

Norfolk Baby Blanket

This pattern was made for the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital as a response to a request from their Neonatal unit for baby blankets. The blankets needed to be 30 inches square.



Yarn: I used 4 ply high bulk acrylic, but any suitable 4 ply or similar would do

Gauge: My tension at T9 was 21 sts and 53 rows to 4 inches.

Stitch Pattern: I used Brother card 2 [similar to Knitmaster card 3]

Method:

Cast on 160 stitches with waste yarn, Tension 9. Knit a few rows. Carriage on right. RC000

Join main yarn. Knit 1 row, then set carriage to read card. Knit 1 row, then set card to rotate.

Set carriage to tuck.

Knit 400 rows. Carriage on right.

Put all working needles to holding position. Set carriage to hold and slip in one direction.

Return three needles at extreme right to working position and knit 8 rows.

Transfer these three stitches across to the next three needles on the left. Knit 8 rows

Repeat from *to* until all stitches but one have been brought back to working position – you should have four stitches left on the left hand side of the bed, three in working position, having just worked 8 rows on these, and one still in hold.

Pick up two stitches from the side of the blanket [just round the corner from your last stitch on a needle] Place these next to the stitch in hold. Now transfer the three live stitches to the ones in hold, and move them along the bed to the right hand side, putting them on needles R79/80/81.

Then pick up 158 stitches from the side of the blanket, putting them on needles L80-R78. Put those stitches in hold, then knit 8 rows on the three stitches on the right hand side.

Now repeat from ***** to ***** , until you reach the beginning of the edging. Cast off the three stitches, and sew in all ends.

Steam to finish.