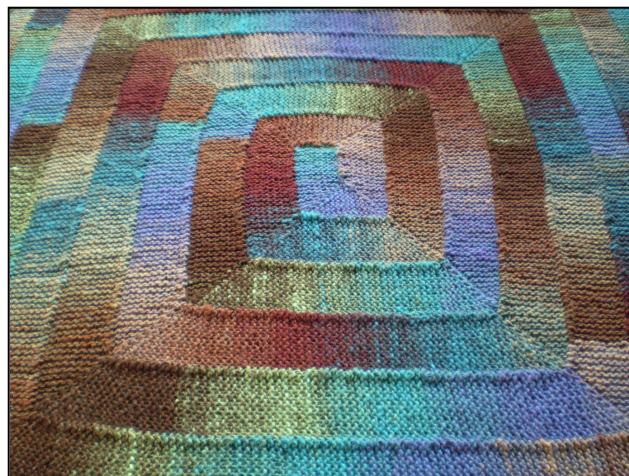


Frankie's Knitted Stuff

Ten Stitch Blanket

This blanket can be knitted in the yarn and needles of your choice and is a great way of using up odds and ends.

My original blanket was knitted in Noro Kureyon on 5.5mm / US size 9 needles. I used 14 balls of wool and the blanket measures about 107 x 122 cm / 42 x 48".



This blanket was inspired by Elizabeth Zimmermann's baby blanket in The Opinionated Knitter which is made up of wide L-shaped strips of garter stitch sewn together. I have used her technique for shaping the corners but have worked one continuous strip, joining it as I go, to avoid the dreaded sewing up. The pattern looks far more complicated written down than it is to knit – honest!

Method

Cast on 10 sts.

Slipping all first sts, knit 9 ridges (18 rows).

Now work an Open Double Corner:

*Sl 1, K8, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.

Sl 1 pwise, yb, K9.

Sl 1, K7, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.

Sl 1 pwise, yb, K8.

Continue as set, working one less st every ridge and wrapping the next st as you turn to avoid holes.

When you only have 1 st to work, knit it rather than slipping it.

Now reverse the process, working back up to 9 sts, still wrapping the st at each turn.**Work one ridge with all 10 sts then turn another corner from * to ** (When working the 10 st ridge you might like to work sl 1, pick up and knit 1 st, pssso at the end of the first row to neaten the join.)

That was the hardest part. From now on you only turn the corner once at each corner!

Now work back along the side of the original 9 ridges, attaching your strip as you go by following this two row pattern:

Row 1: Sl 1, K8, sl 1, pick up and K 1 st from the side of the knitting (there should be a 'bump' there ready), pssso.

Row 2: K 10.

When you reach the next corner work a single corner (from * to **) and carry on along the next side.

That's it! Now just keep going until you are bored or run out of wool. Depending on where you decide to stop the finished blanket will be a square, a rectangle or neither of the above with a sticky-out bit on one side like mine. This is nice easy knitting with the corners to keep you interested so have fun with it.

Row by Row Instructions for the Corner

These instructions fit between * and ** in the pattern above.

Row 1: Sl 1, K8, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K9.

Row 3: Sl 1, K7, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K8.

Row 5: Sl 1, K6, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.

Row 6: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K7.
Row 7: Sl 1, K5, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 8: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K6.
Row 9: Sl 1, K4, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 10: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K5.
Row 11: Sl 1, K3, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 12: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K4.
Row 13: Sl 1, K2, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 14: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K3.
Row 15: Sl 1, K1, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 16: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K2.
Row 17: K1, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 18: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K1.

Now reverse the process, working back up to 9sts, still wrapping the st at each turn:

Row 1: Sl 1, K1, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 2: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K2.
Row 3: Sl 1, K2, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 4: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K3.
Row 5: Sl 1, K3, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 6: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K4.
Row 7: Sl 1, K4, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 8: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K5.
Row 9: Sl 1, K5, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 10: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K6.
Row 11: Sl 1, K6, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 12: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K7.
Row 13: Sl 1, K7, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 14: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K8.
Row 15: Sl 1, K8, yfwd, sl 1 pwise, yb, turn.
Row 16: Sl 1 pwise, yb, K9.

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Abbreviations

st	stitch	yfwd	yarn forward, as if to purl
sts	stitches	pwise	purlwise
K	knit	yb	yarn back, as if to knit
sl	slip	psso	pass slipped stitch over



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