

3 Squared

(make your favorite size - photo shows 12")

needed:

light worsted yarn

(12" size requires approx 50 gm/1.75 oz - approx 110 yards)

4.5 mm (us 7) knitting needles, or size needed to achieve gauge

gauge: 4" = 18 st/34 r (17 garter bumps)

abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit two stitches together (right-leaning decrease)

ssk: slip two stitches (individually) knitwise, insert left needle into the front of the two stitches (needles will be pointing in opposite directions) and knit the slipped stitches together (left-leaning decrease)

sk2p: slip 1 st knitwise. k2tog. insert needle into slipped st and slip the st over the knitted stitch. (double decrease)

yo: yarn over

yarn used in picture: Cascade 220



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DESIGNER NOTES: square is worked diagonally in garter stitch (knit every row)

work increase rows until one side is desired length, then work decrease rows.

pattern must be worked through row 19 before beginning decreases.

stitch count should always be an odd number.

instructions:

increases:

c/o 3

row 1: k1, k in front, back, and front of next st, k1 (5 st)

all even numbered rows: knit across

row 3: k2, yo, k1, yo, k2 (7 st)

row 5: k2, yo, k3, yo, k2 (9 st)

row 7: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (11 st)

row 9: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (13 st)

row 11: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (15 st)

row 13: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k7, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (17 st)

row 15: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k9, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (19 st)

row 17: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k3, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (21 st)

row 19: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog, yo, k3, place marker. yo, ssk, k3, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (23 st)

row 19: k2, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog, yo, k5, slip marker. yo, ssk, k3, yo, ssk, yo, k2 (25 st)

continue in established pattern, working two more stitches in the center section (before marker) of each odd row, until the straight side is desired length.

FOR BI-COLORED SQUARES ONLY, change yarns now and knit across decreases:

row 1: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, k3, yo, ssk, k to 2 st before marker. k2tog, yo, k3, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1.

row 2: knit across

repeat rows 1 and 2 until 23 total st remain -- only 1 st will be knit between the center yo's on the last row.

count will reduce by 2 on each odd-numbered row

finishing decreases:

row 1: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1. (21 st)

row 2: knit across

row 3: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, k7, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1. (19 st)

row 5: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, k5, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1. (17 st)

row 7: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1. (15 st)

row 9: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1. (13 st)

row 11: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, sk2p, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1. (11 st)

row 13: k1, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1. (9 st)

row 15: k1, ssk, yo, sk2p, yo, k2tog, k1. (7 st)

row 17: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. (5 st)

row 18: k1, sk2p, k1. (3 st)

pull tail through all loops. weave in ends.

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