



Giraffe Baby Blanket

I really hope you enjoy knitting this up!

Supplies: 41 peg small gauge knitting board (1/4" between pins), 15 washers (1/2") between boards. Kiss 1/4 turn double rake used.

Note: distance of pegs and board to board gauge will affect the pattern.

Yarn: 1 3/4 skeins (355 yards per skein) of #4 weight I Love This Yarn in Burnt Pumpkin, and 4 skeins (196 yards per skein) of #4 weight Bernat Denim Style in Chino, single stranded. For the giraffe pattern Burnt Pumpkin and 1-2 yards of Yarn Bee Luscious in Lemondrop were used in the sample.

Stitch: Stockinette cast-on and stitch used throughout.

Finished Size: approximately 32" h x 33" w

Squares are knit individually and sewn together using an invisible stitch. 4 squares of Burnt Pumpkin and 5 squares of Chino (one with giraffe pattern).

Solid Squares:

Cast on 41 pegs, count cast on row as first row of pattern. Lay anchor yarn. Knit 53 rows and bind off using one over one crochet method. Bind off starting edge using one over one crochet method.

Giraffe Pattern Square:

Yarn Preparation for Pattern:

Wind 2 yards of Burnt Pumpkin on to a paper towel roll for use with the front legs of the giraffe.

Cast on 41 pegs, count cast on row as first row of pattern. Lay anchor yarn. Knit 8 rows in Chino using stockinette stitch.

Row 9: start with contrast color (Burnt Pumpkin) and place slip knot on peg 12 (top or bottom of board doesn't matter) wrap pegs 12 and 13 in stockinette stitch, knit off. Using yarn placed on paper towel roll place another Burnt Pumpkin slip knot on peg 23 and work pegs 23 and 24 in stockinette stitch, knit off.



Pick up main color (Chino) and knit remaining unworked pegs (skipping pegs 12, 13, 23, and 24 on this row). You'll place the main color working yarn across the top of the contrasting color. If you ended with the main color working yarn on the top of peg 11 you'll start peg 14 at the bottom of the board (it'll form an "x" over the contrasting color - see photo below). Make sure you leave the yarn a little loose in the "x", or it will pull the design to the middle on the finished project. Knit off.



Continue following pattern from chart below. Make sure you start each row with contrast colors and knit those off before going to the main color.

When you finish with a contrasting color cut the yarn leaving a 2"-3" tail and lay it across the center, you can tuck some of it under the "x" from the main color to hold it in place.

When you are done bind off and tuck in all tails! The finished squares were sew together using the invisible mattress stitch <http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring04/mattress.html>, mid way down the page.

I hope you enjoy knitting this blanket up. Feel free to add more squares to make it larger or move the giraffe pattern square to a different location on the blanket. You could even do all the Chino colored squares with a giraffe pattern. If you knit this up I'd love to see a picture of your finished project! Just email to kelly@kellyknits.com



