Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Heartland®
Cat And Mouse Blanket
Pattern Number: L40454

This cute cat and mouse blanket will warm up your living room just in time for the holidays.
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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate (Level 3)

SIZE: One Size

About 28 1/2 x 38 in. (72.5 x 96.5 cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jul 15, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 136-113 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Redwood
  2 Balls (A)
- 136-180 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Kings Canyon
  2 Balls (B)
- 136-150 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Mount Rainier
  1 Ball (C)
- 136-098 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Acadia
  1 Ball (D)
- 136-158 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Yellowstone
  1 Ball (E)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size G-6 (4 mm)
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
  Circular knitting needle size 7 (4.5 mm), 36 in. (91.5 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:

18 sts + 21 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

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.
Knitted Cord (on circular needle) Work with circular needle, cast on specified number of sts. Knit the sts. Do not turn work. *Slide sts to other end of needle and knit them, pulling yarn tightly across the back of the work, (do not turn work); rep from * until cord measures desired length. Bind off.
Chain Stitch Thread needle and bring from back to front through crocheted piece. *Hold short length of yarn on front forming a small loop. Insert needle back into where it last came out, do not pull tight. Bring

needle back through work and through small loop; repeat from * until chain is desired length.

NOTES:

1. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts. Work back and forth on the circular needle as if working on straight needles.Blanket is worked in intarsia colorwork, following a chart. Use a separate ball of yarn for each color. Do not carry unused color(s) across WS of work. Twist yarns on WS to prevent holes.
2. When following chart, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) and read RS chart rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right.
3. Ears, tails, collar and snowflakes are worked separately then sewn to finished Blanket.
4. End with a WS row means that the last row you work should be a WS row, and the next row that you are ready to work will be a RS row.
5. When you see "– 12 sts" in the instructions, this lets you know how many sts you will have at the end of that specific row.

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BLANKET
With circular needle and A, cast on 128 sts.
Knit 10 rows for beginning border.
Row 1 (RS): K5 for Garter st (k every row) border, k to last 5 sts, k last 5 sts for Garter st border.
Rows 2-22: K5 (for border), work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) to last 5 sts, k5 (for border).
Next Row (RS): With A, k5 (for border), k17 place marker (pm); with E, k84, pm; join a 2nd ball of A and k17, k5 (border).
Next Row: With A, k5, p to marker, slip marker (sm); with E, k to next marker, sm; with A, p to last 5 sts, k5.
Next Row: With A, k5, work in St st to marker, sm; with E, k to next marker, sm; with A, work in St st to last 5 sts, k5.
Rep last row 7 more times.

Begin Chart
Next Row (RS): With A, k to marker, sm; with colors as indicated, work Row 1 of chart across to marker, sm; with A, knit to end of row.
Next Row: With A, k5, work in St st to marker, sm; with colors as indicated, work next row of chart across to marker, sm; with A, work in St st to last 5 sts, k5.
Rep last row until Row 130 of chart has been completed.
Continue with A only.
Next Row (RS): With A, knit.
Next Row: K5, work in St st to last 5 sts, k5.
Rep last row 20 times.
With A, knit 10 rows for ending border.
Bind off.

FINISHING
Mouse Tail
With circular needle and C, cast on 5 sts.
Work in knitted cord for about 12 in (30.5 cm).
Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot to secure.
Sew one end of Tail centered on lower edge of Mouse.

Cat Tail
With circular needle and D, cast on 7 sts. Work in knitted cord for about 14 in (35.5 cm).
Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot to secure.
Sew one end of Tail centered on lower edge of Cat.
Knot Cat and Mouse tails together loosely.

Cat Collar
With circular needle and E, cast on 5 sts. Work in knitted cord for about 4 1/2 in (11.5 cm).
Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through rem sts and pull to gather. Knot to secure.
Sew ends of Collar to sides of Cat's neck.

Mouse Ears (make 2)
With C, cast on 4 sts.
Work in St st for 2 rows, starting with a RS (knit) row.
Inc Row 1 (RS): K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – 6 sts at the end of this row.
Next Row: Purl.
Rep last 2 rows 3 more times – 12 sts on last row worked.
Work in St st for 10 rows.
Dec Row (RS): K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 10 sts.
Next Row: Purl.
Rep last 2 rows once more – 8 sts rem.
Bind off as follows: K1, k2tog, bind off first st; bind off each st to last 3 sts, k2tog and bind off previous st, bind off next st – one st rem on needle.
Beg with rem st on needle, work Chain st evenly spaced around cast on and side edges only.
Fasten off.
Sew Ears to Mouse head.

Snowflakes (make 4, or as many as desired)
With crochet hook and D, chain 14.
Fasten off.
Coil chain into a tight spiral.
Sew Snowflakes to Afghan as desired.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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beg = begin(s)(ning)	dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)
inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)	k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 together	p = purl
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)

rnd(s) = round(s)	RS = right side
St st = Stockinette stitch	st(s) = stitch(es)
tog = together	WS = wrong side

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