

A Stoir Baby Blanket/Shawl Knitting Pattern

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Introduction:

Welcome to my new design. I designed and knit this baby blanket/shawl for my best friend's baby who was born safely last December. The blanket contains lots of cute baby-esque motifs, ducks, hearts, flowers, sleepy zzz's and building blocks and would be suitable for both boys and girls. It would make a beautiful heirloom to keep and treasure or a very special gift for a lucky baby. Pure wool blocks well and the Shetland wool used is soft and warm, but there is nothing stopping you from experimenting with different fibres, from silk to acrylic and any weight yarn.

What you will need:

1,416 Yards/1,296 metres of yarn approx. of Jamieson & Smith Shetland Supreme 2ply lace weight in natural white. (1kg cone has 8,000m/8,740 yards)

3.25mm Circular Needles.

Stitch Markers (to mark corner stitches and beginning of round - use a different colour or marker to mark beginning of round).

Row Counter (optional)

Sharp Scissors

Darning Needle

Gauge/Tension:

Not critical

Finished dimensions using yarn/needle combination above:

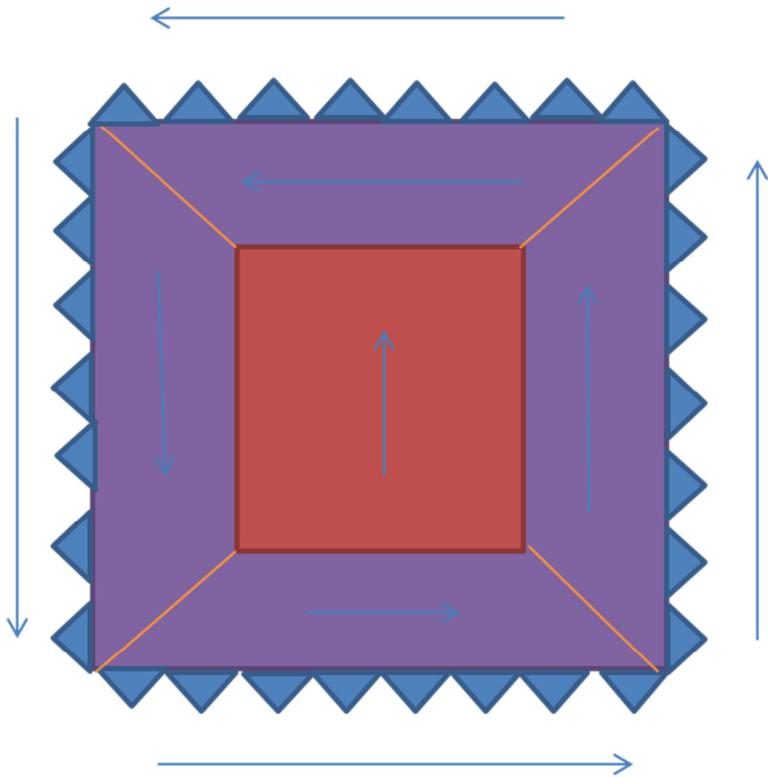
49" X 49" approx.

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Notes:



The centre square is knit first 'flat', which is back and forth on straight needles (or circular) in garter stitch.

The borders are knit in the round, by picking up the stitches from all four sides of the centre square, marking each corner stitch and the beginning of the round. Every other row is purled to maintain a garter stitch appearance.

The edging is then 'knit on' around all four sides binding off/casting off the border stitches.

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Graft or sew two ends of the edging together to finish.

Instructions:

Cast on 77 stitches with a provisional cast on (or cast on with a different coloured waste yarn and knit three rows before joining with the main yarn, the waste yarn will be snipped out when you are picking up your stitches for the borders).

*Beginning with **Chart A - Centre** work rows 1 - 154 working every even row as garter stitch. The repeat motif is outlined in **red**; you need to repeat these stitches twice.*

*When you reach row 154 **DO NOT CAST OFF**. You will now place a **stitch marker** at that corner and then pick up and knit 77 stitches evenly from the left side of the square, **place marker**, pick up and knit the cast on stitches at the beginning of the square (where you had your provisional or waste wool cast on, snip out the waste wool and place the stitches on a needle, then knit), **place marker** and then pick up and knit 77 stitches along the right hand straight edge, place a different marker (or different colour) before you join the round (to signify the beginning or the circular row). Picking up the stitches along the sides should be easy as there are 154 rows ($154 / 2 = 77$) so there are 77 loops between the rows to pick up.*

There are 77 stitches on each side - 76 pattern stitches and 1 corner stitch. The corner stitch will have a yarn over before and after it on every pattern row as increases. The corner stitches are not marked on the charts - the first stitch of each side is the corner stitch.

You are now ready to begin the borders

*Complete rows 1 - 110 of **Chart B - Borders**, the red line indicates the pattern repeat. Every even row is **PURLED** to maintain the garter stitch appearance of the blanket (as you are knitting in the round).*

When complete, you should have 189 stitches on each side (including corner stitch). To make the edging easier to attach, add 3 additional stitches to each side on the last row. (192 stitches each side)

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To add the edging, cast on 16 stitches and knit back attaching the last stitch of the edging to the next shawl body stitch.

*Using **Chart C - Edging** start complete rows 1 - 24 twice, attaching to the shawl body every **fourth** row (this is so that the edging is eased around the corner and won't bunch or pucker!), then complete 14 edging points attaching to the shawl body every **second** row, then the last 2 edging points every **fourth** row for the next corner. Repeat for each side. You should have **18 points** on each side.*

When you reach the end, either cast off or sew two ends of the edging together or graft together for a near invisible join.

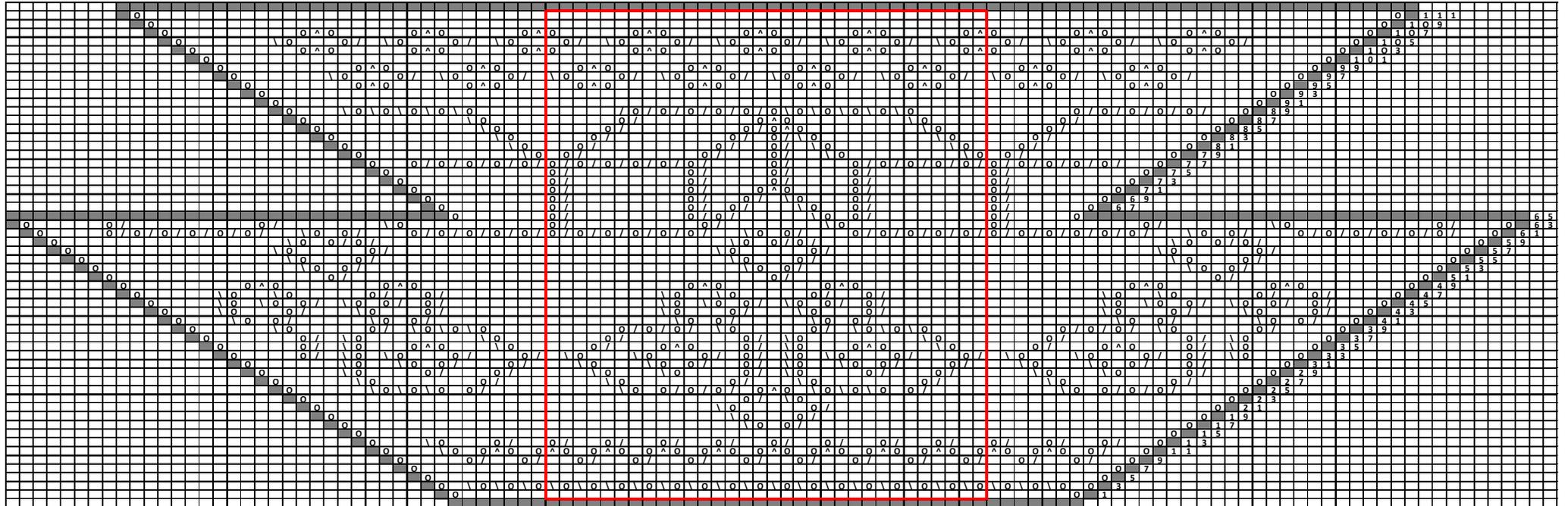


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Chart B - Border



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Key:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Definition</i>
'Blank Square'	K	Knit
'Grey Square'	No stitch	No stitch
Red Outline	Repeat	Motif Repeat
\	SSK	Slip 2 stitches knit wise, return to left hand needle and knit two together
/	K2Tog	Knit two together
○	YO	Yarn Over
^	SK2P	Slip 1 knit wise, knit 2 together & pass slipped stitch over
<	KTBL	Knit through back loop

Thank you so much for choosing my pattern. I hope you enjoyed making it, if you find any errors or need anything clarified, please do not hesitate to contact me through [Ravelry](#) or my [blog](#).