

Cestari Baby Blanket

Finished size (blocked) - 27" x 32"

See note below about changing sizes.

Yarn: 3 skeins of Cestari Ashlawn (35% cotton/25% wool; 100 gram/254 yards)

Gauge: 5.5 sts. - 1"

Needles: - #5 (24" to 32" length)

Notions: markers (optional)

Begin:

Cast on 150 sts.

Knit in seed stitch border as follows:

Row 1: K1, P1 across row.

Row 2 : P1, K1 across row

Repeat until you your piece measures 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Next Row: Continue in seed stitch over the first 10 stitches. Then knit 10 stitches, purl 10 stitches until you have 20 stitches left. Knit 10 stitches and continue in seed stitch over the last 10 stitches. (You will need to look at the row below to determine whether you will need to knit or purl the fist stitch of the seed stitch pattern to keep the seed stitch pattern continuous. (You may want to add markers to keep the blocks of ten stitches separated – at least until you get a few rows done. After that, we recommend keeping 2 markers on each end marking the end and start of the seed stitch border.)

Next 11 rows: Continue in seed stitch pattern over the first and last 10 stitches, while purling over the purl stitches (in blocks of 10) and knitting over the knit stitches. Each block is now 10 stitches wide by 12 rows high.

Now, while keeping the seed stitch borders, reverse the pattern, by starting and ending with a purl block. Repeat as you did in the "next 11 rows" above.

Continue in pattern until you have knit 18 rows of blocks. Finish your blanket by knitting 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " of seed stitch. Block.

Changing sizes: Each skein of Cestari' s Ashlawn as knit above will give you at least 102 squares if knitted with directions above. If you want a bigger blanket, count the borders as "blocks" and calculate accordingly!

