

# Rice Stitch Baby Blanket

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A Knitting Pattern by Liz Chandler @PurlsAndPixels



## MATERIALS

Four 315-Yard Skeins of Caron Simply Soft worsted weight yarn, Pistachio (or your preferred color)

- one blanket uses about 1,050 yards (20 ounces)

\*Weights estimated with Caron Simply Soft yarn; other yarn weights may vary.

36-inch long (91cm) US No. 8 / 5.0 MM circular needles (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Tapestry needle



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## About this Pattern

A rice stitch and a broken rib stitch are two sides of the same pattern but can be made in two ways. The rice stitch side of the blanket will have little puffs in a nice grid pattern. The broken rib stitch looks like a basic knit, purl rib, but the knit columns are a bit twisted to add visual interest to the texture. Here are instructions for making the same blanket in two ways. Either pattern you follow will result in the exact same blanket, so choose what is best for you.



## Gauge

21 stitches and 24 rows in stockinette = 4 inches

## Abbreviations

k = Knit.

p = Purl.

sl1pwyib = Slip one stitch purlwise with yarn in back.

sl1pwyif = Slip one stitch purlwise with yarn in front.

ktbl = Knit through the back loop.

\*\* = Repeat the pattern between the asterisks.



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## Instructions: Rice Stitch Baby Blanket

*(40 inches x 40 inches)*

**Knit flat, turning after each row.**

Row 1: Cast on 163 stitches. Turn.

Row 2: sl1pwyif, \*k1tbl, p\* x 81. (163stitches) Turn.

Row 3: sl1pwyib, k 162. (163 stitches) Turn.

Rows 4 – 240: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 241: Bind off with the same tension as the rest of the piece (do not bind off loosely like most other patterns call for). Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail, and pull through.

Weave in ends. Block if desired.

## Instructions: Broken Rib Stitch Baby Blanket

*(40 inches x 40 inches)*

**Knit flat, turning after each row.**

Row 1: Cast on 163 stitches. Turn.

Row 2: sl1pwyif, \*k, p\* x 81. (163 stitches) Turn.

Row 3: sl1pwyib, k 162. (163 stitches) Turn.

Rows 4 – 240: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 241: Bind off with the same tension as the rest of the piece (do not bind off loosely like most other patterns call for). Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail, and pull through.

Weave in ends. Block if desired.

