

Pinwheel Blanket

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About: This pattern was originally intended to be laid out in a pinwheel shape, but there is a little secret: If you move the squares so that the triangles are at different angles, you can have an unlimited number of patterns! So feel free to play with it before you join the squares. A few suggested layouts are shown at the end of the pattern.

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Materials: Florafil Bulky—colors of your choice.

The blanket is made with 3-4 colors: A (center pinwheel—1 skein), B (center background—3 skeins), C (pinwheel frame—3 skeins), D (corners—1 skein), and E (border—2 skeins). You may make these colors whatever you wish.

In case you want to do something other than the pinwheel shown in the pictures, each square is made up of two triangles, and it takes 1 skein of yarn to make 4-5 triangles.

Needles: Size 10 (6 mm) needle

Begin each block with either the light or the dark color—it won't matter. Make 16 squares in whatever combinations you choose.

First half of block (increase side):

Cast on 2 stitches

Row 1: Knit 2.

Row 2: Knit 1, increase, knit across the row. *(You may increase in any way you prefer. I like to pull up the stitch below and knit into it. You may like to knit into the front and back of the stitch.)*

Repeat Row 2 until you have 38 stitches on the needle. Change to new color.

Second half of block (decrease side):

Row 1: Knit across.

Row 2: Knit 1, Knit 2 together, knit to the end of the row.

Repeat Row 2 until you have 4 stitches remaining on the needle. Bind off.

Weave in ends on each block as you go to make life easier later.

Finishing:

You may want to steam the blocks to make them all the same size for easier sewing.

Lay out your blanket as you wish. Then keep it in that pattern, and sew the squares together with a mattress stitch, first putting the horizontal rows together, and then sewing those rows to each other. Match the blocks at all the corners.

Border:

The borders will smooth out your edges. Pick up about 26 stitches along each block on the sides of the blanket and knit a 7 ridges of a border. Turn the blanket clockwise, and pick up 7 stitches in the border, and 26 stitches for each block along the sides. Continue in this manner until you have 4 borders. Weave in ends.

Another suggested layout:

