Garter Stitch Zigzag

(adapted from http://www.knittingstitchpatterns.com/2014/08/garter-stitch-zigzag.html)



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 30 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:

Row 1 (right side): *K3, P3; repeat from * to end.

Row 2 and all wrong side rows: Purl all sts.

Row 3: P1, *K3, P3; repeat from * to last 5 sts, K3, P2.

Row 5: P2, *K3, P3; repeat from * to last 4 sts, K3, P1.

Row 7: * P3, K3; repeat from * to end.

Row 9: as 5th row.

Row 11: as 3rd row.

Row 12: Purl all sts.

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 (thenrepeat).

Repeat rows 1-12 for a total of 4 complete pattern sets, then complete rows 1-8.

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.

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