



Brighter Miters Blanket

A free pattern download designed by Nick Cox for *skacel collection, Inc.*



SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

YARN WEIGHT: Worsted

Featured Yarn: HiKoo *Cobasi Plus*, 55% Cotton, 16% Bamboo, 8% Silk, 21% Elastic Nylon; 177 yds / 100g hank.

Large Blanket shown in #007 (Kiwi), #010 (Deep Turquoise), #011 (Indigo), #027 (Nile Blue), #050 (Forestry), and #082 (Cerulean).

Small Blanket shown in #003 (Natural) and #083 (Hot Pink).

SIZE & MATERIALS:

Blanket Measurements	34.5" x 51.75"	23" x 34.5"
Number of Colors	6 colors	2 colors
Yarn in skeins	2 each = 12 hanks	3 each = 6 hanks

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4 mm (approx US 6) 8" DPNs

4 mm (approx US 6) 47" circular needle, or longer (for border)

or size needed to obtain gauge

Additional Notions: Removable stitch markers (8), tapestry needle

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Gauge: 20 sts and 38 rows = 4" x 4" in Garter Stitch

To save time, check your gauge and read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.

DESIGNER'S NOTES:

1) This blanket involves no sewing at all, because the squares are knitted consecutively, picking up stitches from previously knit squares along the way. Also, there are almost no yarn ends to sew in, and the very few from the border, at the end of the project, are buried in the fabric as the border is worked.

- 2) Squares of any size can be knit, but the stitches for the square must be an odd number, and the double decrease always occurs over the middle 3 stitches.
- 3) As each square is knit, it tends to become rather elongated toward the point. This is corrected both by picking up the stitches for the next square and by the final press.
- 4) Check your work regularly, especially after completing each square. Because this blanket is knit as one continuous piece, it is impossible to correct any mistakes once subsequent squares have been knit.
- 5) At the suggested gauge, a knitter should be able to get 5 squares from each hank of the featured yarn. Each square (casting on 55 stitches) consists of a total of 1566 stitches.
- 6) Counting the stitches in the Border is not necessary, so long as the picked up stitches are regularly spaced, neat, and even.
- 7) Since the Border is knit in the round, remember to alternate knit and purl rounds to get a garter stitch Border.
- 8) For a blanket with 9 rows of 6 Squares there will be 840 stitches in the first round, so the yarn needed for approximately 2 rows of border is equal to that needed for one square. With this rough figuring, a .75" border should require at least one skein of yarn. A long circular needle is also needed to work the Border in the round. Every alternate rnd increases the stitch count by 8 stitches, so plan ahead in order to have enough yarn.
- 9) A blanket using 2 skeins each of 6 colors (6 x 8 rather than 6 x 9) would allow for a wider border, and the chances of running out of yarn would be much less.
- 10) Yarn ends from each square should be incorporated into the picked up stitches for the next square, thus removing the need to weave in ends at the end of the project.
- 11) Work the first and last stitches of each row very consistently, which will make picking up the stitches very easy for the following square (and eventually the Border).
- 12) The central diagonal lines of the mitered squares can be made to "lean" either all one direction, or in opposite or alternating directions. Instructions show how to work the blanket both ways.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Notes: *When picking up stitches, insert the needle into both strands of the stitch to be picked up.*

SQUARE 1:

Row 1: With shorter needles, CO 55 sts using a Cable Cast On, or preferred method.



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Row 2 (WS): Kbl in first stitch, knit to last st, wyf sl1 pwise.
Row 3 (RS): Kbl in first stitch, k25, SK2P, knit to last st, wyf sl1 pwise.
Place a removable marker on this side to mark the right side.
Row 4: Rep Row 2.
Row 5: Kbl in first stitch, k24, SK2P, knit to last st, wyf sl1 pwise.
Row 6: Rep Row 2.
Cont working as est, dec 2 sts in the center of each alternate row until 3 sts remain.
Next Row: Rep Row 2.
Next Row: Knit all 3 sts together.
Cut yarn and pull end through.

SQUARE 2:

Note: When picking up sts, insert the needle into both strands of the stitch to be picked up.

Row 1: CO28 sts. Hold the previous square RS up, with the diagonal decrease line running from bottom left to top right. Using the same needle that has the cast on sts, PUK 27 sts along the right edge of the first square starting from the cast on edge and ending at the ending point = 55 sts.

Row 2 (and all subsequent rows): As for Square 1.

SQUARES 3 - 6: Cont adding squares in this way until there are 6 squares in a row.

Note: At this point, the decision is made as to the orientation of the diagonal lines in the blanket. To make all diagonal lines point in the same direction, see **Optional Lines Direction**. To create **Alternating Diagonal Rows** (diagonal lines facing different directions), proceed as follows:

SQUARE 7:

Row 1: CO 28 sts. PUK 27 sts along top edge of Square 6 and proceed as for Square 1 (incorporate the yarn tail from Square 6 into the picked up sts).

SQUARE 8:

There are now 2 edges at right angles to one another (one from Square 7 and one from Square 5) to which the next square will be attached. Therefore it is not necessary to cast on any sts. Simply PUK 27 sts along the side edge of Square 7, PUK 1 stitch from the corner, and PUK 27 sts along the top edge of Square 5. Work the yarn ends into the work as sts are picked up.
Continue as for Square 1.

SQUARES 9 - 12:

Work as est for Square 8.
Square 12 finishes the second row of 6 squares.

SQUARE 13:

Note: The row of squares beginning with Square 13 will have the diagonal lines facing the same direction as the first row of squares.

Row 1: PUK 27 sts along the top of Square 12, then CO 28 sts.
Cont as est for previous squares.

SQUARE 14:

As with Square 8 there are once again two edges at right angles from which to pick up all the sts for the next square. For this square, PUK 27 sts from the top of Square 11, PUK 1 stitch from the corner, and PUK 27 sts from the side of Square 13. Work as est for previous squares.

SQUARES 15 - 18:

Work as for Square 14.

Note: The pattern is now set and as many rows as are needed to achieve the desired size of blanket can be worked. Please remember to leave sufficient yarn for the Border.

Work Squares 19 - 24 as for Squares 7 - 12.

For Small Blanket, cont on to *Border*.

For Large Blanket, cont as est, alternating Rows 7 - 12 and 13 - 18 to end, and then cont to *Border*.

Optional Lines Direction:

To make all diagonal lines point in the same direction: The instructions are the same, except for the order in which you work the squares. Square 7 will be attached to Square 1 by first picking up 27 sts along the top of Square 1 and then casting on 28 sts. Square 8 is attached to Squares 2 and 7.

Border:

Note: Review the Designer's Notes.

Rnd 1: Beginning at one corner of the blanket and working completely around, PUK 28 sts along the side of each square, placing a marker at each corner stitch (including the beg/end).

Join into a round.

Rnd 2: Purl.

Rnd 3: *Knit to marker, M1, SM, k1, SM, M1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: Purl.

Rnd 5: Rep Row 3.



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Cont as est, inc one stitch on either side of each marked corner stitch until desired border width is reached.

Note: For the large blanket, each color was worked for 2 rnds, ending with a purl rnd.

Bind Off Rnd: Reintroduce the first color used in the Border, and bind off all sts kwise.

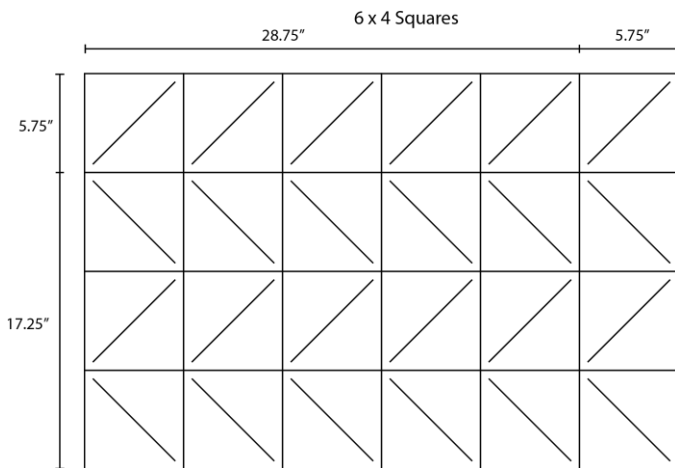
Note: It is important to M1 each side of the marked corner stitch before binding it off in order to allow the Border to lie flat.

FINISHING: Work in the border yarn ends using a tapestry needle. Block and press carefully.

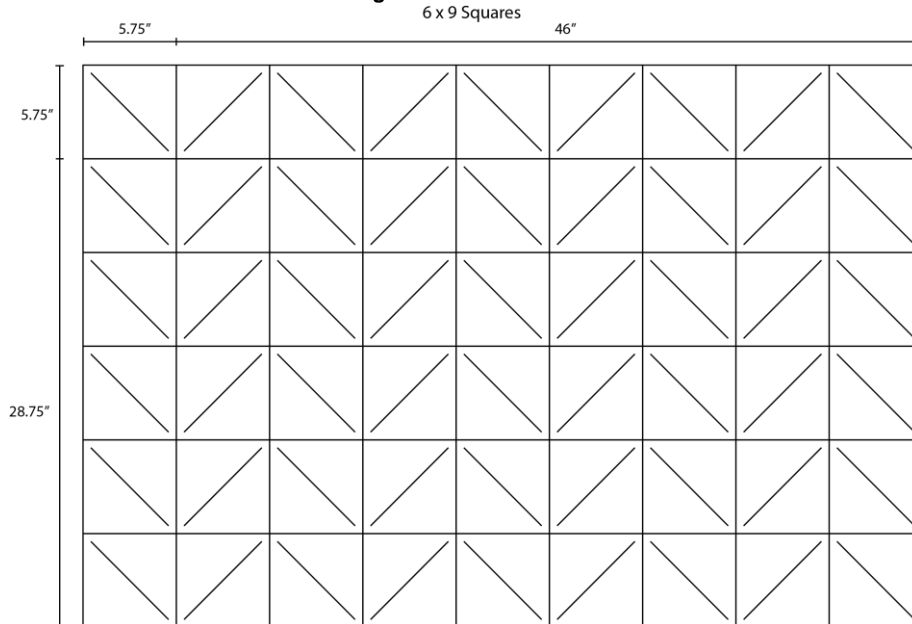
ABBREVIATIONS:

- approx** approximate(ly)
- cont** continue(s) / continuing
- dec** decrease(s) / decreased / decreasing
- est** established
- k** knit
- kbl** knit through the back loop
- kwise** knitwise
- M1** Make One - Using Left Hand needle, pick up bar between stitches on needles from front to back. Using Right Hand needle, knit one stitch through the back loop (inc 1 stitch).
- p** purl
- PUK** Pick Up and Knit
- pwise** purlwise
- Rnd(s)** round(s)
- RS** Right Side
- SK2P** Slip 1 stitch knitwise, Knit 2 stitches together, Pass the slipped stitch over the stitches just knit (dec 2 sts).
- sl** slip (unless otherwise stated, slip as if to purl)
- SM** Slip Marker
- st(s)** stitch(es)
- wyf** with yarn forward

Small Blanket Schematic



Large Blanket Schematic



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