



Safe at Home Blanket

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A colorful blanket reminding us that home and family is our safe place. Work it as shown or from your own stash of yarn leftovers.

Skills

Pick up and knit, sewing and intarsia.

Size

55 x 55"/140 x 140

Yarn

Malabrigo, Worsted Merino (100% Kettle Dyed Pure Merino Wool, 210 yds/192m; 3.5oz/100g):

A: 2 hanks Azul Profundo (dark blue) #150

B: 3 hanks Vaa (dark green-blue) #051

C: 2 hanks Jewel Blue (sky blue) #032

D: 2 hanks Lettuce (avocado green) #037

E: 2 hanks Water Green (mint green) #083

F: 2 hanks Cadmium (bright yellow) #007

G: 2 hanks Frank Ochre (dull gold) #035

H: 2 hanks Sunset (orange-yellow) #096

I: 2 hanks Pollen (Light Yellow or Cream) #019

J: 2 hanks Rhodesian (Rust) #123

K: 2 hanks Shocking Pink (bright pink) #184

L: 2 hanks Red Mahogany (dark red-brown) #610

Note: If working from stash, 3500 yards are needed for the blanket face, and 400 yards for the Borders. A coloring page for planning out color arrangements is provided at the back of the pattern.

Needles

US Size 7/4.5mm 40"/100cm circular needles; or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions

Tapestry needle, stitch holders or scrap yarn

Gauge

17 sts and 34 rows = 4"/10cm in garter st.

Notes

This blanket is worked in 9 horizontal strips of 9 blocks each, then strips are sewn together. The borders are picked up on the edges of the completed blanket. Pattern stitches, referred to by the Instructions, are in light green boxes next to their first use.



See the following tutorial videos for techniques used in the pattern:

- [Intarsia Technique for Garter stitch](#)
- [Pick up and Knit for Sky pieces](#)

Blanket Instructions

See Figure 1 for block construction diagram and color scheme arrangement and Figure 2 for Color Schemes (CS). CS names [C1][C2][C3][C4][C5] refer to the 5 parts of blocks as follows:

- C1: Background of Ground Floor.
- C2: Windows.
- C3: Door, 1st and all odd stripes of the Roof.
- C4: 2nd and all even stripes of the Roof.
- C5: Sky.

Strips 1 – 9

Note: All horizontal strips are worked the same from right to left and consist of 9 Blocks. These instructions are for working each block in its entirety then working subsequent blocks of the Strip. However, the Ground Floors (GFs) of the Strip may all be worked first continuously, and Roofs and Skies added afterwards. If this is done, the sts of the GF do not need to be put on a holder.

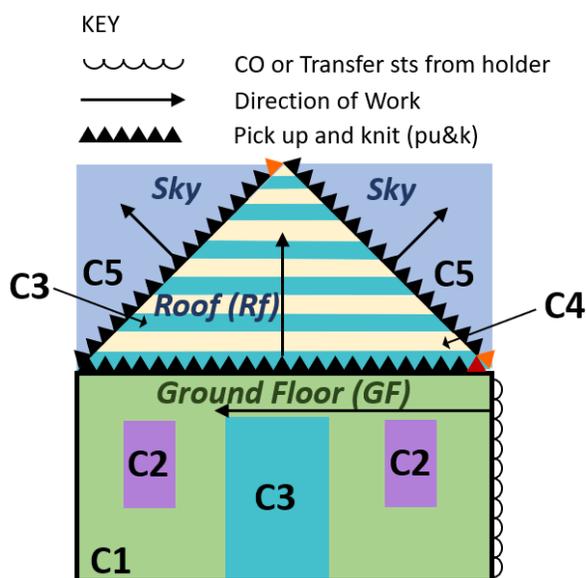


Figure 1: Block Construction and Colors Schemes

Block 1

Ground Floor

See sidebar on working Intarsia.

CO 12 sts.

Work [GF Chart, Rows 1-48] using CS for Block 1. Cut yarn and fasten off. Place 12 sts on holder or scrap yarn.

Note: on the GF Chart, only RS rows are shown. On the WS rows, work sts in same color as prev RS row. Change colors on RS (odd) rows as shown.

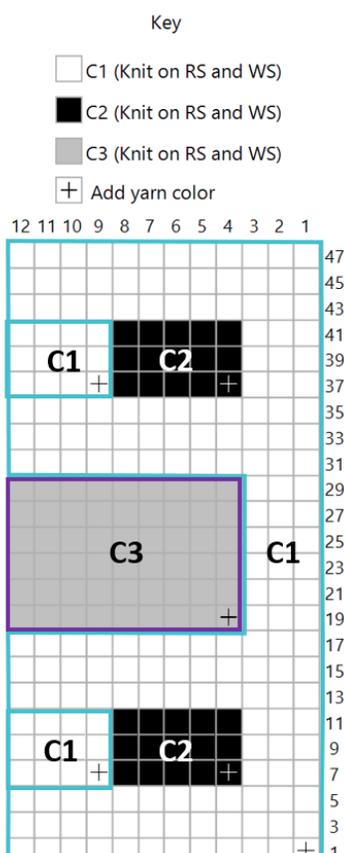
Working Intarsia

Avoiding holes: When working a row with intarsia, twist yarns at color changes on WS of work, moving yarn to WS when necessary. When dropping yarns, do so at WS of work.

Adding (+) yarn:

The “plus” sign on Figure 1 indicates where to add a different yarn color. The small C1 sections to the left of the C2 sections require a second strand of C1 of length 30”/75cm. Cut C2 and C3 after the final WS row of the section.

Ground Floor (GF) Chart





Roof

Attach C3 at red triangle and pu&k 24 sts (one st per garter st ridge) across the right edge of the GF. Work [ET] attaching C4 at the beg of Row 2, then alternating C3 & C4 every 2 rows. Cut yarns and fasten off.

Sky

Left Sky

Attach C5 at peak of Roof at orange triangle in Figure 1, leaving 10"/25cm tail, and pu&k 17 sts evenly along edge. Work [OT]. Cut yarn, leaving 12"/30cm tail.

Right Sky

Attach C5 at lower right corner of Roof at orange triangle and pu&k 17 sts evenly along edge. Work [OT]. Cut yarn, leaving 20"/55cm tail.

Thread long CO tail of Left Sky onto tapestry needle. Insert needle in right corner of Left Sky and then into left corner of Right Sky, to tie these two pieces together. Pull to tighten, then fasten off securely.

On WS, with crochet hook or tapestry needle, tie off all tails (except for those of the Sky pieces) by pulling a loop of yarn through the bump next to the tail and pulling the tail through the loop. Pull to tighten, then weave in tail. This will eliminate any remaining holes in the fabric.

Even Triangle (ET) – even number of sts dec'ing to 1 st.

Row 1 (WS): Knit.

Row 2 (RS): K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, ssk – 2 sts dec'ed.

Row 3: Knit.

Rep [Rows 2 & 3] until 2 sts rem.

Final Row (RS): K2tog – 1 st dec'ed; 1 st.

Odd Triangle (OT) – odd number of sts dec'ing to 1 st.

Work as for [ET] until 3 sts rem.

Final row (RS): Cdd – 2 sts dec'ed – 1 st.

Blocks 2 – 9

Transfer 12 sts from prev block from holder to needle. Work as for Block 1 (omitting CO for GF and beg on Row 1), using CS for Block specified in Figure 2. At the end of Block 9 [GF Row 48], BO sts instead of placing on holder.

After completing Blocks 2 – 9, use long tail from Right Sky and mattress st to sew tog Right sky edge of current Block to Left sky edge of prev Block. Before tying off, take a few discrete sts to fully close the corner where the roof corners meet.

Assembly

Arrange Strips 1-9 as shown in Figure 2. Using long tails of Right Sky and mattress st, sew strips tog.

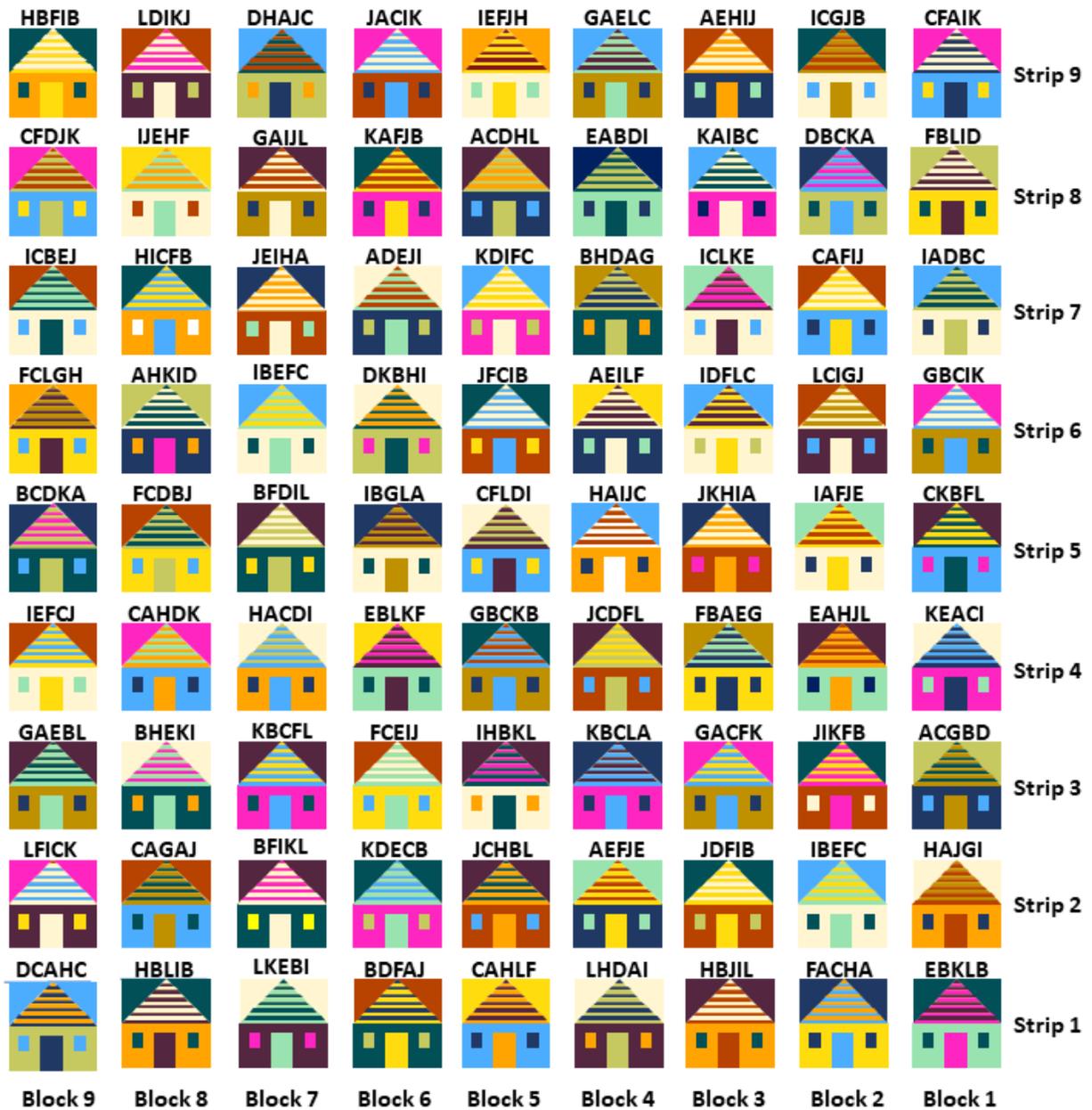


Figure 2: Color Schemes for Blocks

Borders

Right Border

On RS, attach B at right bottom corner of blanket. Pu&k 24 sts per block on right edge of blanket – 216 sts. Knit 15 rows. BO loosely. Leave rem st on needle and do not cut yarn.



Top Border

Pu&k 8 sts on edge of Right Border, and 24 sts per block on top edge of blanket – 225 sts. Knit 15 rows. BO loosely. Leave rem st on needle and do not cut yarn.

Left Border

Rep as for Top Border, picking up sts on edge of Top Border and left side of blanket.

Bottom Border

Pu&k 8 sts on edge of Left Border, 24 sts per block on bottom edge of blanket, and 9 sts on edge of Right Border – 234 sts. Knit 15 rows. BO loosely. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block if desired.

Abbreviations

Beg begin(ing)

BO Bind Off

Cdd Central double decrease: slip 2 stitches as if to knit 2 together, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over (2 stitches dec'ed)

CO Cast On

CS Color Scheme

dec('ed) Decrease(d)

Inc('ed) Increase(d)

K Knit

K2tog Knit 2 stitches together (1 stitch dec'ed)

P Purl

Prev previous

Pu&k Pick up and knit

Rem Remain(ing)

Rep(s) Repeat(s)

RS Right Side

Ssk Slip 2 stitches knitwise, insert the left needle into the front loops of these stitches (left to right) then knit together (1 stitch dec'ed)

St(s) Stitch(es)

Tog together

WS Wrong Side