



In this symmetrical square, purl-stitch zigzags turn into seed-stitch diamonds that turn back into purl-stitch zigzags.

This square has a garter-stitch border and a design of purl-stitch zigzags against a stockinette-stitch background. The zigzags get closer together toward the center of the square where they turn into seed-stitch diamonds. Notice that very few of the rows are the same. If the pattern were written out in words, almost every row would need to be written separately. This is hard to write, hard to read, and prone to error. This type of pattern is more easily conveyed in a chart.


PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

CO 41 sts using long-tail method.

-  **WHY?** We want the piece to measure 8" (20.5 cm) wide and we have a gauge of 5 stitches per inch: 8" × 5 stitches/inch = 40 stitches. But for this pattern, which is symmetrical around a center stitch, we need an odd number of stitches. The additional single stitch won't affect the size significantly.
-  **READ YOUR KNITTING** Note that as you turn the work to start Row 1, the tail left over from the long-tail cast-on will be on the right-hand side of the

piece. This is your indicator that, for this project, you are facing the right side of your work. In this pattern, right-side rows will be the odd-numbered rows.

Follow the Diamonds Peaks chart for Rows 1–61.

-  **TIP** To make it easier to keep your place, place a sticky note above the row you are on. This will help you see how the stitches on the needles relate to the rows already worked. (If you use a magnetic easel to hold your pattern, use one of the magnetic rulers for this purpose.)
- ✦ Be sure to check the key for the chart symbols (see page 51). In this chart, a blank cell indicates a stitch to be knitted on right-side (odd-numbered) rows and purled on wrong-side (even-numbered) rows. A cell with a dot indicates a stitch to be purled on right-side (odd-numbered) rows and knitted on wrong-side (even-numbered) rows.
- ✦ To help keep track of the different stitch patterns across a row beginning with **Row 7**, place a marker after the first 4 stitches and before the last 4 stitches to separate the garter-stitch borders from the center pattern.