

FILIGREE LACE-EDGED BABY BLANKET



Shown in Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sport, color Layette

Here is a special blanket for a special baby that is impressive, yet practical. It combines a pleasingly reversible lace stitch around the edges with a cushiony garter stitch center for cuddly warmth.

This predominantly solid-fabric blanket is great for those who want a bit of impressive lace, yet are concerned about holes in which baby could get their fingers caught.

Size 34" square.

With adjustment in planned yardage, the size can easily be increased or reduced by adding or subtracting multiples of 12 stitches.

Yarn and Needles

Sportweight yarn: 1000 yards.

Size 6 US (4 mm) circular knitting needle 40" length.

Gauge: 5¼ stitches/inch over lace stitch pattern.

Depending upon your preferred technique for circular knitting, you may also need double point needles or an additional circular needle for when there become too few stitches to comfortably knit in the round.

Start with just a bit of lacy pattern knitted circularly to dress up the outer edges of this utilitarian beauty. Then the center is knitted back and forth in garter stitch on the diagonal, forming a square to fill in the center while attaching itself to the edging at the same time. No seams to sew!

The sample model is shown in a softly variegated yarn to play up the zigzag movement in the bias lace pattern along the edges, offset by the diagonally-knitted center. The blanket would be equally lovely in a solid color if you prefer a more classic, less casual look.