

## Shades of Spring Blanket

Worsted weight yarn in several colors.

Size 8 knitting needles.

65 stitches creates a blanket only approx. 13 or 14 inches wide so figure how wide you want the blanket to be and add stitches in repeats of 11.

Cast on enough stitches (figuring 11 per pattern repeat) plus at least 10 additional to allow a 5 stitch border on the sides to match the beginning garter stitch edge. *A very small baby blanket will need at least 65 stitches...55 for the body (that's 5 X the 11 pattern stitches) and 5 for each side.*



**Pattern is an 11 stitch repeat as follows:**

**Row 1:** k2tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, sl1, k1, pss0, repeat to end.

**Row 2:** Purl

To prevent edge curling, begin by working at least 6 rows of garter stitch (knit every row). When working the body of the blanket begin and end every row by knitting those 5 edge stitches.

**Directions:**

Cast on stitches. When knitting first row, place a marker after first 5 stitches, after each set of 11 stitches that follow and before the last 5 stitches of the row.

Work garter stitch border for 6 rows.

Using colors of your choice, work each shade for at least 6 rows. Always start your new color on a right side facing row.

**Row 7:** Knit 5, slip marker, knit each set of 11 following row 1 of pattern stitches, slip markers as you stitch. After slipping final marker, knit 5. Turn

**Reverse side:** Always knit first and last 5 stitches. Purl all stitches between border markers.

Continue until desired size.

**Last 6 rows:** You may like to work these rows in same color as beginning 6 rows. Knit all stitches, bind off loosely.