

## BLOCK STITCH BABY BLANKET OR THROW (PIMA 100 VERSION)

This soft, washable cotton yarn makes a perfect blanket for a summer newborn, a durable toddler tote-around, or a lovely throw for a porch or picnic.

Finished Size: Baby blanket, approx. 27"/68.5cm square; throw, approx. 40"/102cm square.

*Instructions given for blanket; throw in parentheses* ( ).

**Yarn:** 4 (8) skeins Berroco *Pima 100* (219 yds/200m each), or approx. 810 yds/740m (1700 yds/1555m)

of an equivalent light worsted-weight yarn.

Needles & Notions: US 5 (3.75mm) 24-32"/60-80cm circular needle, or size to obtain gauge. Note: Grippier

needles such as bamboo or wood may result in a smoother transition between knit and purl sections

in pattern stitch.2 stitch markers.

Gauge: 22 sts/32 rows = 4"/10cm in block stitch pattern, after blocking.

Glossary: K = knit; P = purl; PM = place marker; St(s) = stitch(es).

Blanket and throw begin and end with a 12 (18) row seed stitch border; the middle section is worked in block stitch with seed stitch borders on each side. Block stitch pattern is worked in a 12 (24) stitch repeat.

Cast on: Using cable cast-on method, cast on 148 (216). Note: To make blanket or throw wider or

narrower, add or subtract sts in multiples of 12 (24).

First seed Row 1: \*K1, P1\*, repeat between \* \* to end.

stitch border: Row 2: \*P1, K1\*, repeat between \* \* to end. Repeat these two rows 5 (8) more times.

Middle section
Rows 1-8 (1-16): Work first 8 (12) sts in seed st as established, PM, \*K6 (12), P6 (12)\*, repeat between \* \* 10 (7) more times, PM, work last 8 (12) sts in seed st as established.

Note: On all subsequent rows, slip markers as you come to them.

Rows 9-16 (17-32): Work first 8 (12) sts in seed st as established, \*P6 (12), K6 (12)\*,

repeat between \* \* to marker, work last 8 (12) sts in seed st as established.

Repeat these 16 (32) rows 11 (8) more times or to desired length, reserving enough yarn

for final seed st border, approx. 45 yds/42m (100 yds/92m).

Final seed Row 1: Work in seed st, beginning as established, removing markers. Work 11 (17) more

**stitch border:** rows in seed st. Bind off loosely in pattern.

**Finishing:** Weave in ends as invisibly as possible (there is no 'wrong side'). Gently steam press. Or wet

block in washer and dryer and pull into shape when damp.

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