

Free Knitting Pattern Lion Brand[®] Ice Cream[®] Happy Valley Baby Afghan Pattern Number: L60166

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<u>SKILL LEVEL</u> – Easy

<u>SIZE</u>

About 29 x 29 in. (73.5 x 73.5 cm)

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand® Ice Cream® (Art. #923)
 - 209 Birthday Cake 1 ball (A)
 - 211 Lemon Meringue 1 ball (B)
 - 208 Mint 1 ball (C)
 - or colors of your choice
- Lion Brand® knitting needles size 5 (3.75 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



<u>GAUGE</u>

20 sts + 40 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Garter st (k every row). 1 Diamond = about 2 $1/2 \times 2 1/2$ in. (6.5 x 6.5 cm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATION

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

<u>NOTES</u>

- 1. Afghan is worked in one piece beginning with 9 mitered Diamonds.
- 2. Diamonds are mitered by working a double decrease (k3tog) at the center of every RS row.
- 3. Diamonds are worked in rows, from right to left.
- 4. To slip the first stitch of each row, you can slip as if to knit or slip as if to purl, whichever looks best with your knitting style.

STRIPE SEQUENCE

Work *1 row of Diamonds with A, 1 row of Diamonds with B, and 1 row of Diamonds with C; rep from * for Stripe Sequence.

FIRST ROW DIAMONDS (make 9)

Note: For this row, you'll make 9 separate Diamonds, then join them together when working the Second Row of Diamonds.

With A, cast on 21 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2: K9, k3tog, place a marker on st just made, k9 – you will have 19 sts in this row. **Note:** Place marker on st, not on needle so that marker does not become entangled in later rows.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: K to 1 st before marked st, k3tog, move marker to st just made, k to end of row – 17 sts.

Rows 5-18: Rep Rows 3 and 4 seven times – 3 sts rem at the end of Row 18. **Row 19 (WS):** K3tog – 1 st.

Fasten off. Rep until you have 9 Diamonds.

SECOND ROW OF DIAMONDS

Notes:

- 1. You'll be picking up sts along the top edges of the 9 First Row Diamonds to join them and to begin the Diamonds of this Second Row.
- 2. When picking up sts, work from the RS and hold the Diamonds with the last row (Row 19) on top.

First Half Diamond

From RS with B, pick up and k11 sts evenly spaced along upper right edge of one First Row Diamond.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2: SI 1, k2tog, k to end of row – 10 sts.

Rows 3-16: Rep Rows 1 and 2 seven times – 3 sts rem at the end of Row 16. **Row 17:** Knit.

Row 18: SI 1, k2tog – 2 sts.

Row 19 (WS): K2tog – 1 st.

Fasten off.

Next 8 Full Diamonds

From RS with B, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper left edge of same First Row Diamond, cast on 1 st, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper right edge of another separate First Row Diamond – 21 sts. **Rows 1-19:** Work same as Rows 1-19 of First Row Diamonds. Fasten off. Rep until 8 Full Diamonds have been made and all First Row Diamonds have been joined tog.

Last Half Diamond

From RS with B, pick up and k11 sts evenly spaced along upper left edge of same (last) First Row Diamond.

Row 1 (WS): SI 1, k to end of row.

Row 2: K to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 10 sts.

Rows 3-16: Rep Rows 1 and 2 seven times – 3 sts rem at the end of Row 16. **Row 17:** SI 1, k to end of row.

Row 18: Ssk, k1 – 2 sts.

Row 19 (WS): Ssk – 1 st. Fasten off.

THIRD ROW OF DIAMONDS

Note: This row is worked from right to left along the top edge of the previous row of Diamonds.

First Full Diamond

From RS with C, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper left edge of First Half Diamond of previous row, cast on 1 st, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along right side edge of next Diamond – 21 sts.

Rows 1-19: Work same as Rows 1-19 of First Row Diamonds. Fasten off.

Next 7 Full Diamonds

From RS with C, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper left edge of same Diamond in previous row, cast on 1 st, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper right edge of next Diamond in previous row – 21 sts. **Rows 1-19:** Work same as Rows 1-19 of First Row Diamonds. Fasten off. Rep until a total of 8 Full Diamonds have been made in this Row.

Last Full Diamond

From RS with C, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper left edge of same (last) Full Diamond in previous row, cast on 1 st, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper right edge of Last Half Diamond in previous row – 21 sts.

Rows 1-19: Work same as Rows 1-19 of First Row Diamonds. Fasten off.

FOURTH ROW OF DIAMONDS

Note: You will be working from right to left along the top edge of the previous row of Diamonds.

First Half Diamond

From RS with A, pick up and k11 sts evenly spaced along upper right edge of first Diamond in previous row of Diamonds.

Rows 1-19: Work same as Rows 1-19 of First Half Diamond of Second Row of Diamonds.

Fasten off.

Next 8 Full Diamonds

From RS with A, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper left edge of same Diamond in previous row, cast on 1 st, pick up and k10 sts evenly spaced along upper right edge of next Diamond in previous row – 21 sts. **Rows 1-19:** Work same as Rows 1-19 of First Row Diamonds. Fasten off. Rep until 8 Full Diamonds have been made in this row.

Last Half Diamond

From RS with A, pick up and k11 sts evenly spaced along upper left edge of same (last) Diamond in previous row.

Rows 1-19: Work same as Rows 1-19 of Last Half Diamond of Second Row of Diamonds.

Fasten off.

NEXT 17 ROWS OF DIAMONDS

Rep Third and Fourth Rows of Diamonds and continue to change color as in Stripe Sequence until a total of 21 Rows of Diamonds have been worked, end with a Third Row of Diamonds as the last Row of Diamonds you work.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)
k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
k3tog = knit 3 stitches together
rem = remain(ing)
rep = repeat
RS = right side
sl = slip
st(s) = stitch(es)
tog = together
WS = wrong side

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