



Diagonal Stripe Baby Blanket

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Materials:

5 or 6 skeins Araucania Chacabuco
or approximately 120 yards per color of any textured
cotton or wool (you'll need 6 skeins if you use color D
as your border color)
Needle size to match yarn
(we used US size 10.5, 40" circular)
Darning needle

Directions:

First, plot out your colors
Color A (we used blue) _____

Color B (we used brown) _____

Color C (we used orange) _____

Color D (we used purple) _____

Color E (we used bright pink) _____

Border Color _____

The entire blanket is knit in stockinette stitch (knit one
row, purl one row, repeat)

Gauge: 3.5 stitches = 1 inch

Finished size: 32" x 32"

Begin by casting on 1 st using Color A. Work
in stockinette stitch, increasing 2 stitches on
EACH knit row by knitting into the front and
back of the first and last stitches. (Note: you'll continue
to increase 2 stitches on each knit row until blanket
reaches desired size. Ours measures 38.5" across and
8.5 inches when measured straight up from the first
stitch to the last row knit in this color.)

Change colors when beginning a knit row (you'll change
when beginning a knit row each time you change colors
to ensure a consistent look) and continue with Color B in
stockinette for 8 rows or 1.5", change to Color C and knit
6" or approx. 30 rows, change to Color B and knit 8 rows
or 1.5" ending on a purl row, change to Color D and knit
continuing your increases until your blanket measures
approx. 31" when measured diagonally up the side from
the first stitch to the last stitch on your needle --
approximately.

When you reach this point, you'll begin decreasing by
knitting the first two stitches together and last two
stitches together on EVERY KNIT ROW. (Note, you'll
continue to decrease 2 stitches on each knit row until
you have 1 stitch remaining on the needle.) Color D
should be the largest stripe in your blanket. (Ours is 7.5"
wide and 40" long.) Once you've reached your desired
width, change to Color B and knit 8 rows or 1.5"; change
to Color E and knit 6"; change to Color B and knit 8 rows
change to Color A and knit 8.5" or until you have one
stitch left on the needle. Break yarn and run the tail
through the last stitch. Pick up stitches evenly around
the outside of the blanket, purl one row, knit one row,
bind off purlwise. Sew in ends and enjoy!

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