

HOW TO JOIN INCOMPLETE SQUARES INTO A BLOCK

The block shown on page 111 is made up of 3 panels, each made up of 3 incomplete squares. For the first panel, the “squares” are worked one on top of another. The second panel is worked in a series of 3 “squares” (also worked from the bottom up) that are attached to the right edge of “squares” in the first panel as they are knitted. The third panel is worked along the right edge of the second. To give a symmetrical look to the block, knitted “tabs” are added along the two straight sides of the block.

To practice knitting and joining incomplete squares to form a block, gather three colors of sportweight yarn and needles suitable for this yarn weight [sizes 3 to 5 [3.25 to 3.73] mm]. In this example, Color 1 is lavender, Color 2 is light blue, and Color 3 is chartreuse. Use the finished block as a decorative hot pad for your table.

PANEL 1

< *Incomplete Square 1*

With Color 1, **K-CO** 31 sts.

Row 1: [WS] Knit to the last st, pl (*edge st*).

Row 2: [RS] Sl 1 kwise, k13, **sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pssso**, k13, p1—29 sts.

Row 3: Sl1 kwise, knit to the last st, pl.

Row 4: Sl 1 kwise, knit to 1 st before the center st (i.e., k12), sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pssso, knit to the last st (i.e., k12), pl—2 sts decreased.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until 21 sts rem, then rep Row 3 once more 6—garter ridges on RS. **BO** to the last st kwise (do not slip the first st), working a double decrease as before on the center 3 sts—19 sts total BO; 1 st rem (*end st*).

< *Incomplete Square 2*

Rotate Square 1 so that the left selvedge edge is at the top and the end st is at the right edge. **With Color 2, K-CO 9 new sts (10 sts on left needle), then knit these 10 sts,** then **pick-knit** 5 sts along the upper side of the previous square (1 st after each garter ridge), go “**around the corner**” of the left side of the same square and pick-knit 1 st in the nearest CO loop, **turn work,** and K-CO 15 more sts—31 sts total. Work as for Square 1.

