

Rice Stitch Blanket



Afghan/Throw Size

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About This Pattern

Make the same throw blanket in two ways. The Rice Stitch is made with a combination of knits, purls, and knitting through the back loop (ktbl). Intentionally twisting some stitches by knitting through the back loop adds a bit of texture to the fabric. You will also practice slipping stitches at the beginning of your rows, which helps prevent curling edges. The Broken Rib Stitch Blanket Pattern produces nearly the exact same blanket with a simpler, knit, purl pattern.

This blanket is adorable in both solid colors and variegated yarn. Soft acrylic yarn makes for a cozy light-weight blanket. To add extra warmth, try wool yarn instead.



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RICE STITCH BLANKET



Sizes: Afghan

Skills: You will practice knit stitches, purl stitches, slipping stitches, and knitting through the back loop.

Gauge: 18 stitches x 24 rows = 4 x 4 inches in Stockinette Stitch on No. 8 (5.0 mm) needles.

Yarn Suggestions: Use a soft yarn fiber for this project, such as acrylic, wool, silk, alpaca, or a soft fiber blend.

Instructions: Knit flat, turning after each row.

Materials

Knitting Needles

Long Circular Needles

- 36-inch (91 cm) long US No. 8 (5 mm) circular needle (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Yarn

- Seven 315-yard (6 ounce) skeins of worsted weight yarn* (shown in Caron Simply Soft Yarn), in your choice of color.
 - Afghan Size uses about 1,995 yards (38 oz.)

Tools: A measuring tape and a darning needle.

Abbreviations

- k = knit
- p = purl
- sl1pwyif = slip one stitch purlwise with yarn in front [Slip the stitch as if to purl with the working yarn held in front of the work.]
- sl1pwyib = slip one stitch purlwise with yarn in back [Slip the stitch as if to purl with the working yarn held behind the work.]
- ktbl = knit through the back loop
- ** = repeat the pattern between the asterisks

*Weights estimated with Caron Simply Soft yarn; other yarn weights may vary. Weight does not include gauge swatch. A 4x4 inch gauge swatch with a 2 row by 3 stitch border uses an additional 21 yards (0.4 oz.).



Instructions: Rice Stitch Afghan

(50 inches x 65 inches [127 cm x 165.1 cm])

Use the Long-Tail Cast On method. Knit flat, turning after each row.

Row 1: Cast on 203 stitches. Turn.

Row 2: sl1pwyif, *k1tbl, p* x 101. (203 stitches) Turn.

Row 3: sl1pwyib, k 202. (203 stitches) Turn.

Rows 4 – 364: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 365: sl1pwyif, *k1tbl, p* x 101. (203 stitches) Turn.

Row 366: Bind off in pattern of Row 3 with the same tension as the rest of the piece (do not bind off loosely like most other patterns instruct). Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch (20.32-cm) tail, and pull through. Weave in ends. Block if desired.

Instructions: Broken Rib Stitch Afghan

(50 inches x 65 inches [127 cm x 165.1 cm])

Row 1: Cast on 203 stitches. Turn.

Row 2: sl1pwyif, *k, p* x 101 (203 stitches). Turn.

Row 3: sl1pwyib, k 203 (203 stitches). Turn.

Rows 4 – 364: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 365: sl1pwyif, *k1tbl, p* x 101. (203 stitches) Turn.

Row 366: Bind off in pattern of Row 3 with the same tension as the rest of the piece (do not bind off loosely like most other patterns instruct). Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch (20.32-cm) tail, and pull through. Weave in ends. Block if desired.

