

# Easy Basket Weave Baby Blanket

## Materials Needed

- 4 sk Bernat CottonTots or 800 yds of other soft worsted weight yarn
- Size 8 knitting needles (or size to give you correct gauge)

## Gauge:

- 8 sts and 12 rows = 2 inches in Basketweave pattern



## Make Blanket:

Cast on 92 sts. Knit 8 rows.

Begin eyelet section:

Row 1: K4, \*YO, K2tog, repeat from \* across, to last 4 sts. YO, K4. (93 stitches on needle)

Row 2: K4, P across to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 3: K4, YO, ssk, K across to last 7 sts. K3tog, YO, K4. (92 stitches on needle)

Begin Basket-Weave Pattern (12 rows)

Row 1 (Wrong side): K4, P2, \*K4, P4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, P2, K4.

Row 2: (Right side): K4, YO, ssk, \*K4, P4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, K2tog, YO, K4.

Rows 3 & 5: Repeat Row 1.

Rows 4 & 6: Repeat Row 2.

Row 7: K4, P2, \*P4, K4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, P2, K4.

Row 8: K4, YO, SSK, \*P4, K4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, K2tog, YO, K4.

Rows 9 & 11: Repeat row 7.

Rows 10 & 12: Repeat row 8.

Repeat rows 1-12 until blanket measures approx. 35 inches, ending with row 12 (right side).

## Ending eyelet section:

Row 1: K4, P across to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2: K4, YO, ssk, \*YO, K2tog, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts. K2tog, YO, K4.

Row 3: K4, P across to last 4 sts, K4. Knit next 8 rows, bind off. Tuck in any loose ends, block if desired.

This basket weave pattern is a multiple of eight stitches, both horizontally and vertically. Any increases or decreases in this pattern (to make, say, an afghan or a purse) should be made in multiples of eight stitches. To determine the required number of stitches for your project, do a 16 x 16 stitch swatch, then measure eight stitches, horizontally and vertically. Divide the desired width and length by these values to determine the number of multiples of eight, then add the outer stitches that make up the eyelet border. Each side of the border takes up 6 stitches, or a total of 12 stitches. So, get your multiple of 8 that you need for your dimensions then add twelve stitches. Or, if you want to be closer to your exact dimensions, subtract one multiple of 8 and let the border count for one multiple.