



Log Cabin Scrap Blanket

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Size: approx 47" by 63"

Needles: size 7 US, circulars or straights

Yarn: Use up your leftover worsted yarn bits! For best results, stick with one fiber type for the whole blanket. Either animal (wool, alpaca, angora, etc.); cellulose (cotton, linen, bamboo, etc.); or acrylic. If you choose to pick a border color as I did (in black), you'll need an additional 1100 yards of yarn for the size I indicate above.

Additional Materials: tapestry needle for weaving in ends and seaming, and clippie markers are always helpful

Gauge: 5 stitches per in garter stitch

Note on Knitting This Thing: I don't expect anyone to sprint through this project like I did so that I could release the tutorial. I imagine it more as a project that you enjoy for a long time, as the scrap yarn becomes available from your other projects. Then you can look back on your blanket and say, Oh! That's the leftover yarn from the hat I made for my nephew, and that's the yarn from the sweater I made for my mom! So sweet.

Note on Sizing - You can easily size this blanket up or down by adding more or fewer quilt blocks. My blanket is 3 quilt blocks wide by 4 long. If you have the leftover yarn for it, you can easily make a bedspread.

Scrap Yarn Amounts: For the shortest strip, you will need about 10 yards of worsted-weight yarn. For the longest, you will need about 30 yards. The other strips fall between those two. Every 20 stitches, knit for 10 ridges, requires 10 yards of yarn.

Abbreviations:

Notice how there is no "P" abbreviation? Because there is no purling in this blanket.

BO - bind-off <http://verypink.com/2010/03/13/video-binding-off/>

CO - cast-on <http://verypink.com/2010/03/13/video-long-tail-cast-on/>

K - knit <http://verypink.com/2010/03/13/video-the-knit-stitch/>

K2tog - knit two together <http://verypink.com/2010/03/13/video-knit-two-together-k2tog/>

RS - right side of work

SI - slip stitch (from left needle to right, without working)

WS - wrong side of work

The whole pattern is really easy to memorize - it's all multiples of ten. You'll get it after the first few strips.



Video Part 1: introduction -

<http://youtu.be/IeAFAuqTkI4>

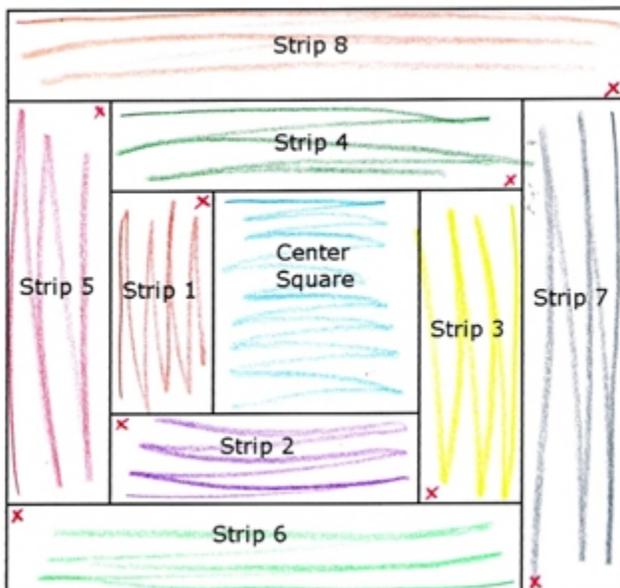
Video Part 2: working the Center Square and Strip 1-

<http://youtu.be/IeAFAuqTkI4?t=3m36s>

Directions:

CENTER SQUARE: CO 20 stitches, knit for 20 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 1. (I always apply a little steam from the iron to block this piece out perfectly square at 4.5 x 4.5 inches. Your mileage may vary.)

STRIP 1: Turn work clockwise ¼ turn, and pick up and knit 20 stitches between the ridges of the Center Square (21 stitches total, first stitch is last stitch from Center Square). Turn work, and on the WS, knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 20 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 2.



This graphic shows the placement of each strip. The colored pencil lines show the direction of the knitting, and the red Xs show where each strip starts.

Video Part 3: working Strip 2 -

<http://youtu.be/IeAFAuqTkI4?t=12m13s>

STRIP 2: Turn work clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn, and pick up 10 stitches between the ridges of Strip 1, and 20 stitches from the CO row of Center Square (31 stitches). Turn work, and on the WS knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 30 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 3.

STRIP 3: Turn work clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn, and pick up 10 stitches between the ridges of Strip 2, and 20 stitches between the ridges of Center Square (31 stitches). Turn work, and on the WS knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 30 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 4.

STRIP 4: Turn work clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn, and pick up 10 stitches between the ridges of Strip 3, and 20 stitches from the BO of Center Square, and 10 stitches from the ridges of Strip 1 (41 stitches). Turn work, and on the WS knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 40 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 5.

STRIP 5: Turn work clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn, and pick up 10 stitches between the ridges of Strip 4, and 20 stitches from the BO of Strip 1, and 10 stitches from the ridges of Strip 2 (41 stitches). Turn work, and on the WS knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 40 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 6.

STRIP 6: Turn work clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn, and pick up 10 stitches between the ridges of Strip 5, and 30 stitches from the BO of Strip 2, and 10 stitches from the ridges of Strip 3 (51 stitches). Turn work, and on the WS knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 50 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 7.

STRIP 7: Turn work clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn, and pick up 10 stitches between the ridges of Strip 6, and 30 stitches from the BO of Strip 3, and 10 stitches from the ridges of Strip 4 (51 stitches). Turn work, and on the WS knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 50 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break yarn, but do not thread the yarn through the last loop to fasten. Leave the last loop on the needle to begin Strip 8.

STRIP 8: Turn work clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ turn, and pick up and knit 10 stitches between the ridges from Strip 7, 40 stitches from the BO row of Strip 4, and 10 stitches from the side ridges of Strip 5 (61 stitches). Turn work, and on the WS, knit back across to the last 2 stitches, then k2tog, 60 stitches. Knit for 10 ridges, BO. Break the yarn, and weave the end through the last loop to secure it - but DO NOT WEAVE THIS END IN. We will be picking up this last loop again to do the border rows.

Video Part 4: steaming finished blocks, deciding on placement, working borders -

<http://youtu.be/IeAFAuqTkI4?t=16m38s>

WORKING BORDERS: You will want to decide on where you'll be placing each block on the blanket before you start knitting the borders to determine which sides need 5 ridges, and which sides need 10 ridges. (It's all explained in the video.) Borders are knit just like all of the other strips, but there is no need to break the yarn between sides, since they're all in the same color.

Video Part 5: weaving in ends -

<http://youtu.be/IeAFAuqTkI4?t=23m30s>

Video Part 6: seaming finished blocks -

<http://youtu.be/IeAFAuqTkI4?t=26m55s>

Use the mattress stitch to seam the blocks together, first seaming them into strips, then seaming the strips to form the blanket.

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