

Zig and Zig Sock Yarn pram blanket

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My sister's brand new baby was imminent and I wanted to design a baby blanket that would be interesting to knit, use up my sock yarn scraps and look great for either a baby boy or girl when it was finished. You could use a more limited palette or wider stripes for a variation on the pattern.

Needles: 4.5mm US size 7 circular needle

Yarns: I used a selection of sock weight yarn including Skein Queen, Posh Yarn, Koigu, Socks That Rock, Hipknits and Sunshine Yarns in merino, cashmere/silk, handspun cashmere and BFL



I only used a very small amount of each, enough for four rows, though you will need a larger quantity of the colour which forms the border and is knitted in garter stitch.

Choose your **border colour** and wind off a good handful of it into a separate ball. This will be used for your left-hand border.

Cast on 127 stitches.

K 6 rows (garter stitch) in **border colour**.

Continue in same colour for next four rows:

Pattern row 1: K5 *KFB, K4, sl1 knitwise K2 tog pssso, K4, KFB* repeat nine times to last 5 sts;K5

Pattern row 2: K5, P117, K5

Pattern row 3: As row 1

Pattern row 4: As row 2

Knit first 5 stitches in **border colour**, change colour, incorporating one end of the new colour into the first four or five stitches of the work whilst maintaining pattern. **Knit the last 5 stitches** of the row using the small ball of **border colour**.

After knitting the four rows of pattern, switch to another colour if desired, remembering to knit the first and last five stitches in **border colour**.

Knit to desired length. I used 42 repeats of the 4-row pattern.

Make last 4-row pattern in **border colour**.

Knit 6 rows.

Cast off and sew in ends. Enjoy!

Abbreviations:

KFB - Knit a stitch, leaving stitch on left needle; knit into the back loop of this stitch

Sl 1 - Slip a stitch knitwise

PSSO - pass slipped stitch over

