

Textures

SIZE: 36" wide

NEEDLES: Size 8 (Barbara uses round needles)

YARN: Worsted weight (14-16 oz yarn)

Cast on 98 stitches.

(14 stitches for border, 84 stitches for the pattern).

BOTTOM BORDER: Knit across. Do this for 10 rows.

PATTERN:

Row 1: Knit 7 stitches (side border); (k2, p2) across to within 7 stitches of the end; Knit 7 stitches.

Row 2: Repeat Row 1.

Row 3: Knit 7 stitches (side border); (p2, k2) across to within 7 stitches of the end; Knit 7 stitches.

Row 4: Repeat Row 3.

Repeat rows 1-4 until blanket is long enough, and you have enough yarn for the final 10 rows.

TOP BORDER: Knit across. Do this for 10 rows.

Cast off. Weave in ends.

Notes from Barbara:

If you want to make a larger blanket, simply use more yarn, and increase the number of stitches cast on (in multiples of 2).

If you like making afghans in pieces to be put together later, you can make small versions of the pattern, with smaller borders, and put them together later. Great if you have leftover, different color yarn!

Some facts that I've figured out about myself that led to creating this pattern:

(a) In order to watch a DVD, listen to music, watch TV, etc. WITHOUT falling asleep, I must be doing something with my hands. Therefore, the pattern must be almost mindless, with minimal counting and measuring.

(b) I don't like to make things that have to be sewn together. No granny square afghans for me! (I like making the squares, but never finish the project!)

(c) I love symmetry, and prefer not having a "right side" to the afghan.

So, this pattern

(a) is relatively easy to follow (filling the "mindless" requirement);

(b) is made in one piece;

(c) is totally reversible!

(note that the photo is of a blanket with SEED STITCH borders. It's an easy substitution, but requires an ODD number of stitches. The side borders are a total of 13 stitches - 7 on one side, 6 on the other)

