

Babyblanket Rut



A relative to my man recently gave birth to twins, and I had to make to babyblankets rather quickly. I was at the time making a green and pink blanket, but as I don't know the parents very well, I wasn't sure about their opinion on having pink for their boys. (I wouldn't mind with my kid. I had some pink clothes and even a bright pink first bedroom, he's old enough to make his own choices now and loves blue...) Well, this is one of the blankets I made. Love how it turned out, and loved working with the yarn, Scheepjes Catona.

Material

Yarn: Scheepjes Catona in these colors: Different blues, I used less than one ball of 50 grams: 400, 253, 391, 402, 244, 397, 397, 146, 401, 385 and yellow number 522, I used about 75 grams of the yellow.

Knitting needles: Singlepointed knittingneedles 3,5 mm. And a long circular needle 3,5 mm, long enough for the entire edge.

Gauge: One square measures approximately 12,5 * 12,5 cm. Knit the first square and measure it. If it's smaller you need to use larger needles and if it's larger you need to use smaller needles. Or just leave it as it is, if you like the tension. You can adjust the size of the blanket when making the border, making it larger or narrower.

Size: Approx. 60 * 75 cm.

Other stuff: Yarnneedle for sewing in the ends and some knitmarkers.

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Read this before you start:

Last st on each row should **always** be purled and first stitch on each row should be slipped knitwise (unless otherwise is stated).

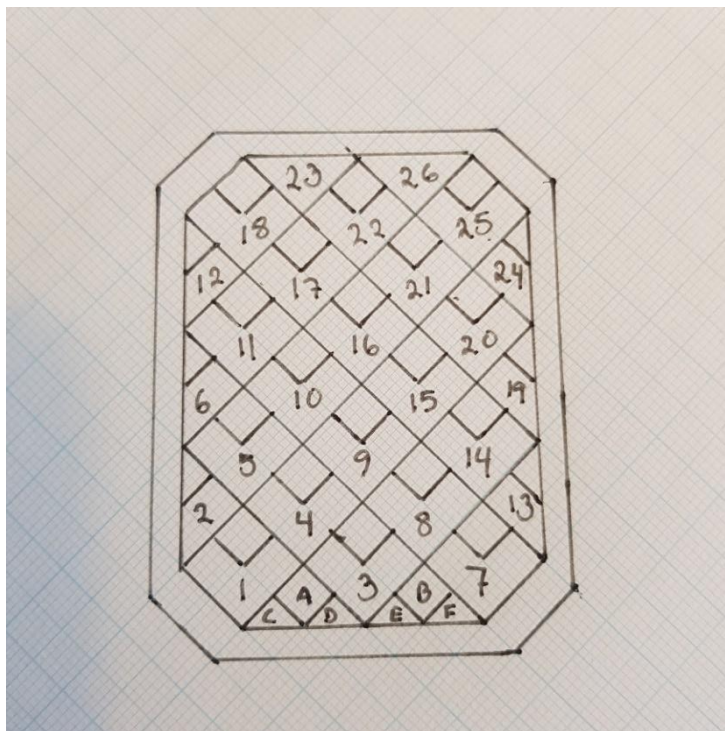
sk2p: slip 1 stitch, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over.

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p2tog: purl 2 stitches together.

kfb: increasing 1 st by knitting first in front loop and then in the back loop of the same stitch.

I haven't written the exact colororder of my squares, (it's just too many) you can look at the picture or just choose for yourself.



Knit the squares 1-26 and then, knit the bottom ones miniA-F last.

First square

With any blue: Cast on 51 stitches.

Row 1: sl 1st stitch knitwise, knit 49 sts, purl 1.

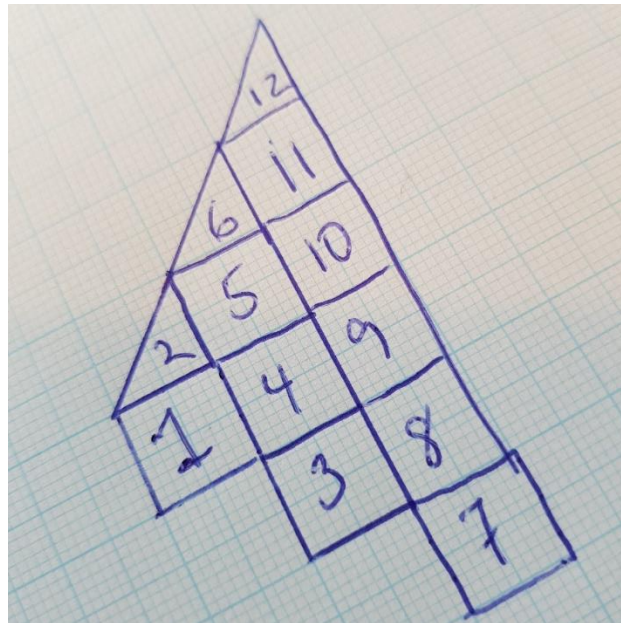
Row 2: sl 1 knitwise, knit 23, sk2p, knit 23, purl 1

Repeat these two rows until 1 st remain on needle, but with one less knit stitch on each side of the sk2p on each row. The decrease should be exactly in the middle. **Switch to color yellow when you have 29 sts on your needle.**

I pulled the yarn through the remaining st, but you can keep it if you prefer that, and use it as the first st on the next square.

Time for square number two! In this case half a square. Usually in dominoknitting the squares are knit diagonally, but if you prefer to make them in rows then it's fine, too, the result will be the same. If you prefer to make the squares in rows, then you should make as many "first squares" necessary and then you'll be attaching them as you knit row 2.

I made mine diagonally until I reached the length of the blanket and then I started making the squares in rows for the other part. Can you tell any difference? No, don't think so.



IF you choose to make them diagonally, it's time for left triangle.

Left triangle

With any blue: Pick up 26 stitches along the top left edge of the first square. Start with the last stitch from that square.

Row 1: slip first stitch (on the first row of each attached square I find it better to slip the stitch purlwise), knit 24, purl 1.

Row 2: slip first stitch, knit until the last 3 sts: skp, p1.

Repeat these two rows until a total of 3 sts remain on the needle. **Change to yellow when you have 14 sts on needle.** Then knit the following:

Wrong side: slip first st, k1, p1.

Right side: slip first st, p2tog.

Wrong side: slip first st, p1.

Right side: skp, one remaining stitch, pull the yarn end through loop, or let it remain, to use later.

Time for the 3rd square, which is another First square, after that it's time for the fourth square which will be a square A.

Square A

Square A is for the new squares on row 2, that is attached to a lonely "first square".

Pick up 25 sts along the left top edge of the single square, starting on the last single stitch (on the top) that was made. Stitch number 26 is picked up by pulling your yarn through **both** the last stitch of the single square and through the first stitch of the square you want to attach it to. Pick up 25 sts along the side of the next square.

Row 1: sl 1st stitch knitwise, knit 49 sts, purl 1.

Row 2: sl 1 knitwise, knit 23, sk2p, knit 23, purl 1

Repeat these two rows until 1 st remain on needle, but with one less knit stitch on each side of the sk2p. The decrease should be exactly in the middle. **Change to yellow when you have 29 sts on needle.**

I pulled the yarn through the remaining st, but you can keep it if you prefer that, and use it as the first st on the next square.

Next square (number 5) will be the square B. Almost identical to square A, the only difference is how the 26th stitch is picked up.

Square B

This pattern is used for the rest of the squares that are in "the middle" of the blanket.

Pick up 25 sts along the left top edge of the single square, starting on the last single stitch (on the top) that was made. Stitch number 26 is picked up on the top of the square lying right underneath the square you're currently making. Pick up 25 sts along the side of the next square.

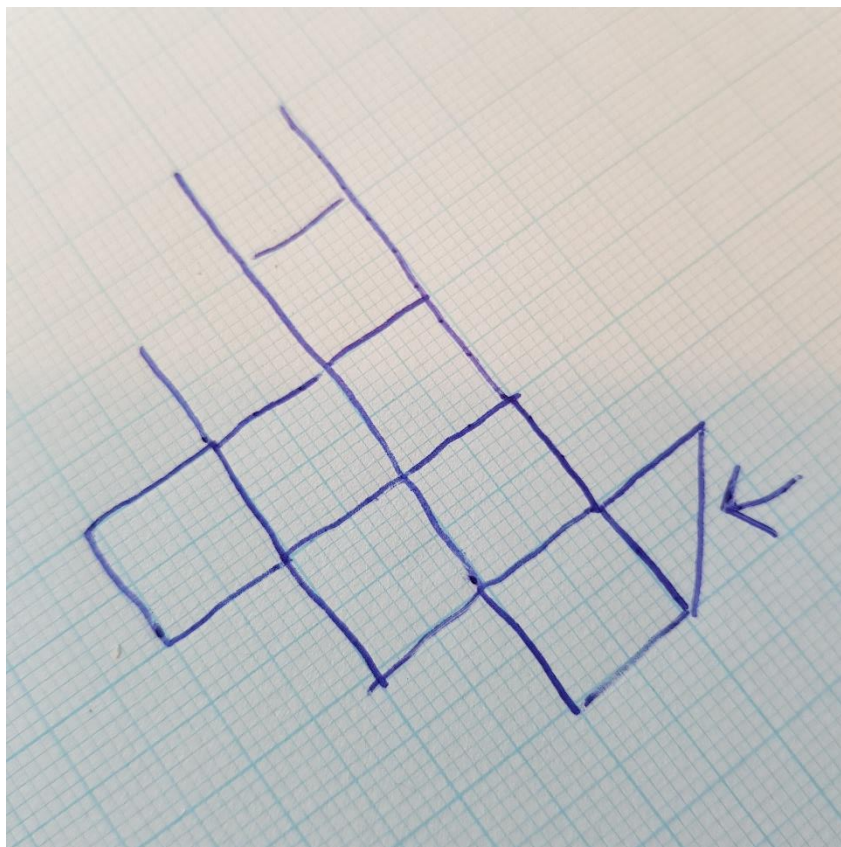
Row 1: sl 1st stitch knitwise, knit 49 sts, purl 1.

Row 2: sl 1 knitwise, knit 23, sk2p, knit 23, purl 1

Repeat these two rows until 1 st remain on needle, but with one less knit stitch on each side of the sk2p. The decrease should be exactly in the middle. **Change to yellow when you have 29 sts on needle.**

I pulled the yarn through the remaining st, but you can keep it if you prefer that, and use it as the first st on the next square.

Continue knitting diagonally until you're happy with the width of the blanket. Then it's time to knit right triangle (instead of a new square). See the diagram marked with an arrow:



Right triangle

Pick up 26 sts along the top right edge of the square furthest to the right on the blanket. Start at the bottom. The 26th stitch will be on the top of the square.

Row 1: slip first st. (I think it's nicest to slip the first st on the first row purlwise), k24, p1.

Row 2: slip first st knitwise, k2tog. K until last st. p1.

Repeat these 2 rows until 3 sts remain on the needle. **Change to yellow when you have 14 sts on your needle.** Then knit the last rows as following:

Wrong side: slip first st, k1, p1

Right side: slip first st, p2tog

Wrong side: slip first st, p1

Right side: skip

I waited with my top triangles until I could make all of them at the same time.

Toptriangle

The toptriangles are knit almost like square B, with the exception that instead of the last stitch being purled, here, the two last stitches are purled together. It can be a bit difficult to keep track of where to make the sk2p, but hopefully you have learned to see it, rather than counting stitches. The decrease of the last row will lie directly underneath the first stitch of the two you knit together when making the sk2p.

Pick up 51 sts just like the square B.

Row 1: slip 1st stitch (purlwise on the first row, since I think it looks better), knit until 2 sts remains, p2tog. = 50 sts on the needle.

Row 2: slip 1 st knitwise, k22, sk2p, k22, p2tog. = 47 sts on the needle.

Row 3: slip 1 st knitwise, k until 2 sts remains p2tog. = 46 sts on the needle.

Row 4: slip 1 st knitwise, k20, sk2p, k20, p2tog. = 43 sts on the needle.

Continue this way until you have 1 st left on the needle, you might have to make a skp at the end, but that's fine.

Time for bottom minisquares and mini triangles. If you want to, you can knit them just like the toptriangles, but I wanted to make them matching in colors like the other squares so I made them in parts instead. Not more difficult really, just more ends to sew in...

Minisquares A and B

Minisquares A and B are yellow and are made the same way as the normal square B, just smaller. Pick up a total of 25 sts, make sure stitch 13 ends up in the middle, with 12 sts on each side. Knit like square B, but don't pull yarn through last stitch, put the stitch on a stitchmarker, it will be used when you pick up stitches for the border.

Minitriangle C-F

The minitriangles C,D, E and F is knit with different blues of your choice, and are knit the same way as top triangle, just smaller. Pick up 25 sts and make sure number 13 ends up in the middle, with 12 sts on each side.

Row 1: slip 1st stitch (purlwise on the first row, since I think it looks better), knit until 2 sts remains, p2tog. = 24 sts on the needle.

Row 2: slip 1 st knitwise, k9, sk2p, k9, p2tog. = 21 sts on the needle.

Row 3: slip 1 st knitwise, k until 2 sts remains p2tog. = 20 sts on the needle.

Continue this way (do the regular middledecrease and p2tog at then end of each row) until you have 1 st left on the needle, you might have to make a skp at the end, but that's fine.

Fasten all ends.

Border

Time for border!

I wasn't very happy with the border on this blanket, but I didn't have time to redo it. When I later made a similar border on my Rosepop-blanket, but with necessary changes, I was much more happy. As the blankets are very similar, I know the Rosepop-border will work great on this one, and I know you'll have a much prettier border than I have on my pics!

With yellow yarn and the looong circular needles, pick up 25 sts on each triangle. (No matter where you start.)

Place a marker in each corner, between the square and the triangle, it will be 8 in a total, or 4 cornerpairs.



Time to knit in the round. It's still going to be garterstitch, which means you have to a knit and purl every other round. On every knit-round you will increase 1 stitch in each corner by knitting kfb in the stitch right before the first marker of a cornerpair, and then kfb in the first stitch right after the second marker of the same cornerpair.

Start with a round of purl. You can make the edge as wide as you like, I knitted 9 rounds of yellow, and then continued with 6 rounds of blue nr 244, but you can do the edge anyway you like.

Cast off.

Hopefully you've already weaved in some ends along the way, if not you'll have a fun time doing this, well worth it though!



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