



Ann Budd's knitted quilt blocks for cards.
CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Nine Patch, Large
Mitered Square, and Half Fence Rail.
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Quilt Blocks to Knit

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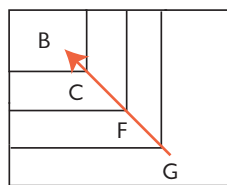
Make a personal statement with your correspondence—decorate note cards with knitted blocks that replicate well-known quilting patterns using size 8 pearl cotton and size 0000 needles! I worked all of the blocks in garter stitch, changed the direction that the colors were worked so that the garter ridges would have different orientations, and mounted them on prescored, acid- and lignin-free cards that I purchased in a craft store. Three different blocks (Log Cabin, Fence Rail, and Mini Mitered Squares) are available in the September/October 2007 issue of *PieceWork Magazine*.

INSTRUCTIONS

Notes: It's important to CO and BO loosely so that the edges don't pull in.

When picking up sts along the selvedge edge of garter st, pick up 1 st for every garter ridge. See the schematics below for the color key, block diagrams, and knitting direction.

Large Mitered-Square Block



Loosely CO 49 sts with G. This counts as RS Row 1. Continue as foll:

Even-numbered Rows 2–46: K.

Row 3: K23, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k23—47 sts rem.

Row 5: K22, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k22—45 sts rem.

Row 7: K21, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k21—43 sts rem.

Row 9: K20, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k20—41 sts rem.

Row 11: K19, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k19—39 sts rem.

Row 13: Change to F, k18, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k18—37 sts rem.

MATERIALS

Presencia Finca Pearl Cotton, 100% cotton thread, size 8, 77 yards (70 m)/10 g ball, 1 ball each of #3556 Light Teal (A), #3560 Medium Teal (B), #3574 Dark Teal (C), #3319 Royal Blue (D), #4218 Light Sea Foam (E), #4228 Medium Sea Foam (F), and #1902 Dark Red (G)

Needles, size 0000 (1 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle, small-eye

Materials are available at needlework and yarn stores or from mail-order or online resources.

Finished design size: Each block, about 1¾ x 1¾ inches (4 x 4 cm)

Gauge: About 12 sts and 24 rows = 1 inch (2.5 cm) in garter stitch; exact gauge is not critical for this project but will affect the finished size

ABBREVIATIONS

BO—bind off

CO—cast on

foll—follows

k—knit

k2tog—knit 2 stitches together

pssso—pass slipped stitch over last stitch knitted

rem—remain; remaining

rep—repeat

RS—right side

sl—slip

st(s)—stitch(es)

WS—wrong side

Row 15: K17, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k17—35 sts rem.

Row 17: K16, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k16—33 sts rem.

Row 19: K15, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k15—31 sts rem.

Row 21: K14, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k14—29 sts rem.

Row 23: K13, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k13—27 sts rem.

Row 25: Change to C, k12, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k12—25 sts rem.

Row 27: K11, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k11—23 sts rem.

Row 29: K10, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k10—21 sts rem.

Row 31: K9, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k9—19 sts rem.

Row 33: K8, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k8—17 sts rem.

Row 35: K7, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k7—15 sts rem.
 Row 37: Change to B, k6, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k6—13 sts rem.
 Row 39: K5, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k5—11 sts rem.
 Row 41: K4, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k4—9 sts rem.
 Row 43: K3, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k3—7 sts rem.
 Row 45: K2, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k2—5 sts rem.
 Row 47: K1, sl 1, k2tog, pss0, k1—3 sts rem.
 Row 48: Sl 1, k2tog, pss0—1 st rem.
 Cut yarn and pull through rem loop to secure.

Nine-Patch Block

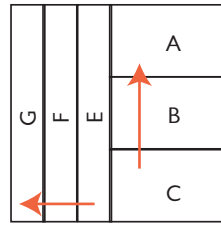
B	F	E
E	A	D
D	B	F

Loosely CO 8 sts with F, CO 8 more sts with B, CO 8 more sts with D—24 sts total. The CO row counts as the first RS row. Working each 8-st block in colors as established and using the intarsia method of twisting yarns at color changes to prevent holes from forming, k 15 more rows, ending with a WS row. With RS facing, change colors as foll: k8 with D, k8 with A, k8 with E. Work 15 more rows as before. With RS facing, change colors as foll: k8 with E, k8 with F, k8 with B. Work 15 more rows as before. BO all sts loosely.

Key

A—#3556 Light Teal
 B—#3560 Medium Teal
 C—#3574 Dark Teal
 D—#3319 Royal Blue
 E—#4218 Light Sea Foam
 F—#4228 Medium Sea Foam
 G—#1902 Dark Red

Half-Fence Rail Block



Arrows mark knitting direction

Loosely CO 12 sts with C. K 15 more rows. Change to B and k 16 rows. Change to A and k 16 rows. With RS facing, BO all sts loosely. Turn piece counter-clockwise 90° so right selvedge (beginning of RS rows) is across the top. With E and RS facing, pick up and k 24 sts evenly spaced along selvedge edge. K 7 rows. Change to F and k 8 rows. Change to G and k 8 rows. With RS facing, BO all sts loosely.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends. Block as necessary.

Attach block to card: Cut 12-inch (30.5-cm) lengths of yarn to match the corner colors of the block. Position the block as desired on the card, then tack each corner to the card with its matching color, and tie off the ends on the inside of card. Rep for the other blocks.

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