

Garter Basket Weave



Size 7 needles. Acrylic worsted (#4) yarn – works well with Caron One Pound solid colors.

Finished size should be 7" wide x 9" tall.

Cast on 33 stitches. Be sure to leave an 18" tail at the beginning.

Row 1: *K1 P1* repeat between * to the end of the row (first seed stitch row).

Row 2: *P1 K1* repeat between * to the end of the row (second seed stitch row).

Pattern set:

Rows 1, 3, 5: P3, *K3 P3*; repeat from * to end.

Row 2 (wrong side) and even rows: Purl all sts.

Rows 7, 9, 11: K3, *P3 K3*; repeat from * to end.

STOP! Check the width to make sure it is 7". If not, change needle size to get the appropriate width or add or subtract a multiple of 3 stitches. If adding or subtracting stitches, start each pattern row as shown, letting each row end according to the pattern repeat in that row. If using an uneven number of stitches, e.g. 33, then each of the seed stitch rows will begin with K1 P1 (then repeat).

Repeat rows 1-12 as needed so that finished block measures 9" in length. End with two garter rows (see below and as shown in the picture) or bind off in pattern.

STOP! Check the length to make sure it will not exceed 9". Adjust the final length by reducing or increasing the number of pattern rows and/or eliminating the seed stitch rows at the end. End pattern or partial pattern by completing an even row.

Next to last row: *K1 P1* repeat between * to the end of the row (first seed stitch row at end).

Last row: *P1 K1* repeat between * to the end of the row while binding off (second seed stitch row at end).

Be sure to leave an 18" tail at the end (diagonally opposite corner from the starting tail).

Now, knit another one since having two blocks in the same color and pattern is great for making shawls!

Knitting abbreviations:

K: Knit | P: Purl

Variations:

Ribbed Garter: Repeat rows 1 and 2 throughout.

Cast on a different number of stitches, e.g. 32, then do 4-stitch multiples in the pattern (K4 P4).

Change the number of rows in each subset, e.g. follow the first pattern for rows 1-8 and the second pattern for rows 9-12.

The block shown to the right was done by casting on 35 stitches and repeating *P2 K1 P2* on the odd rows and purling the even rows, i.e. Ribbed Garter with narrow ribs. The yarn was a striping yarn.

