

Finnias

Finnias is a garter stitch blanket that will leave you with one straight seam to whip closed once your knitting is done. The blanket is knit back and forth using three long circular needles so you can knit around the perimeter of the blanket, adding frames of color as the blanket size increases.



You can experiment with colors to create your own personalized blanket combination.

The cotton yarn stipulated in the pattern is exceptionally soft with lovely drape. You can machine wash and dry your blanket. Of course, feel free to substitute with whatever fibers catch your fancy.

Finished blanket measures 35" x 38"

Yarn:

16 skeins Knit Picks Shine Sport

Color A: Violet (4 skeins)

Color B: Sky (4 skeins)

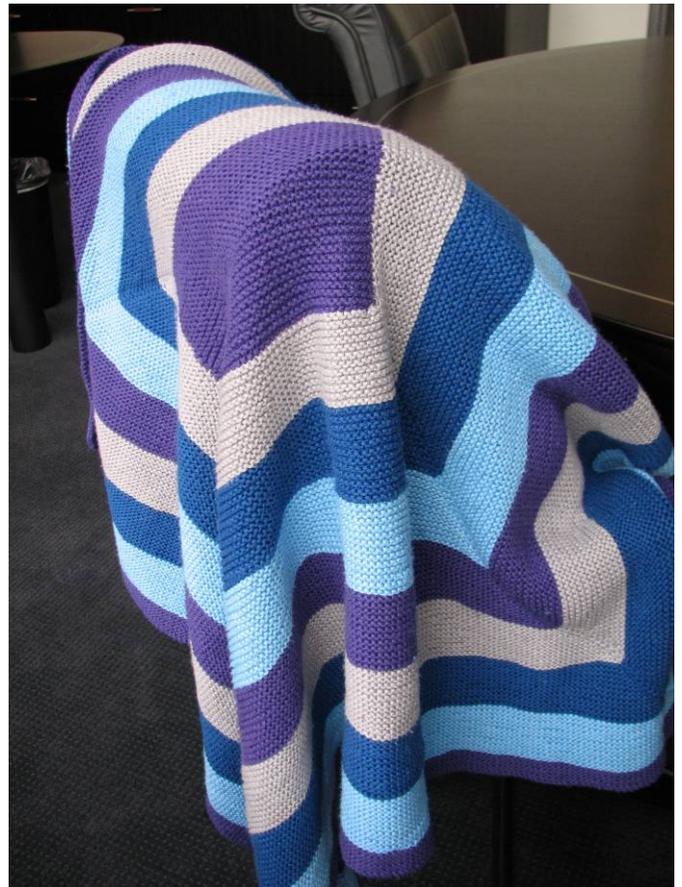
Color C: River (4 skeins)

Color D: Cloud (4 skeins)

Needles:

Three 32" size 3 circular needles:

These needles will be used in combination to knit around the circumference of the blanket. At the beginning, while the blanket is a manageable size, you may opt to use one needle in Magic Loop, if you feel comfortable. You may also special order a very



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long circular needle for this project. I chose to use three circulars out of convenience.

Glossary of terms:

kfb: knit 1 stitch in the front, then in the back.

sm: stitch marker

WS: wrong side

RS: right side

Gauge: 25 stitches = 4"

(but it's a blanket so it really doesn't matter, does it?)

Pattern:

Cast on 44 stitches with Color A. Work in garter stitch for 60 rows. End on a WS row with back facing you. This is the center rectangle of your blanket.

Join Color B.

First Row of Pattern: On first stitch, kfb of that stitch. Knit across row with your circular needle. On last stitch of row, kfb of stitch.

You will now begin to pick up sts around the center rectangle as follows: leaving the 45 stitches on the circular needle (the 44 you have been knitting plus the one you just added), place stitch marker, then pick up and kfb 1 stitch from the short side of the work on the left side. Pick up and knit 14 more stitches. Leave these on the first circular needle.

With a second needle, pick up and knit 15 more stitches along left short side, kfb in the last picked up stitch. Place marker. Pick up 1 stitch along the cast on edge of work; kfb, then pick up and knit 21 stitches. Leave these stitches on the second circular needle.

With third circular needle, pick up and knit 22 remaining stitches across bottom of work; kfb in last stitch. Place marker. Pick up and kfb 1 stitch on remaining sort side of work, the right side in the original orientation. Pick up and knit 29 stitches along remaining short side; kfb last stitch.

You now have 156 stitches divided between 3 circular needles.

DO NOT JOIN WORK. Turn blanket, WS facing.

You will be working back and forth in garter stitch for the entire blanket, increasing stitches every RS row.

Row Two: Next and all WS rows: Knit around entire work, keeping the work on 3 needles as you go. To do this, be sure to knit from one side of each needle to the other, changing as you

reach the end of each needle. You are using these circular needles as though you are knitting a sock on two circular needles.

Row Three: Next row (RS): kfb, * knit to last stitch before marker, kfb, sm, kfb. Repeat from * two more times. Knit to next to the last stitch, kfb. Turn work

Repeat these last two rows 13 times, then work one more WS row.

You will have 15 ridges of Color B. End with RS facing.

Join Color C.

Following Pattern in Row Two and Row Three above, work 15 ridges with Color C,

15 ridges with Color D,

15 ridges with Color A,

15 ridges with Color B,

15 ridges with Color C,

15 ridges with Color D,

15 ridges with Color A. (You may opt for a thinner or thicker border to accent blanket. Pictured version has a 10 ridge final row.)

Bind off all sts loosely.

Align single seam so that colors line up. Sew seam using ends in matching colors. Weave in any ends.

