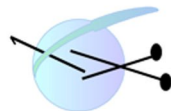


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SEED & TWEED BABY SET (knit)

Skill level: Intermediate

Finished size: Blanket: approx. 28" square (before blocking)

Hat: approx. 16" circumference

Materials:

Worsted wt. yarn: 200 yds. main color (MC), 150 yds ea. Color A, Color B, Color C (sample shown in Plymouth Yarns "Encore")

Size 11 needle (29" circular) (for blanket)

Size 8 needle (16" circular) and set of size 8 dpns (for hat)

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge: 7-1/2 sts = 2", 4 rows = 1" in slip stitch pattern on size 11 needles

3 sts = 1", 5 rows = 1" in seed stitch pattern on size 11 needles

Stitches/Terms: bind off (BO), cast on (CO), decrease (dec), increase (inc), knit (K), place marker (pm), purl (P), repeat (rep), round (rnd), slip stitch (sl st), stitch (st)

Pattern notes: This slip stitch pattern takes some time to "grow" in length, but persevere--the result is a soft and cushy blanket suitable for use as a cover or a pad for baby to lay on. Blanket is worked back and forth on circular needles to accommodate large number of stitches. Hat is worked circularly. When working slip stitch pattern on hat, keep tension loose to allow for stretchiness.

Note on color changes: Slip stitch pattern changes color every 2 rows. Do NOT cut colors, but carry them loosely up sides of work. Five stitches each side of blanket are worked in MC in seed stitch for the border. When changing color, drop old color over new color and bring new color up from under old color. Keep balls from tangling by separating them every few rows.

Special stitches:

Seed stitch:

Row 1: *K1, P1, repeat from * across.

Row 2: Purl the knit stitches & knit the purl stitches as they face you.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Slip stitch: Follow pattern instructions below. Slip all stitches PURLWISE.

Blanket

With size 11 circular needle and main color (MC), cast on 96 sts loosely.

Row 1 (begin seed stitch border): *K1, P1, rep from * across.

Row 2: Purl the knit stitches and knit the purl stitches as they face you.

Rows 3 & 4: Repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Row 5: Repeat Row 1.

Row 6: Work seed stitch over 5 sts, purl across to last 5 sts, work seed stitch over last 5 sts.

From now on, keep 5 stitches at each side in main color (MC) and in seed stitch pattern.

Begin slip stitch pattern:

Row 1 (right side): With MC, seed stitch 5 (for border), join Color A. With Color A, K2, *sl 1, K2, rep from * across to last 5 sts, drop Color A, pick up MC and work seed st over last 5 sts.

Row 2: With MC, seed stitch 5, drop MC, pick up Color A, purl across to last 5 sts, drop Color A, pick up MC and work seed st over last 5 sts.

Row 3: With MC, seed st 5, drop MC, join Color B. With Color B, K1, sl 1, *K2, sl 1, rep from * across to last 8 sts, K3, drop Color B, pick up MC and work seed st over last 5 sts.

Row 4: With MC, seed st 5, drop MC, pick up Color B, purl across to last 5 sts, drop Color B, pick up MC and work seed st over last 5 sts.

Row 5: With MC, seed st 5, drop MC, join Color C. With Color C, K3, sl 1, *K2, sl 1, rep from * across to last 6 sts, K1, drop Color C, pick up MC and work seed st over last 5 sts.

Row 6: With MC, seed st 5, drop MC, pick up Color C, purl across to last 5 sts, drop Color C, pick up MC and seed st over last 5 sts. Repeat Rows 1-6 for slip stitch pattern until blanket measures approx 26-1/2" from beginning.

Top border: With MC, knit 1 row (Colors A, B & C can be cut at this point.)

Work 5 rows seed stitch. Bind off loosely and weave in ends.

Finishing: Block blanket by laying it out flat on thick towels, then cover with a damp towel and leave to dry in a place with good air circulation.

Hat

NOTE: Keep tension loose when working slip stitch portion of hat, and carry colors up loosely inside hat. Change to dpns when stitches no longer fit comfortably on circular needle.

With MC and size 8 16" circular needle, cast on 60 sts. Join and mark beginning of round.

Rnd 1: *K1, P1, rep from * around.

Rnd 2: Purl the knit stitches and knit the purl stitches as they face you.

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 until seed stitch section measures 1-1/2".

Begin slip stitch pattern:

Rnd 1: Join Color A, *K2, sl 1, rep from * around (MC can be cut at this point, leaving 6" tail to weave in later).

Rnd 2: With Color A, knit around.

Rnd 3: Join Color B, drop Color A (but do not cut it), with Color B, K1, sl 1, *K2, sl 1, rep from * around, end K1.

Rnd 4: With Color B, knit around.

Rnd 5: Join Color C, drop Color B (but do not cut it), with Color C, K3, sl 1, *K2, sl 1, rep from * around, end K1, sl 1.

Rnd 6: With Color C, knit around.

Repeat Rnds 1-6 four times (hat measures approx. 5-1/2" from beginning).

Begin decreases: NOTE: decreases are made on the solid color rounds.

Beginning with Color A, work 1 round in slip st pattern as on Rnd 1 of slip st pattern above.

Next rnd (decrease rnd): With Color A, *K4, K2tog, rep from * around (50 sts).

Next rnd: With Color B, work in sl st pattern as on Rnd 3 of slip st pattern above.

Next rnd (decrease rnd): With Color B, *K3, K2tog, rep from * around (40 sts).

Next rnd: With Color C, work in sl st pattern as on Rnd 5 of slip st pattern above.

Next rnd (decrease rnd): With Color C, *K2, K2tog, rep from * around (30 sts).

Next rnd: Continuing with Color A for remainder of hat, repeat Rnd 1 of slip st pattern above.

Next rnd (decrease rnd): *K1, K2tog, rep from * around (20 sts).

Last rnd (decrease rnd): K2tog around (10 sts). Cut yarn, run yarn needle through remaining stitches to gather and close top of hat. Cut all colors and weave in tails.

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