

Knit+a+Gogo

Mystery Baby Blanket

I have selected Sublime Organic Cotton for my version. Other yarn options might be Rowan Wool Cotton, Debbie Bliss Cashmerino DK, Sublime Soya Cotton, Sirdar Calico or Luxury Soft Cotton, Debbie Bliss Rialto or Debbie Bliss Prima. Most of these are available in the area.

Your supplies needed are:

Notions: stitch markers of two different colors

Needles: 24" US#5 circular needle for magic loop method or set of straight and set of double pointed needles in US #5

Yarn:

Color A - tan, brown or chocolate, 250 (2 balls Sublime) - I am using Sublime Organic Cotton color Nutmeg

Color B - your choice of baby color, 250 yards (2 balls Sublime) - I am using color Drift

Color C - your choice of baby color, 250 yards (2 balls Sublime) - I am using color Laundry

Color D - your choice of baby color, 250 yards (2 balls Sublime) - I am using color Maize

Color E - your choice of baby color, 250 yards (2 balls Sublime) - I am using color Raspberry Tea

150 yards cream or white (1 ball sublime Rice Pudding)

150 yards green (1 ball sublime - I am using Sublime color Bean or Peapod) - note that one of colors B, C, or D could also be green, just be sure to buy a total of 3 balls

Skills needed: ability to knit and purl, work in the round, increase and decrease

Strip One

Parts of this blanket are worked in strips for minimal finishing. The harder and more interesting stuff will come later...but revealing those parts now would ruin the surprise!

We will start with strip one:

Using Color B, cast on 45 stitches using preferred cast on and 24" US#5 needles or straight US#5 needles. I chose the longtail cast on.

Work in garter stitch (knit every row) for a total of 60 rows.

Do NOT break color B and join color D and work one knit row. Do NOT cut yarn, join color E and work one knit row. You should now have three strands hanging from your work. Continue to alternate these three colors while working in garter stitch (knit every row). Draw the appropriate color up the side of the fabric being careful not to pull too tightly, as it will cause the fabric to buckle. Do this for a total of 60 rows, alternating D, E, B, etc.

Cut all colors except color D and work 60 rows of garter stitch in color D.

Break color D and join color C. Work for 60 rows in garter stitch. Bind off loosely.

Part II

Hold the fabric so that color B is on the bottom. Join color A (nutmeg / brown) and pick up and knit 7 stitches from the left bottom edge of the color B square / section (on mine, this is the yellow / maize section). I started about an inch from the corner and picked up to the corner. Pick up another 7 stitches from the bottom left edge (so you have just picked up a total of 14 stitches from around the bottom left corner of the first strip. Work in garter stitch for 7 inches. K2tog at beginning and end of every row until only 4 stitches remain. Bind off.

Join color A (nutmeg / brown) again and pick up and knit 7 stitches from the top left edge of the color B square / section (on mine, this is the yellow / maize section). Again, I started about an inch from the edge of the fabric. Pick up another 7 stitches from the left edge (so you have just picked up a total of 14 stitches from around the top left corner of the first strip. Work in garter stitch for 7 inches. K2tog at beginning and end of every row until only 4 stitches remain. Bind off.

Strip Two

Using Color D, cast on 45 stitches using preferred cast on and 24? US#5 needles or straight US#5 needles. I chose the longtail cast on.

Work in garter stitch (knit every row) for a total of 60 rows.

Break color D and join color E. Work in garter stitch for a total of 60 rows.

Break color E. Join color D and work one knit row. Do NOT cut yarn, join color B and work one knit row. Do NOT cut yarn and join color C and work one knit row. You should now have three strands hanging from your work. Continue to alternate these three colors while working in garter stitch (knit every row). Draw the appropriate color up the side of the fabric being careful not to pull too tightly, as it will cause the fabric to buckle. Do this for a total of 60 rows, alternating D, B, C etc.

Cut all colors except color B and work 60 rows of garter stitch in color B.

Bind off loosely.

The Accessory

Using color green, cast on 10 stitches. Do not join, work in garter stitch for 34 rows.

Row 35: Kfb across the row (20 sts)

place marker and join to work in the round. Arrange stitches on double points or two circulars. Using white/cream yarn:

Knit 1 row

Purl 5 rows

Next row: (k2tog, k8) twice

Purl 4 rows

Next row: (K2tog, k7) twice

Purl 4 rows

(k2tog, k2) 4 times

Purl 3 rows

Knit one round

K2tog around

break yarn and draw it through the remaining 6 sts

UPDATE: since some of you are rockin on this, I will post the more detailed and revealing part of this little guy. At this point, you should stuff what you have above with filling and insert a small rattle (or bell) inside. Then...

Tie the green portion into a knot.

The Cute Part

Using brown or chocolate color (nutmeg), cast on 40 sts to 32" #5 needles (for magic loop) or your 4 double points

PM and join for working in the round

Knit 2 rounds

Inc row: kfb, k18, kfb, PM, kfb, k18, kfb

Knit one row

Cont to increase before and after each marker on increase round followed by a knit round until 40 sts have been added (80 total)

Decrease row: K1, ssk, knit to 3 from next marker, k2tog, k1, SM, k1, ssk, knit to 3 from end of round marker, k2tog, k1.

Knit one row

Repeat last two rounds until 40 sts remain.



Now arrange the stitches so that 20 are on one side and the other 20 are on the other (see photo on left)

Kfb, k5, kfb, place next 25 sts on scrap yarn, PM, kfb, k5, kfb (from last 7 sts in the round), PM for beginning of round.

Arrange these stitches onto 3 double points or use 32" round and magic loop method.

Knit one round.

Continue to work an increase round followed by a knit round until there are 32 sts total.

Knit even for 14 rounds.

Decrease round: ssk, work to 2 sts from next marker, k2tog, SM, ssk, work to 2 stitches from next marker, k2tog

knit one round

Repeat last two rows until only 4 sts remain. Break yarn and draw through remaining stitches...I believe you should have an ear!

Place the outermost 14 sts (7 from front and 7 from back) onto double points or circular needle for magic loop. Place marker at inside location join new yarn and begin to work in the round. *tip: leave a long tail when joining the ball of yarn, to use later for grafting the top of the head together.

Repeat the ear directions from previous clue.

Using extra long tail from second ear, graft top of head together (kitchener stitch). Here is a good tutorial on this process (in the finishing section of the page).

Rabbit face:

Using black scrap yarn and darning needle, embroider two eyes onto the rabbit face. Using color Color E or a pink shade, embroider a nose and mouth as seen below:



Final Two Strips

Using Color B, cast on 45 stitches using preferred cast on and 24 inch US#5 needles or straight US#5 needles.

Working in garter stitch (knit every r):

Work one row, join color C (do not cut previous color) and work on row, join color E and work one row.

You should now have three strands hanging from your work. Continue to alternate these three colors while working in garter stitch (knit every row). Draw the appropriate color up the side of the fabric being careful not to pull too tightly, as it will cause the fabric to buckle. Do this for a total of 60 rows, alternating B, C, E etc.

Break all yarns and join color D (maize or yellow). Knit for a total of 60 rows.

Break color D and join color C (Laundry). Work in garter stitch for a total of 60 rows.

Break color C. Join color E (Raspberry Tea). Work in garter stitch for a total of 60 rows. Bind off loosely.

Last Strip:

Using Color E (Raspberry tea) cast on 45 stitches using preferred cast on and 24? US#5 needles or straight US#5 needles. Work in garter stitch for 60 rows.

Break color E and join color C (Laundry). Work in garter stitch for a total of 60 rows.

Break color C and join color B (Drift). Work in garter stitch for a total of 60 rows.

Break color B and join color E (Raspberry tea) and knit one row. Do NOT break yarn. Join color D (Maize) and knit one row. Do Not break yarn. Join color C (Laundry) and knit one row.

You should now have three strands hanging from your work. Continue to alternate these three colors while working in garter stitch (knit every row). Draw the appropriate color up the side of the fabric being careful not to pull too tightly, as it will cause the fabric to buckle. Do this for a total of 60 rows, alternating E, D, C etc.

Bind off loosely.

Grab the last strip, we aren't done!

Hold the fabric so that color E (Raspberry Tea on mine) is on the bottom. Join color A (nutmeg / brown) and pick up and knit 7 stitches from the right bottom edge of

the color E square / section. I started about an inch up from the corner and picked up to the corner. Pick up another 7 stitches from the bottom right edge (so you have just picked up a total of 14 stitches from around the bottom right corner of the first strip. Work in garter stitch for 7 inches. K2tog at beginning and end of every row until only 4 stitches remain. Bind off.

Join color A (nutmeg / brown) again and pick up and knit 7 stitches from the top right edge of the striped square / section. Again, I started about an inch from the corner of the fabric. Pick up another 7 stitches from the top right edge (so you have just picked up a total of 14 stitches from around the top right corner of the first strip. Work in garter stitch for 7 inches. K2tog at beginning and end of every row until only 4 stitches remain. Bind off.

Seam all four strips together, being careful to keep the nutmeg colored strips hanging off of all four outer corners. I recommend using the lightest color to seam.

When complete, tie the nutmeg tags or strips into a knot to create the arms and feet of the bunny.

Finishing Touches:

Seam the rabbit head to the top center of the blanket, centered above the tops of strips 2 and 3. I seamed the front edge of the rabbit with mattress stitch to the front of the blanket and the back edge to the back, so that the hole of the rabbit head is completely sealed up. I didn't stuff my rabbit head, because the weight would make it floppier, but it is probably a personal preference thing.

Now make a tail!

Here is a good tutorial on making pom poms. Using Color A (or any darn color you want!) make one pom pom and sew to the bottom of the square, where strips 2 and 3 are seamed.

Next we make a pocket so that our little guy can keep his carrot rattle close by:

Cast on 20 sts.

Knit one row.

Purl one row.

Next knit row: Kfb, knit to last stitch, Kfb.

Purl one row.

Repeat the increase row followed by the purl row until you have a total of 30 sts.

Continue to work in stockinette stitch until the pocket is 3.5 inches tall from the cast on row.

Work 5 rows in garter stitch and bind off loosely. Seam the pocket in the lower left of the bunny, wherever you would like.

Place carrot in pocket and our little guy is ready to go!