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

**SIZE:** One Size

About 43 x 58 in. (109 x 147.5 cm)

**CORRECTIONS:** (applied May 26, 2016)

> **CASTLE BLOCKS (make 6)**
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> **Row 38:** K1, RT, p3, (k2 tbl, p2) twice, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, p2, k2 tbl, p2, (k1, RT) twice, k2, (p2, k2 tbl) twice, ~~k3,~~ p3, LT, k1.
> **CABLE CORDS (make 3)**
> ...
> **Row 5:** K1, 1/2 ~~LC~~ RC, k1, do not turn, slide sts to other end of needle.
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> **Begin Border Pattern**
> ...
> **Row 6:** K1, m1p, k1, p1, sm, (RT) 3 times, ~~k1,~~ *(p1, k1) 3 times, p1, (RT) 3 times; rep from * to marker, sm, p1, k1, m1p, k1 - 170 sts.

## MATERIALS

- 860-099 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Linen
    12  Balls
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 9 [5.5 mm]
- Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 8
- Lion Brand Cable Needles (Set of 2)
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- 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
  Small amount of fiberfill stuffing

*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 + 22 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (knit on RS, purl on WS) with straight needles.

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:

**1/2 RC (1 over 2 right cross)** Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold in back, k2, then k1 from cable needle.

**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.

**Large Bobble** (K1, yo, k1, yo, k1) in next st, turn, p5, turn, k5, turn, p2tog, p1, p2tog, turn, sk2p.

**LT (Left Twist)** Knit 2nd st on left needle through the back loop and leave on left needle. Then knit both the first and 2nd sts together through the back loop.

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left hand needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**M1P (make 1 st as if to purl)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between the needles and placing it onto the left hand needle. Purl this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**RT (Right Twist)** K2tog and leave on left hand needle, then with right hand needle, go between the 2 sts and k the first st again.

**sk2p** Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over – 2 sts decreased.

**Small Bobble** (K1, p1, k1, p1, k1) in next st, then pass the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sts over the first st.

**Ssk (slip, slip, knit)** Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right hand needle; insert left hand needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them tog – 1 st decreased.

**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 hand needle. This creates the new st. You are now ready to proceed with the next st as instructed.

**(Yo) twice (double yo)** Wrap yarn around right hand needle (as if working a yo) twice. On the following row, knit into the first yo and purl into the second yo – 2 sts increased.


**NOTES:**

1. 12 separate blocks are worked, then sewn together to make Afghan.
2. Castle, Cloister and Madeira blocks can be worked from charts or written instructions.
3. When working from charts, read chart from right to left on RS rows and from left to right on WS rows.
4. Stitches for borders are picked up on outside edge of Aghan.
5. Tassels and cords are worked separately, then sewn to Afghan.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.


**CASTLE BLOCKS (make 6)**
With straight needles, cast on 56 sts.
Knit 1 row.
**Row 1 (WS):** P3, k7, p36, k7, p3.
**Row 2:** K1, RT, p7, k14, ssk, yo, ssk, (yo) twice, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k14, p7, LT, k1.
**Row 3:** P3, k7, p17, k1 in first yo and p1 in second yo of double yo, p17, k7, p3.
**Row 4:** K3, p7, k14, (yo, ssk) twice, (k2tog, yo) twice, k14, p7, k3.
**Rows 5 and 6:** Rep Rows 1 and 2.
**Row 7:** P3, k7, p5, p2tog, yo, p10, k1 in first yo and p1 in second yo of double yo, p8, p2tog, yo, p7, k7, p3.
**Row 8:** K3, p7, k5, ssk, yo, k7, (yo, ssk) twice, (k2tog, yo) twice, k5, ssk, yo, k7, p7, k3.
**Row 9:** P3, k7, p5, p2tog, yo, p20, p2tog, yo, p7, k7, p3.
**Row 10:** K1, RT, p7, k5, ssk, yo, k7, ssk, yo, ssk, (yo) twice, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k5, ssk, yo, k7, p7, LT, k1.
**Row 11:** P3, k7, p5, p2tog, yo, p10, k1 in first yo and p1 in second yo of double yo, p8, p2tog, yo, p7, k7, p3.
**Rows 12 and 13:** Rep Rows 8 and 9.
**Row 14:** K1, RT, p7, k5, ssk, yo, k8, yo, sk2p, (yo) twice, k3tog, yo, k6, ssk, yo, k7, p7, LT, k1.
**Row 15:** Rep Row 7.
**Row 16:** K3, p7, k5, ssk, yo, k9, yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, k7, ssk, yo, k7, p7, k3.
**Row 17:** Rep Row 9.
**Row 18:** K1, RT, p7, k5, ssk, yo, k10, LT, k8, ssk, yo, k7, p7, LT, k1.
**Row 19:** Rep Row 1.
**Row 20:** K3, p7, k9, k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk, k10, k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk, k9, p7, k3.
**Row 21:** P3, k7, p10, k1 in first yo and p1 in second yo of double yo, p12, k1 in first yo and p1 in second yo of double yo, p10, k7, p3.
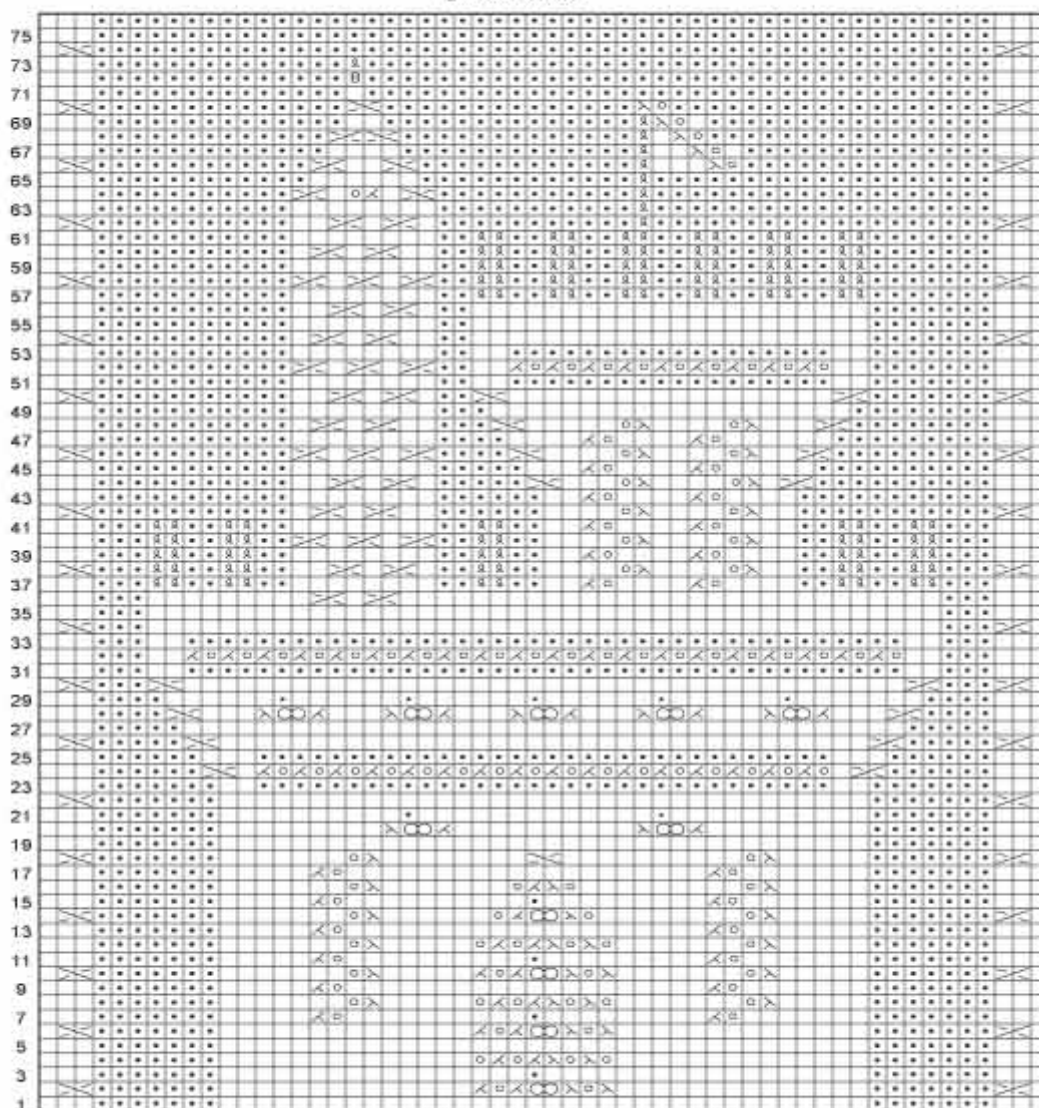**Row 22:** K1, RT, p7, k36, p7, LT, k1.
**Row 23:** P3, k7, p2, k32, p2, k7, p3.

**Row 24:** K3, p6, RT, k1, (yo, k2tog) 16 times, k1, LT, p6, k3.
**Row 25:** P3, k6, p3, k32, p3, k6, p3.
**Row 26:** K1, RT, p5, RT, k36, LT, p5, LT, k1.
**Row 27:** P3, k5, p40, k5, p3.
**Row 28:** K3, p4, RT, (k3, k2tog, (yo) twice, ssk) 5 times, k3, LT, p4, k3.
**Row 29:** P3, k4, p6, (k1 in first yo and p1 in second yo of double yo, p5) 5 times, p1, k4, p3.
**Row 30:** K1, RT, p3, RT, k40, LT, p3, LT, k1.
**Rows 31 and 33:** P3, k3, p2, k40, p2, k3, p3.
**Row 32:** K3, p3, k2, (yo, k2tog) 20 times, k2, p3, k3.
**Row 34:** K1, RT, p3, k44, p3, LT, k1.
**Row 35:** P3, k3, p44, k3, p3.
**Row 36:** K3, p3, k30, RT, k1, RT, k9, p3, k3.
**Rows 37, 39 and 41**: P3, k3, (p2 tbl, k2) twice, p8, k2, p2 tbl, k2, p2, (p2tog, yo, p4) twice, (k2, p2 tbl) twice, k3, p3.
**Row 38:** K1, RT, p3, (k2 tbl, p2) twice, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, p2, k2 tbl, p2, (k1, RT) twice, k2, (p2, k2 tbl) twice, p3, LT, k1.
**Row 40:** K3, p3, (k2 tbl, p2) twice, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, p2, k2 tbl, p2, (RT, k1) twice, RT, (p2, k2 tbl) twice, p3, k3.
**Row 42:** K1, RT, p11, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, p6, k2, (RT, k1) twice, p11, LT, k1.
**Row 43:** P3, k11, p8, k6, p2, (p2tog, yo, p4) twice, k11, p3.
**Row 44:** K3, p10, RT, k1, ssk, yo, k4, ssk, yo, k3, LT, p5, (k1, RT) twice, k2, p11, k3.
**Row 45:** P3, k11, p8, k5, p3, (p2tog, yo, p4) twice, p1, k10, p3.
**Row 46:** K1, RT, p9, RT, k2, (ssk, yo, k4) twice, LT, p4, (RT, k1) twice, RT, p11, LT, k1.
**Row 47:** P3, k11, p8, k4, (p4, p2tog, yo) twice, p6, k9, p3.
**Row 48:** K3, p8, RT, k3, ssk, yo, k4, ssk, yo, k5, LT, p3, k2, (RT, k1) twice, p11, k3.
**Row 49:** P3, k11, p8, k3, p20, k8, p3.
**Row 50:** K1, RT, p7, RT, k18, LT, p2, k1, (RT, k1) twice, k1, p11, LT, k1.
**Rows 51 and 53:** P3, k11, p8, k2, p2, k18, p2, k7, p3.
**Row 52:** K3, p7, k2, (yo, k2tog) 9 times, k2, p2, (RT, k1) twice, RT, p11, k3.
**Row 54:** K1, RT, p7, k22, p2, k2, (RT, k1) twice, p11, LT, k1.
**Row 55:** P3, k11, p8, k2, p22, k7, p3.
**Row 56:** K3, p7, k22, p2, (k1, RT) twice, k2, p11, k3.
**Rows 57, 59 and 61:** P3, k11, p8, (k2, p2 tbl) 6 times, k7, p3.
**Row 58:** K1, RT, p7, (k2 tbl, p2) 6 times, (RT, k1) twice, RT, p11, LT, k1.
**Row 60:** K3, p7, (k2 tbl, p2) 6 times, k2, (RT, k1) twice, p11, k3.
**Row 62:** K1, RT, p19, k1 tbl, p11, (k1, RT) twice, k2, p11, LT, k1.
**Row 63:** P3, k11, p8, k11, p1 tbl, k19, p3.
**Row 64:** K3, p19, k1 tbl, p11, LT, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, RT, p11, k3.
**Row 65:** P3, k12, p6, k12, p1 tbl, k19, p3.
**Row 66:** K1, RT, p14, yo, ssk, k3, k1 tbl, p12, LT, k2, RT, p12, LT, k1.
**Row 67:** P3, k13, p4, k13, p1 tbl, p2, p2tog tbl, yo, k15, p3.
**Row 68:** K3, p16, yo, ssk, k1, k1 tbl, p13, LT, RT, p13, k3.
**Row 69:** P3, k14, p2, k14, p1 tbl, p2tog tbl, yo, k17, p3.
**Row 70:** K1, RT, p18, yo, ssk, p14, LT, p14, LT, k1.
**Row 71:** P3, k14, p1, k15, p2, k18, p3.
**Row 72:** K3, p35, Large Bobble, p14, k3.
**Row 73:** P3, k14, p1 tbl, k to last 3 sts, p3.
**Row 74:** K1, RT, p to last 3 sts, LT, k1.
**Row 75:** P3, k to last 3 sts, p3.
**Row 76:** K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Bind off.

**Castle Block**



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56 Stitches

□ = K on RS, p on WS

▪ = P on RS, k on WS

⊠ = K2tog on RS, p2tog on WS

⧅ = K tbl on RS, p tbl on WS

Ⓑ = Large Bobble

Ⓢ = Small Bobble

⧄ = Sk2p

⧅ = Ssk on RS, p2tog tbl on WS

▣ = Yo

⊂⊃ = (Yo) twice

⊠ = RT

⊠ = LT

⧄⧄ = 2/1 RC

## CLOISTER BLOCKS (make 3)
With straight needles, cast on 55 sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** P4, *k7, p3; rep from * to last st, p1.
**Row 2:** K4, *p7, k3; rep from * to last st, k1.
**Row 3:** P4, *k7, p3; rep from * to last st, p1.
**Row 4:** K3, *yo, ssk, p5, k2tog, yo, k1; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
**Row 5:** P5, *k5, p5; rep from * across.
**Row 6:** K4, *yo, ssk, p3, k2tog, yo, k3; rep from * to last st, k1.
**Row 7:** P6, *k3, p7; rep from * to last 9 sts, k3, p6.
**Row 8:** K3, *(yo, ssk) twice, p1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
**Row 9:** P7, *k1, p9; rep from * to last 8 sts, k1, p7.
**Row 10:** K4, *yo, ssk, yo, sk2p, yo, k2tog, yo, k3; rep from * to last st, k1.
**Rows 11, 13 and 15:** Purl.
**Row 12:** K5, *yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k5; rep from * across.
**Row 14:** K6, *yo, sk2p, yo, k7; rep from * to last 9 sts, yo, sk2p, yo, k6.
**Row 16:** K4, *p3, Small Bobble, p3, k3; rep from * to last st, k1.
**Row 17:** P4, *k7, p3; rep from * to last st, p1.
**Row 18:** K4, *p7, k3; rep from * to last st, k1.
**Row 19:** Rep Row 17.
**Row 20:** Rep Row 18.
**Rows 21-60:** Rep Rows 1-20 two times.
**Rows 61-77:** Rep Rows 1-17.
Bind off.

## Cloister Block
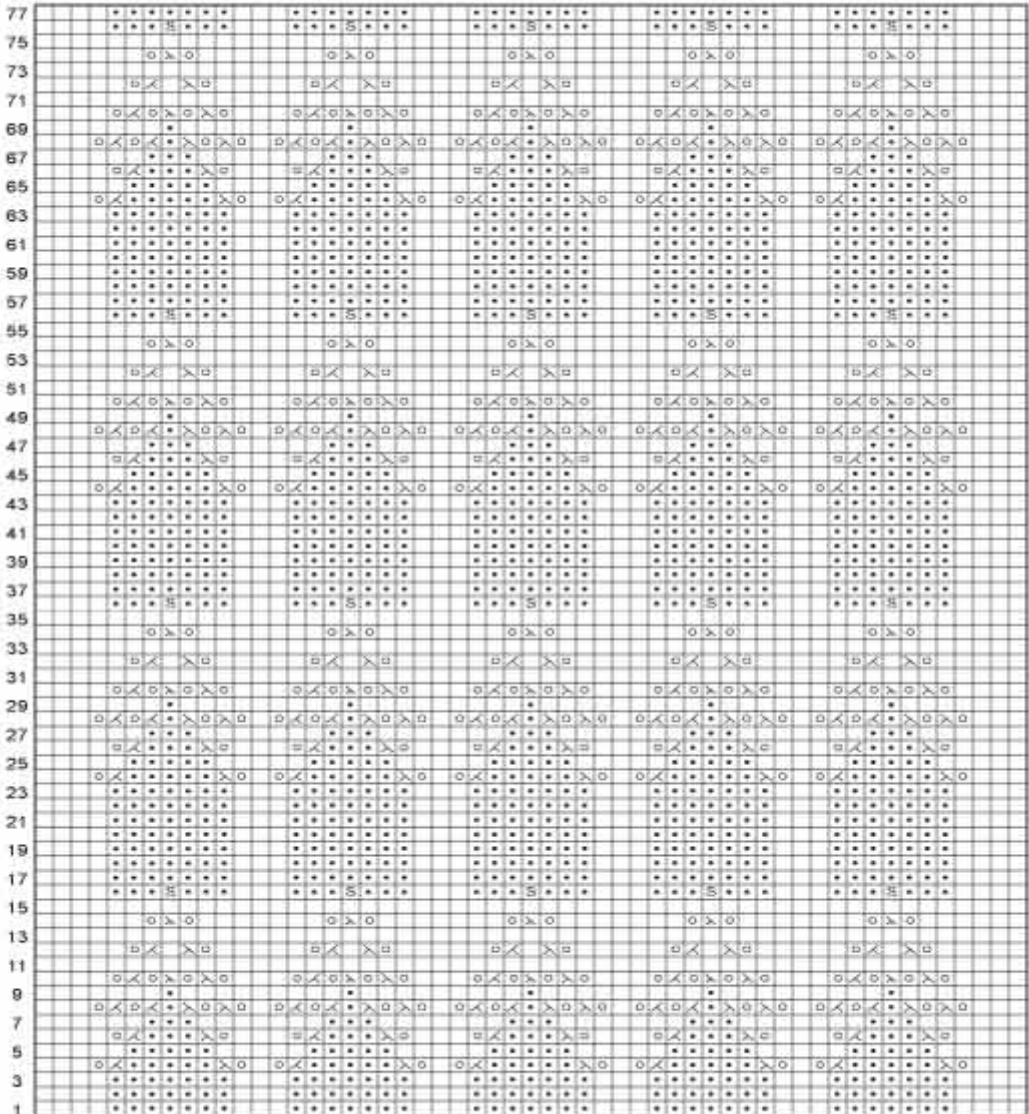
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**MADEIRA BLOCKS (make 3)**
With straight needles, cast on 55 sts.
**Rows 1-11:** Starting and ending with a purl row, work in St st.
**Row 12 (RS):** K3, *yo, ssk, k10; rep from * to last 4 sts, yo, ssk, k2.
**Rows 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23:** Purl.
**Row 14:** K4, *yo, ssk, k7, k2tog, yo, k1; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.
**Row 16:** K5, *yo, ssk, k5, k2tog, yo, k3; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
**Row 18:** K6, *yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k5; rep from *to last st, k1.
**Row 20:** K7, *yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k7; rep from * across.
**Row 22:** K8, *yo, sk2p, yo, k9; rep from * to last 11 sts, yo, sk2p, yo, k8.
**Row 24:** K5, *yo, ssk, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
**Row 25:** P1, k2, p3, *yo, p2tog, p2; rep from * to last 5 sts, yo, p2tog, k2, p1.
**Rows 26-53:** Rep Rows 24 and 25.
**Rows 54-65:** Rep Rows 12-23.
**Rows 66-77:** Work in St st.
Bind off.



Madeira Block

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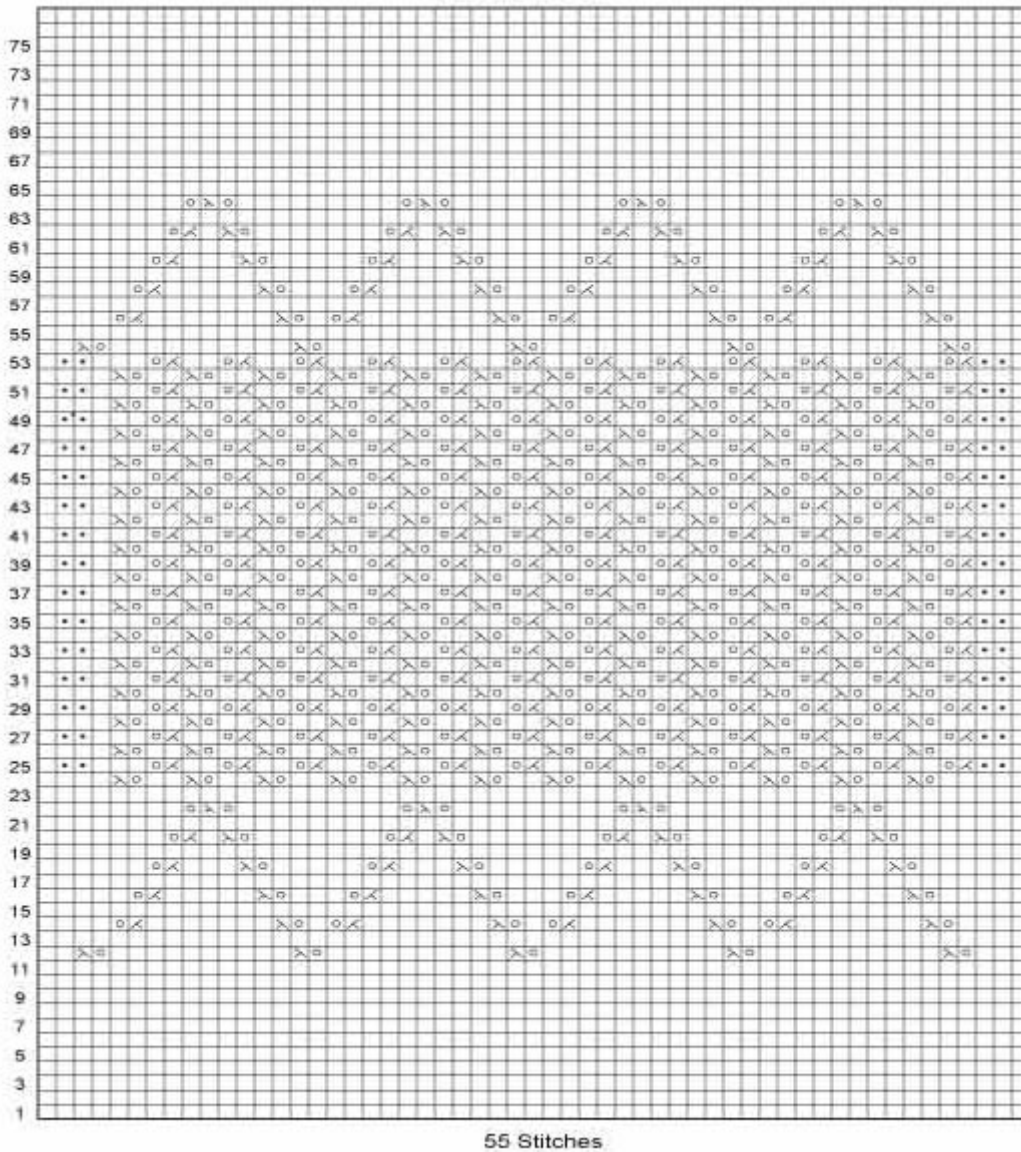
**CABLE CORDS (make 3)**
Using 2 double pointed needles, cast on 5 sts.
**Rows 1-4:** K5, do not turn, slide sts to other end of needle.
**Row 5:** K1, 1/2 RC, k1, do not turn, slide sts to other end of needle.
Rep Rows 1-5 for a total of 39 times, do not bind off, leave sts on needle in case cord length needs to be longer or shorter.

**FINISHING**
Following diagram, sew blocks into 3 strips of 4 blocks each. Sew strips together to make Afghan. Sew a cable cord over seam between each row of blocks, adjusting length of cords before binding each cord off.

Assembly Diagram

| Castle Block | Cloister Block | Castle Block |
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| Madiera Block | Castle Block | Cloister Block |
| Castle Block | Madiera Block | Castle Block |
| Cloister Block | Castle Block | Madiera Block |

**Top Border**
From RS with circular needle, pick up and k164 sts evenly spaced across top edge of Afghan.

**Begin Border Pattern**
**Row 1 (WS):** P1, place marker (pm), p6, *(k1, p1) 3 times, k1, p6; rep from * to last st, pm, p1.
**Row 2:** K1, m1p, slip marker (sm), (RT) 3 times, *(p1, k1) 3 times, p1, (RT) 3 times; rep from * to marker, sm, m1p, k1 – you will have 166 sts at end of this row.
**Row 3:** P1, k1, sm, p6, *(k1, p1) 3 times, k1, p6; rep from * to marker, sm, k1, p1.
**Row 4:** K1, m1, p1, sm, k1, (RT) twice, k1, *(p1, k1) 3 times, p1, k1, (RT) twice, k1; rep from * to marker, sm, p1, m1, k1 – 168 sts.
**Row 5:** P2, k1, sm, p6, *(k1, p1) 3 times, k1, p6; rep from * to marker, sm, k1, p2.
**Row 6:** K1, m1p, k1, p1, sm, (RT) 3 times, *(p1, k1) 3 times, p1, (RT) 3 times; rep from * to marker, sm, p1, k1, m1p, k1 – 170 sts.
**Row 7:** (P1, k1) twice, sm, p6, *(k1, p1) 3 times, k1, p6; rep from * to marker, sm, (k1, p1) twice.
**Row 8:** K1, m1, p1, k1, p1, sm, k1, (RT) twice, k1, *(p1, k1) 3 times, p1, k1, (RT) twice, k1; rep from * to marker, sm, p1, k1, p1, m1, k1 – 172 sts.
**Row 9:** P2, k1, p1, k1, sm, p6, *(k1, p1) 3 times, k1, p6; rep from * to marker, sm, k1, p1, k1, p2.
**Row 10:** K1, m1p, (k1, p1) twice, sm, (RT) 3 times, *(p1, k1) 3 times, p1, (RT) 3 times; rep from * to marker, sm, (p1, k1) twice, m1p, k1 – 174 sts.
**Row 11:** (P1, k1) 3 times, sm, p6, *(k1, p1) 3 times, k1, p6; rep from * to marker, sm, (k1, p1) 3 times.
Bind off.
Rep border across lower edge of Afghan.

**Side Borders**
From RS with circular needle, pick up and k216 sts evenly spaced along one side edge of Afghan. Work Border Pattern same as top edge.
Rep border across opposite side of Afghan.
Sew mitered corners of borders together.

**Tassel Bands (make 4)**
With 2 double-pointed needles, cast on 10 sts.
Knit 1 row and bind off.

**Cable Tassels (make 4)**
With 2 double-pointed needles, cast on 27 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** *P2, k3; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.
**Row 2:** *K2, p3; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
**Row 3:** *P2, 1/2 RC; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.
**Row 4:** Rep Row 2.
**Rows 5-16:** Rep Rows 1-4.
**Row 17:** *P2tog, sk2p; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2tog – you will have 11 sts at the end of this row.
**Row 18:** Purl.
**Row 19:** Kfb in each st across – 22 sts.
**Row 20:** Purl.
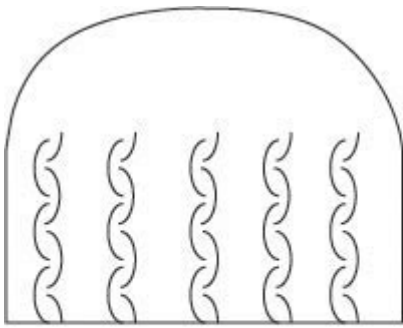**Row 21:** Knit.
**Rows 22-25:** Rep Rows 20 and 21.
**Row 26:** Rep Row 20.
**Row 27:** K2tog across – 11 sts.
**Row 28:** (P2tog) 5 times, p1 – 6 sts.
Pass the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th sts over the first st, one at a time, and off the needle. This is the top of the tassel.
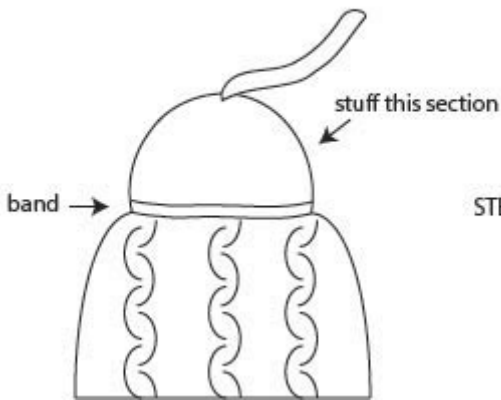Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn end.

**Tassel Finishing**
Follow the step-by-step diagrams to make the tassel.

STEP 1

STEP 2

fold

sew

stuff this section
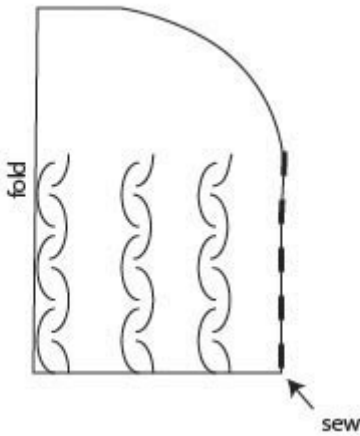
band →

STEP 3

**Step 1:** This diagram shows the tassel when you have finished knitting it.
**Step 2:** Sew side edges of cabled section of piece together, leaving remainder of sides open.
**Step 3:** Wrap band around tassel, just above the cabled section. Lightly stuff tassel above band, then finish sewing sides closed.
With yarn tails, tie a tassel to each corner of Afghan.
Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES
Click for explanation and illustration

| | |
|---|---|
| beg = begin(s)(ning) | k = knit |
| k2tog = knit 2 together | k3tog = knit 3 together |
| p = purl | p2tog = purl 2 together |
| rep = repeat(s)(ing) | RS = right side |
| St st = Stockinette stitch | st(s) = stitch(es) |
| tbl = through the back loop | tog = together |
| WS = wrong side | |

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