



Domino Patchwork Baby Blanket

Materials: 500 yards worsted weight yarn in a variegated color (MC), 300 yards each worsted weight yarn in two solid colors (CC1 and CC2). Shown in Plymouth Encore Colorspun #7136 (MC) and Encore Worsted #450 (CC1) and #1317 (CC2).

Needles size US #8, 16" or 24" circular or short straight needles recommended; crochet hook size F

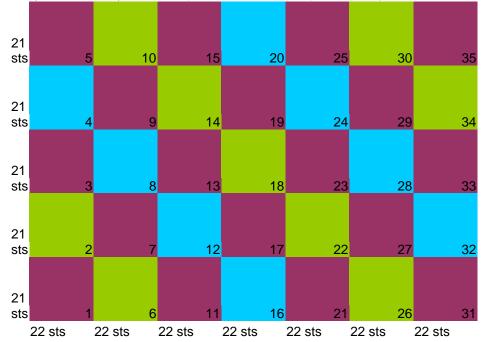
Gauge: 16 stitches = 4" (10 cm) in garter stitch on size US #8 needles, OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE. Blocks are approximately 5" X 5". Finished blanket is approximately 26 1/4" X 36 1/4".

Abbreviations: DD (double decrease): slip one stitch purlwise, knit two stitches together, pass slipped stitch over

This blanket is worked in one piece, one block at a time, using a modular technique. Each block features a mitered corner. Ensuing blocks are worked by picking up stitches along one or two edges of the previous blocks and casting on additional stitches as needed, so you are never working more than 43 stitches at a time, and there is no need to sew the blocks together. Once the blanket is complete, the edges are finished with three rounds of single crochet or a decorative crochet edging of your choice.

Many Variations are possible! Work with two colors instead of three, or use up many odds and ends from your stash to make a crazy quilt. Make a larger or smaller blanket by working more or fewer rows of blocks.





Block 1: With MC and using cable cast-on, cast on 43 stitches.

Row 1 (WS): knit 20, DD, knit 20

Row 2 (RS) and all even numbered rows: knit

Row 3: knit 19, DD, knit 19

Row 5: knit 18, DD, knit 18

Row 7: knit 17, DD, knit 17

Row 9: knit 16, DD, knit 16

Row 11: knit 15, DD, knit 15

Continue in this manner until three stitches remain. Work a double decrease—1 stitch remaining—then cut yarn and pull through last stitch. Work remaining blocks as described below. Blocks may be worked in panels (i.e., blocks 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, etc.) or whatever order you prefer; just be sure to follow the schematic above for placement of colors.

Blocks 2-5: Alternating variegated (MC) and solid blocks (CC1 and CC2) as given in the schematic, hold previous block with right side facing you so that miter is in the lower left-hand corner, beginning/cast-on tail is at lower right, and ending tail is at upper right, pick up 22 stitches from right to left across the top of the block, then cable cast-on 21 stitches. Knit as for block 1.

Blocks 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31: Using cable cast-on, cast on 22 stitches, then pick up 21 stitches along side of previous block from bottom right to top right (right side facing you). Knit as for block 1.

All internal blocks: With right side facing, pick up 22 stitches from right to left across top of block below, then pick up 21 stitches along side of block to the left (from bottom right to top right). Knit as for block 1.

Finishing: Using either contrast solid color, work one row of single crochet around the entire edge, then change to the second contrast solid color and work a second row of single crochet, and finally, change to the variegated yarn and work a third row of single crochet around the entire edge OR work decorative crochet edge of your choice. Weave in ends. Block.