

# MEMORY BLANKET

Making a modular mitred square blanket

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This is by no means an original idea, nor do I claim it to be. This is, however, my approach to knitting a mitred square blanket, seamlessly and modular. For those who detest seaming a thousand little squares together, I hope this approach to mitred squares will be of use and open up the world of blanket making.

I've knit my blanket with all the left-overs from mostly kids knits. For me, it provides a memory blanket of all the things I've knit for my kids; a visual capture of where they've been at that time in their lives, the places we've explored, the emotions we've felt and the experiences we've shared. A record of our journey through life together captured in yarn. It's bold and bright, which is just the way I like my colours and kids!

While my sample is knit in dk/8ply weight yarn it is incredibly easy to adjust for other yarn weights.

Skill Level: Easy



## ABBREVIATIONS

**k2tog** knit two stitches together.

**LH** Left Hand.

**RH** Right Hand.

**RS** Right Side. **slip sm**

slip stitch marker. **sm** stitch

marker. **ssk** slip slip

knit

Slip two stitches knit-wise one at a time. Use left needle to knit through both. **st/s** stitch/es.

## THE HOW-TO:

### SQUARE ONE:

(**Pink square** in bottom right hand corner) Using a US6/4mm needle cast on 40 sts.

**Row 1:** (WS) knit placing a stitch marker at the halfway point, 20 sts in.

**Row 2:** (RS) knit to 2 sts before the sm, k2tog, slip sm, ssk, knit to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until 2 sts remain.

Repeat Row 1 once more. Cast off.

### SQUARE TWO:

(**Green square** above pink square) Cast on 20 stitches. Place sm.

Holding the first square as a diamond with the cast on edge at the bottom and RS facing, pick up and knit 20 sts along the RH side of the square. (See next page for instructions as to how to pick up the stitches best!)

**Note:** You are picking up a stitch for every 2 rows.

Continue as for square one.

### SQUARE THREE:

(**Blue square** next to pink square)

With RS facing, pick up and knit 20 sts along the LH side of the pink square. Place sm.

Cast on 20 sts. (I usually cast on the first stitch using a backward loop and the next 19 using a cable cast-on.)

Continue as for square one.

### SQUARE FOUR:

(**Yellow square** diagonally above pink square)

With RS facing, pick up 20 sts from the LH side of the green square. Place sm. Pick up 20 sts from the RH side of the blue square. Knit across all sts.

Continue as for square one.

Continue building the blanket as set out by the first four squares, and following the photo above for the order of squares.

You will need to build the edges (repeating squares two and three) before knitting inner squares (repeating square four).

Blanket can be constructed as a square or rectangle, the preference is purely your own!

## FINISHING:

Weave in all ends!

Leave as is or finish with either an applied i-cord or crochet border.

## SIZE:

Any size! The choice is yours; make it doll, pram, cot, single, queen or even king size.

## YARN:

The sample is knit in DK/8ply weight yarn and yields squares of approximately 3¾"/9.5cm squared.

## TENSION:

22 stitches and 44 rows over 4"/10cm in garter stitch.

Really, you're looking for a fabric that you like. Make sure it's not too loose so it doesn't stretch too much with the weight of the blanket.

## NEEDLES:

US6/4mm needles (or size required to achieve tension)





### PICKING UP AND KNITTING ALONG A GARTER EDGE:

Picking up along a garter edge is slightly different to picking up along a stocking stitch edge. The best way to do it is to pick up all the stitches first by sliding your left hand needle from left to right through the stitches closest to the edge (not the little knot thing that forms on the edge itself) then knitting the stitches onto your right hand needle once they're all on your needle. Easy peasy!

**Note:** In the photo, stitches have all been picked up on the left hand needle and are ready to be knit onto the right hand needle.

### KNIT-A-LONG:

A casual and long term Knit-A-Long for the Memory Blanket is being held in my group on Ravelry. Search for Tikki Love Use the hashtag #memoryblanketkal on Instagram or Twitter.



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