

## Easy Basket-Weave Baby Blanket

### Materials Needed:

- 4 sk Bernat CottonTots or other soft worsted weight yarn (alpaca yarn is also hypoallergenic)
- Size 8 knitting needles (or size to give you correct gauge)

### Gauge:

- 8 sts and 12 rows = 2 inches in Basket-Weave pattern

### Abbreviations:

- K—Knit
- P—Purl
- tog—together
- ssk—Slip, slip, knit: slip stitch to right needle, slip stitch to right needle, knit these two stitches together through back
- YO—yarn over

### Make Blanket:

Cast on 92 sts. Knit 8 rows.

### Begin eyelet section:

Row 1: K4, \*YO, K2tog, repeat from \* across, to last 4 sts. YO, K4. **(You will have 93 stitches after this row.)**

Row 2: K4, P across to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 3: K4, YO, ssk, K across to last 7 sts. **K3tog**, YO, K4. **(92 stitches)**

### Begin Basket-Weave Pattern (12 rows)

Row 1 (Wrong side): K4, P2, \*K4, P4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, P2, K4.

Row 2: (Right side): K4, YO, ssk, \*K4, P4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, K2tog, YO, K4.

Rows 3 & 5: Repeat Row 1.

Rows 4 & 6: Repeat Row 2.

Row 7: K4, P2, \*P4, K4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, P2, K4.



Row 8: K4, YO, SSK, \*P4, K4, repeat from \* across to last 6 sts, K2tog, YO, K4.

Rows 9 & 11: Repeat row 7.

Rows 10 & 12: Repeat row 8.

Repeat rows 1-12 until blanket measures approx. 35 inches, ending with row 12 (right side).

### **Ending eyelet section:**

Row 1: K4, P across to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2: K4, YO, ssk, \*YO, K2tog, repeat from \* across to last 7 sts. K2tog, YO, K4.

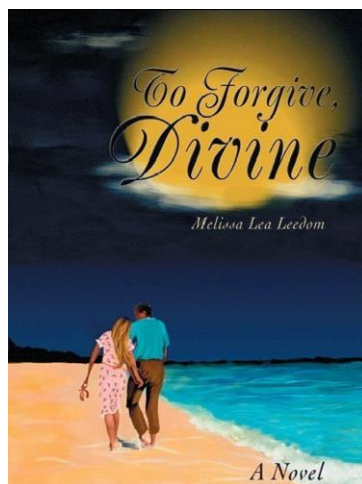
Row 3: K4, P across to last 4 sts, K4. Knit next 8 rows, bind off. Tuck in any loose ends, block if desired.

### **Instructions for Modification:**

This basket weave pattern is a multiple of eight stitches, both horizontally and vertically. Any increases or decreases in this pattern (to make, say, an afghan or a purse) should be made in multiples of eight stitches.

To determine the required number of stitches for your project, knit up a 16 x 16 stitch swatch in pattern, then measure eight stitches, horizontally and vertically. Divide the desired width and length by these values by 8 to determine the number of multiples of eight required, then add the measurements of the outer stitches that make up the eyelet border.

Each side of the border takes up 6 stitches, or a total of 12 stitches. So, get your multiple of 8 that you need for your dimensions then add twelve stitches. Or, if you want to be closer to your exact dimensions, subtract one multiple of 8 and let the border count for one multiple.



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