

stitch guide

+ SLIPPED (CHAIN) SELVEDGE

On each row, slip the first stitch (selvedge stitch) as if to purl with yarn in front, work across to last stitch (selvedge stitch), then knit this stitch through the back loop.

BLANKET

With cir needle and using the knitted method (see Glossary), CO 231 sts. Do not join.

Bottom Border

Working the first and last st of each row as a slipped (chain) selvedge (see Notes), purl 6 rows.

Body

Work 4 sts as established for side border, place marker (pm), work center 223 sts according to Row 1 of Body chart, pm, work 4 sts as established for side border. Cont as established, work through Row 10 of chart, then rep Rows 1–10 of chart 36 more times—37 repeats total. Work Rows 1–6 once more—piece measures about 32" (81.5 cm) from beg of charted patt.

Top Border

Working the first and last st as slipped selvedge, purl 6 rows, ending with a WS row.

Edging

Set-up rnd (RS) P2, *p2tog, p5; rep from * to last 5 sts, p2tog, p3—198 sts rem.

Pm and pick up and purl (see Glossary) 198 sts along left edge of body as foll: Pick up and purl into front and back

leg of each of the first 5 selvedge chain sts, pick up and purl into front leg only of every selvedge st to the last 4 sts, pick up and purl into front and back loop of each of the last 4 selvedge sts, pm, **pick up and purl 198 sts across bottom border of blanket**, pm, pick up and purl 198 sts along right edge of body as foll: Pick up and purl into front and back leg of each of the first 5 selvedge chain sts, pick up and purl into front leg only of every selvedge st to the last 4 sts, pick up and purl into front and back loop of each of the last 4 selvedge sts—792 sts total. Cut yarn, leaving an 8" (20.5 cm) tail for finishing later.

Work edging (see Notes) while attaching it to the blanket as foll: With dpn, CO 5 sts. Purl to last st, sl the last st onto the left-hand tip of the cir needle with the WS of the blanket facing, and purl it tog with the first st on the cir needle. Turn work. Work Row 1 of Edging chart. Cont in patt, work the last st of edging tog with next st of blanket every WS row, working 33 points along each side of the blanket (132 points total)—5 edging sts rem. BO all sts.

FINISHING

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, use a whipstitch (see Glossary) to join the CO and BO edges of the edging. Weave in loose ends. Wash the blanket in wool wash or mild detergent, blot excess moisture with towels. Place damp blanket on a flat surface and pin the points to form a 40" (101.5 cm) square. Allow to thoroughly air-dry before removing pins.