

Leafy Baby Blanket

Quick lace blanket on larger needles with seed stitch border.



MATERIALS

- Eco-Cotton Bioline 28 by Grignasco (100% cotton, 140m/50g = 153 yd/1.76 oz) – 6 skeins, used 2 strands at a time. You can use any DK weight yarn in the same fashion, or 1 strand of worsted weight. I recommend using not-too-soft, well-twisted yarn for good stitch definition.
- 5mm / US 8 needles.

SIZES

One size

Finished measurements – 75x70 cm (30x28 in)

GAUGE

1 pattern repeat=11,5 cm (4,5 in). Exact gauge is not critical for the project. Please note that if your gauge is different, the finished garment will have different measurements.

ABBREVIATIONS

Sts – stitches

rs – right side (odd –numbered rows)

ws – wrong side (even-numbered rows)

k –knit

p – purl

yo – yarn over

k2tog – knit 2sts together (right slanting decrease)

p2tog – purl 2sts together (right slanting decrease)

skp – slip one st, knit the next sts, pass the slipped stich over the knitted one (left slanting decrease)

p2tog tbl – purl two stitches together through the back loops (left slanting decrease)

If you are not sure how to make any of the decreases above you may want to consult either Techknitter: <http://techknitter.blogspot.com/2010/04/revised-unified-index-for.html> (look for the various articles under Decrease) or Knittinghelp's videos <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/decreases>.

INSTRUCTIONS

Using two strands at a time, cast on 100 sts.

Knit 4 rows in seed stitch.

Then knit each row of the main body as follows: 4 sts in seed stitch, 6 repeats of leaf pattern, 4 sts in seed stitch.

Knit for 5 repeats of the leaf pattern, then knit rows 1-12 of the leaf pattern once.

End with 4 rows of seed stitch.

Bind off and weave in ends. Wet-block to measurements.

You can easily adjust the width and length of the project. One pattern repeat is 15 stitches (that's one leaf width-wise and two leaves long-wise, the first one leaning to the right, and the second one leaning to the left). Make a swatch with 2 repeats of the pattern to see what size you'll get and to decide how many repeats you'd need to cast on for. To calculate the total number of stitches to cast on, multiply 15 by the number of the repeats you want to make and add 10 stitches (you need 2 for the lace pattern to line up, and 4 for each side border of seed stitch).

STITCH PATTERNS

Seed Stitch

Over the even number of stitches:

Row 1. (K1, p1)

Row 2. (P1, k1)

Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Leaf pattern - written

Over multiple of 15 sts + 2.

Row 1. (p2, k 13), p2

Row 2. k2, (p13, k2)

Row 3. (p2, k 10, k2tog, yo, k1), p2

Row 4. k2, (yo, p2, p2tog, p9, k2)

Row 5. (p2, k 8, k2tog,k1, yo, k2), p2

Row 6. k2, (p1, yo, p3, p2tog, p7, k2)

Row 7. (p2, k 6, k2tog,k2, yo, k3), p2

Row 8. k2, (p2, yo, p4, p2tog, p5, k2)

Row 9. (p2, k 4, k2tog,k3, yo, k4), p2

Row 10. k2, (p3, yo, p5, p2tog, p3, k2)

Row 11. (p2, k 13), p2

Row 12. k2, (p13, k2)

Row 13. (p2, k1, yo, skp, k10), p2

Row 14. k2, (p9, p2tog tbl, p2, yo, k2)

Row 15. (p2, k2, yo, k1, skp, k8), p2

Row 16. k2, (p7, p2tog tbl, p3, yo, p1, k2)

Row 17. (p2, k3, yo, k2, skp, k6), p2

Row 18. k2, (p5, p2tog tbl, p4, yo, p2, k2)

Row 19. (p2, k4, yo, k3, skp, k4), p2

Row 20. k2, (p3, p2tog tbl, p5, yo, p3, k2)

Leaf pattern - charted

The chart depicts both right side and wrong side rows. Read the right-side rows from right to left, and the wrong-side rows from left to right. The stitches highlighted in grey are the repeat part of the pattern. Please consult the abbreviation section for more details.

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	■	■					\			0					■	■	19
18	■	■						\			0				■	■	
	■	■							\		0				■	■	17
16	■	■							\			0			■	■	
	■	■								\		0			■	■	15
14	■	■								\			0		■	■	
	■	■									\	0			■	■	13
12	■	■													■	■	
	■	■													■	■	11
10	■	■				0					/				■	■	
	■	■					0			/					■	■	9
8	■	■			0				/						■	■	
	■	■				0		/							■	■	7
6	■	■		0			/								■	■	
	■	■			0	/									■	■	5
4	■	■	0		/										■	■	
	■	■		0	/										■	■	3
2	■	■													■	■	
	■	■													■	■	1
	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

■	- purl on rs, knit on ws
	- knit on rs, purl on ws
0	- yarn over
/	-right slanting decrease: k2tog on rs, p2tog on ws
\	-left slanting decrease: skp on rs, p2tog tbl on ws

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