

The “Baby Cover”

Baby Cover

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The name of this yarn was just too cute. I had to make a baby blanket (or cover) out of Laines du Nord Baby Cover.

Gauge: 4 sts = 1” in seed st

Materials

Yarn: 10 skeins Baby Cover (100% merino wool; 50g and 99 yards/skein)
The color used is #683, a green and lavender combination. To substitute another yarn, look for a yarn that knits at a suggested gauge of 4 sts/in, generally described as a heavy worsted weight yarn.

Needles: The blanket is knitted in the round, beginning on double pointed needles and moving to 16-inch circular needle when there are sufficient stitches to do so. Thereafter, move to longer circular needles as you feel it is necessary to accommodate the ever-increasing number of stitches.

size 8 double points
size 8 16” circular
size 8 32” circular
size 8 47” circular
size 9 needle double point, straight, or circular (used only for binding off)

Notions: 8 safety-pin-style stitch markers: 7 matching and 1 contrasting color

Size: 48” in diameter

Abbreviations

CO = Cast On; **BO** = Bind Off; **ST** = Stitch(es); **DPN** = Double Pointed Needle(s); **K** = Knit; **P** = Purl; **YO** = Yarn Over; **K2tog** = Knit 2 sts Together; **MM** = Move Marker from left needle to right needle; **KFB** = increase by Knitting in Front and Back of next st; **PKB** = increase by Purling the st, then Knitting in the Back of the same st; **INC** = Increase using a lifted bar increase or PKB; **RND** = Round.

Instructions

Center Section

Using DPNs, CO 4 sts. Distribute across 4 DPNS.

Rnd 1: KFB each st [8 sts total]

Rnd 2: K

Rnd 3: (K1, YO) 8 times [16 sts total]

Rnd 4: K

Rnd 5: (K2, YO) 8 times [24 sts total; 6 sts on each of 4 dpns]

Rnd 6: Pin contrasting color marker to indicate the beg of the rnd; K all sts, placing one of the matching markers after every three sts (each needle will contain six stitches with a marker in the center). You will have 3 matching markers remaining, which you may pin to the work at the end of each DPN or reserve until you move to a circular needle.

Rnd 7: (K1, YO, K2tog, YO, MM) 8 times [32 sts total]

Rnd 8: K

Rnd 9: (K2, YO, K2tog, YO, MM) 8 times [40 sts total]

Rnd 10: K

Pattern Stitch Section

- Rnd 1: K1, YO, (K2tog, YO) to marker, MM
Rnd 2: K
Rnd 3: K2, YO, (K2tog, YO) to marker, MM
Rnd 4: K

Repeat rounds 1–4. When sts become crowded on the DPNs, move to a 16-in circular needle, remembering to place the pinned (or reserved) markers on the circular needle at the end of each DPN. As sts become crowded thereafter, move to longer circular needles as needed.

Reading your knitting:

On a pattern row (odd-numbered row), the stitch before a marker will always be a YO and the stitch after the marker will always be knitted.

Knit in this manner until you reach the end of the 8th ball of Baby Cover. Complete this round. If the round just completed is not a knit round, knit one round before beginning the border.

Seed Stitch Border

- Rnd 1: (P to marker, INC 1 st, MM) 8 times.
[Hint: use a lifted increase or a PKB increase to avoid leaving a hole.]

- Rnd 2: K
Rnd 3: ((K1, P1) to marker, INC 1 st, MM) 8 times.
Rnd 4: ((P1, K1) to marker, MM) 8 times.
Rnd 5: Repeat rnd 3
Rnd 6: Repeat rnd 4
Rnd 7: Repeat rnd 3
Rnd 8: Repeat rnd 4
Rnd 9: Repeat rnd 3
Rnd 10: Repeat rnd 4
Rnd 11: Repeat rnd 3
Rnd 12: K
Rnd 13: P

Bind off using size 9 needle and the “elastic bind-off” method: (BO 5 sts, YO, BO the YO) to end. Pull tail through last st. Weave in ends. Block gently if needed.

Note: this pattern is calculated to use almost every bit of the 10 skeins of yarn. If your gauge is looser (fewer stitches per inch) than indicated, you may not have enough yarn to complete the 13-row seed stitch border. You can adjust for this by beginning the border mid-way through the 8th ball of yarn or by making a narrower border.