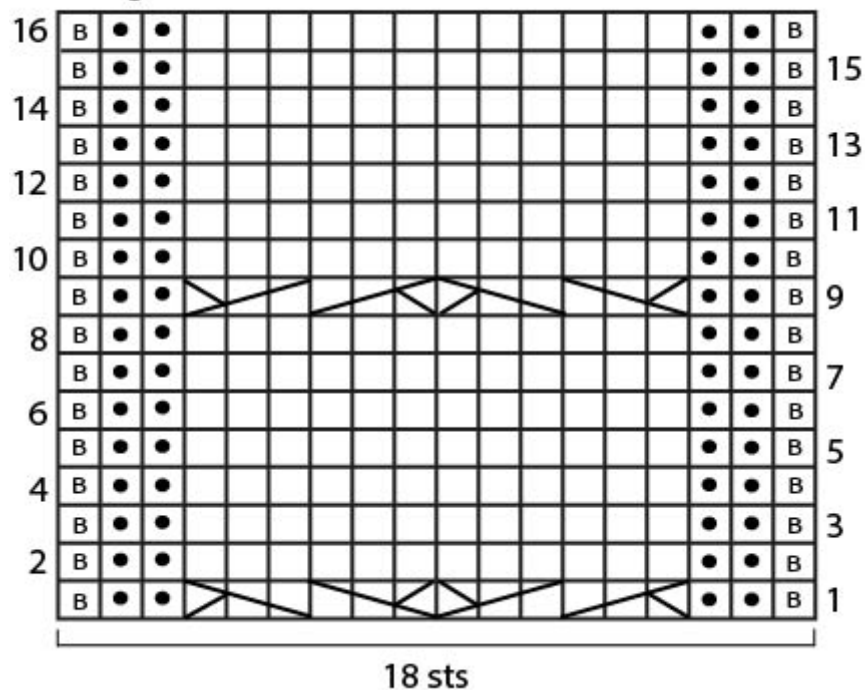
**Rows 316 and 317:** Rep Rows 314 and 315.

Bind off.

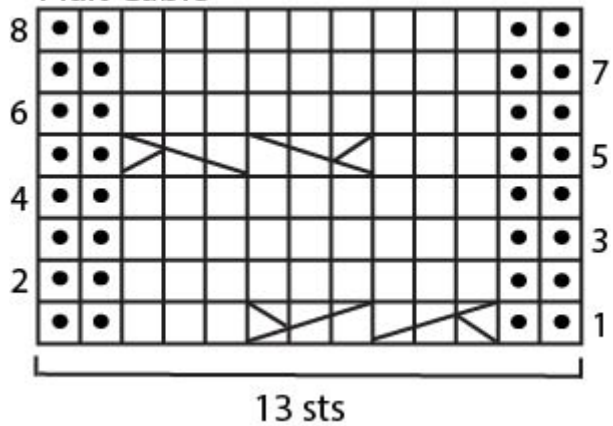
## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

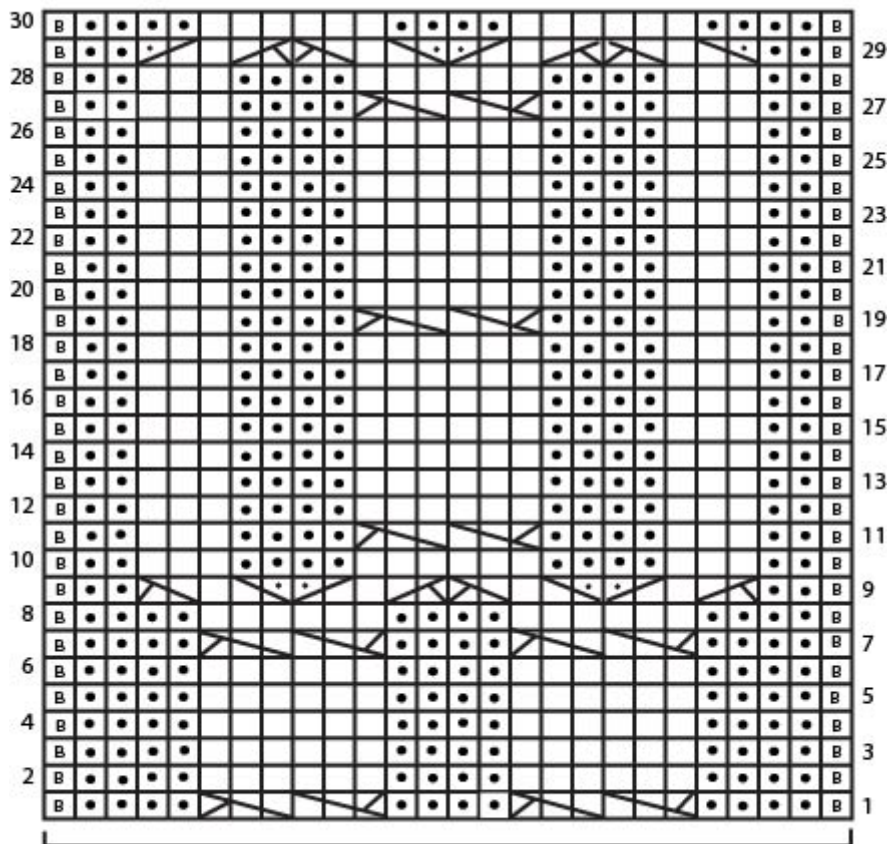
### Elongated Chain Cable



### Plait Cable



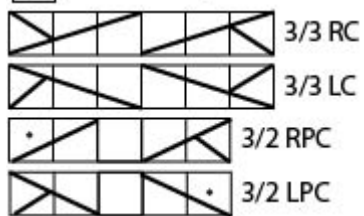
## Dancing Cable



26 sts

### Key

- K on RS, P on WS
- P on RS, K on WS
- B K1 tbl on RS, P1 tbl on WS



<b>ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES</b>	
Click for explanation and illustration	
<u>beg</u> = begin(s)(ning)	<u>k</u> = knit
<u>p</u> = purl	<u>p2tog</u> = purl 2 together
<u>rep</u> = repeat(s)(ing)	<u>RS</u> = right side
<u>sl</u> = slip	<u>st(s)</u> = stitch(es)
<u>tbl</u> = through the back loop	<u>WS</u> = wrong side

Learn to knit instructions: <http://www.lionbrand.com/learn/how-to-knit>

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