

BINGO BLANKET

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Make this dramatic color-block blanket in one of several methods.

Size

42 x 42"/107 x 107 cm

Yarn

210 yards/192 m worsted weight yarn in each of 6 different colors (A-F in pattern).

300 yards/275 m of white, black or other contrast color for borders (G in pattern).

Suitable yarns include acrylics, superwash wools, alpaca and blends.

Needles

US Size 7/4.5mm 40"/100cm circular needles, and 2nd circular needle (if joining with 3-needle BO)

US Size 6/4 mm crochet hook if using crochet method(s).

Gauge

16 sts x 32 rows = 4"/10cm in garter st.

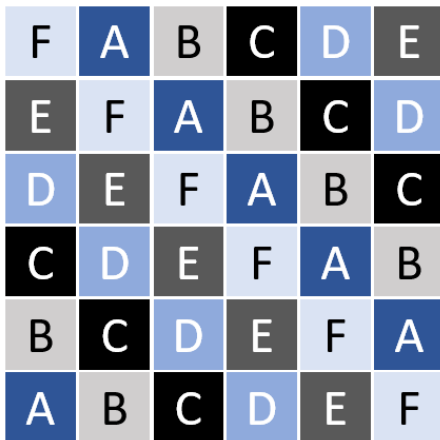


Figure 2: Color arrangement

Blanket Face and 4 options for the Border, as depicted in Figure 1. See border photos at end of pattern.

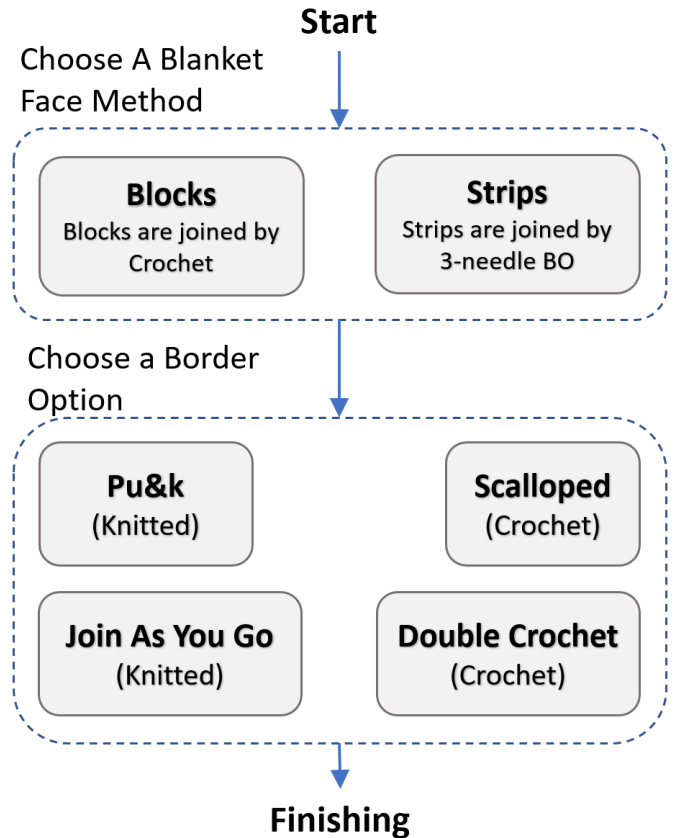


Figure 1: Construction Options and Order

Notes

The basic shape in the blanket is a square block worked in garter stitch. The blanket has 36 blocks in the arrangement shown in Figure 2. There are 2 methods for making the

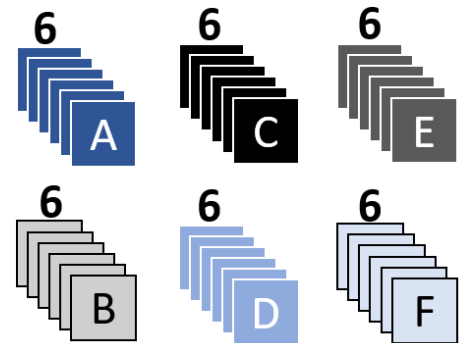


Figure 3: Block: Colors and Quantities

Blanket Face (Choose 1 of 2 methods)

Blocks Method

Make 36 Blocks in colors and quantities in Figure 3.

In yarn color for Block, CO 24 sts.

Knit 48 rows. BO loosely.

Mark RS for later assembly. RS is facing you when knitting odd numbered rows.

Arrange Blocks as shown in Figure 2.

Starting with the A-colored block on the lower left corner and working diagonally to the E-colored block on the top-right corner, make a pile of the blocks in this order: 1 of A, 2 of B, 3 of C, 4 of D, 5 of E, 6 of F, 5 of A, 4 of B, 3 of C, 2 of D and 1 of E.

Crochet Chain Join (see the [technique video](#)). With crochet hook and G attach yarn to corner of the last E-colored Block at red dot on Figure 4 by pulling a loop up from WS. Following red arrow labeled “1,” work as follows: on opposite block, skip 1 garter st ridge or CO/BO st, make sl st in next ridge/st of block, ch1, move to opposite block, skip 1 garter st ridge, make sl st in next garter st ridge; rep from *. Figure 5 shows ridges where attachments are made as dots and identifies skipped ridges.

After completing joins along red arrow labeled “1,” turn work to WS, and sl st along blacked dashed arrow of block to the starting point

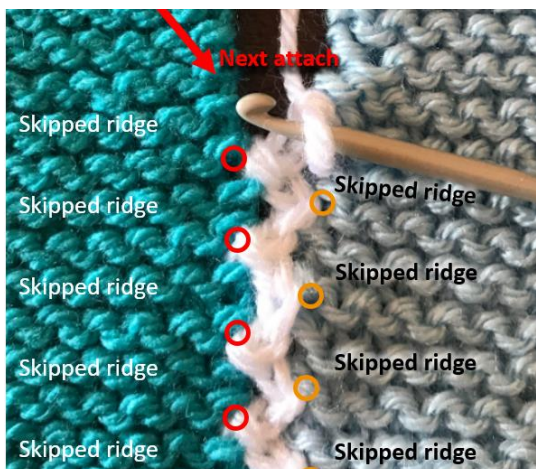


Figure 5: Join by Crochet illustration

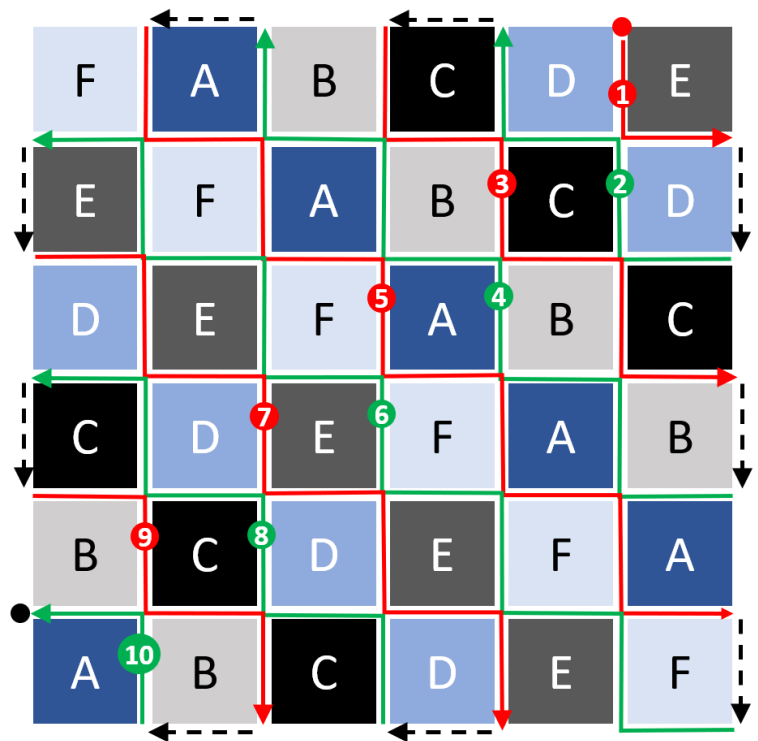


Figure 2: Order and direction of work for Join by Crochet

for the green join line labeled “2,” making 1 sl st per garter stitch ridge or CO/BO stitch. Continue joining by chaining, following red and green lines labeled 2 – 10, and slipp stitching along black dashed lines, until reaching black dot at the bottom left of the blanket. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Continue at **Borders**.

Strips Method

There is a [video tutorial for this method](#).

Strip 1

With yarn for bottom Square of Strip 1 in Figure 6, CO 24 sts. *Knit 48 rows. Cut yarn. Attach G, knit 4 rows. Cut G. Attach next color.* Rep between * and * 4 times in colors shown in Figure 6. With color for 6th square of Strip, knit 48 rows. BO loosely. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Strips 2-6

Work as for Strip 1 in yarn colors for Strips 2-6 in Figure 6.

Join Strips

Arrange completed Strips as shown in Figure 6 with BO edges oriented toward the top.

Strips 1 & 2

Attach G at lower right corner of Strip 1, and using circular needle, *pu&k 154 sts to end of strip, at rate of 1 st per garter st ridge/bump with 24 sts per square edge and 2 sts in each thin stripe of G.* Knit 1 row. Cut yarn. Using 2nd circular needle, attach G at top-left corner of Strip 2, and using circular needle, rep between * and *. Do not cut yarn. Turn Strips right sides together with needle tips parallel. With G (still attached), perform 3-needle BO loosely over all 154 sts on each needle. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Remaining Strips

Rep as for Strips 1 & 2 to join Strips 2 & 3, 3 & 4, 4 & 5, and 5 & 6.

Continue at **Borders**

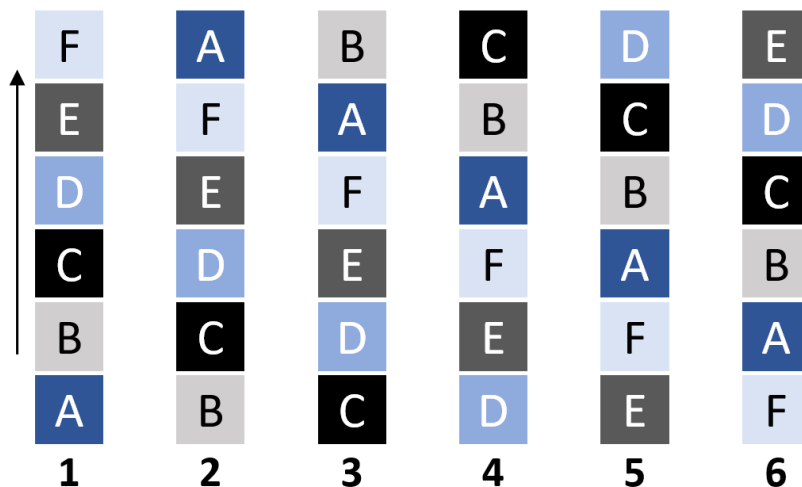


Figure 6: Strips

Key:

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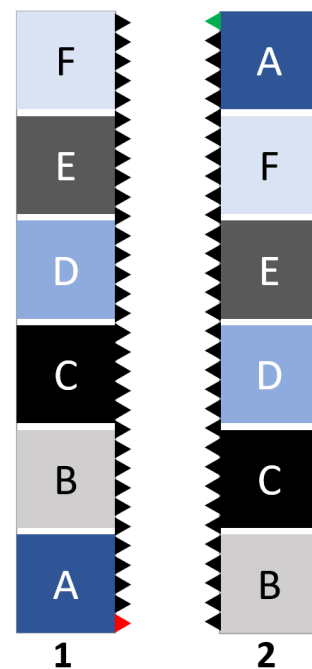


Figure 7: Join by 3-needle

Borders (Choose 1 of 4 Methods)

Pu&k Borders (Knitted)

See Figure 8.

Right Border

Attach G at lower right corner of blanket at red triangle, and with circular needle, pu&k 154 sts to end of edge, 1 st per garter st ridge (or CO/BO st). *Knit 11 rows. BO loosely, leaving last st on needle. Do not cut yarn*

Top Border

Starting at green triangle on left edge of Right Border, pu&k 6 sts on left edge of Right Border, and 154 sts on top edge of blanket – 161 sts. Rep between * and *.

Left Border

Starting at orange triangle on left edge of Top Border, pu&k 6 sts on left edge of Top Border, and 154 sts on left edge of blanket – 161 sts. Repeat between * and *.

Bottom Border

Starting at the blue triangle at the bottom edge of the Left Border, pu&k 6 sts on bottom edge of Left Border, 154 sts on bottom edge of blanket, and 7 sts on bottom edge of Right Border – 168 sts. Knit 11 rows. BO loosely, cut yarn and fasten off. Continue at **Finishing**.

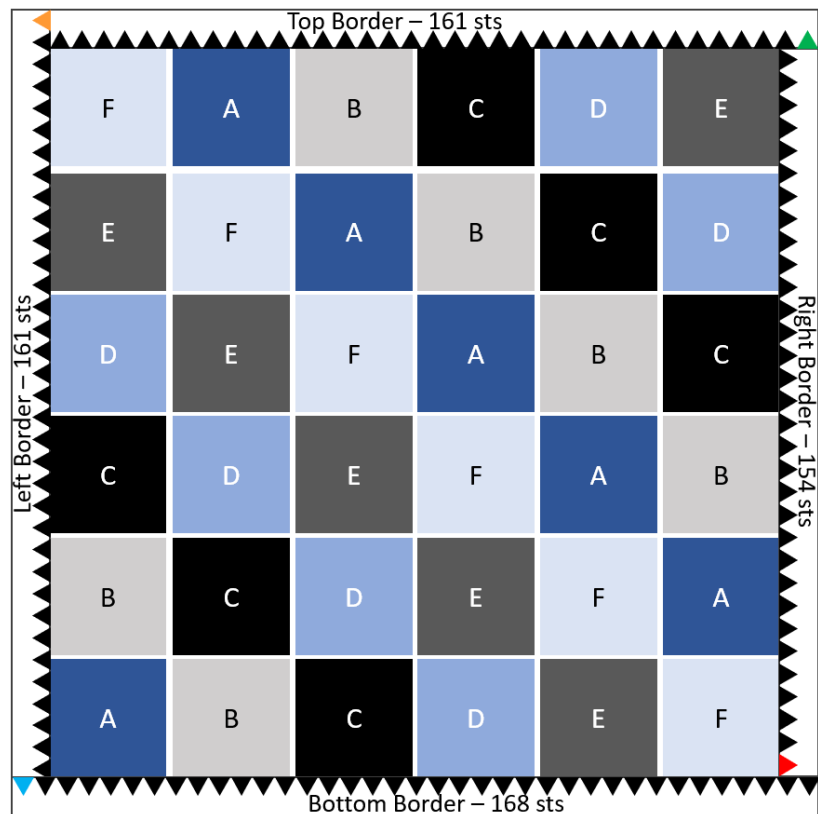


Figure 8: Construction for Pu&k Borders

Join As You Go Borders (Knitted)

Work on straight needles if desired. “Joins” are performed on RS rows and are made to every garter stitch ridge/bump or every CO/BO st on edges of the blanket face. There is a [video tutorial for this technique](#).

Right Border

With G, CO 6 sts. Work [Join] (in green box) making first attachment at bottom-right corner at red triangle, and working to end of blanket edge - 308 rows total. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Top Border

With G, CO 6 sts, making first attachment at green triangle on edge of Right Border, work [Join] across edge of Right Border (6 reps), then across the top blanket edge (154 reps) – 320 rows total. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Left Border

Work as for Top Border, making first attachment at the top-left corner of the Top Border at the orange triangle.

Bottom Border

With G, CO 6 sts, making first attachment at blue triangle on the bottom left corner of the Left Border, work [Join] across edge of Left Border (6 reps), then across bottom edge of blanket face (154 reps), then across bottom edge of Right Border (6 reps) – 332 rows total. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Continue at **Finishing**.

Join

Row 1 (RS): Knit to last st, slip 1 purlwise, insert Right needle front to back through at the next edge stitch, yo, pull loop through, pass slipped st over loop.

Row 2 (WS): Knit.
Rep [Rows 1 & 2] for pattern stitch.

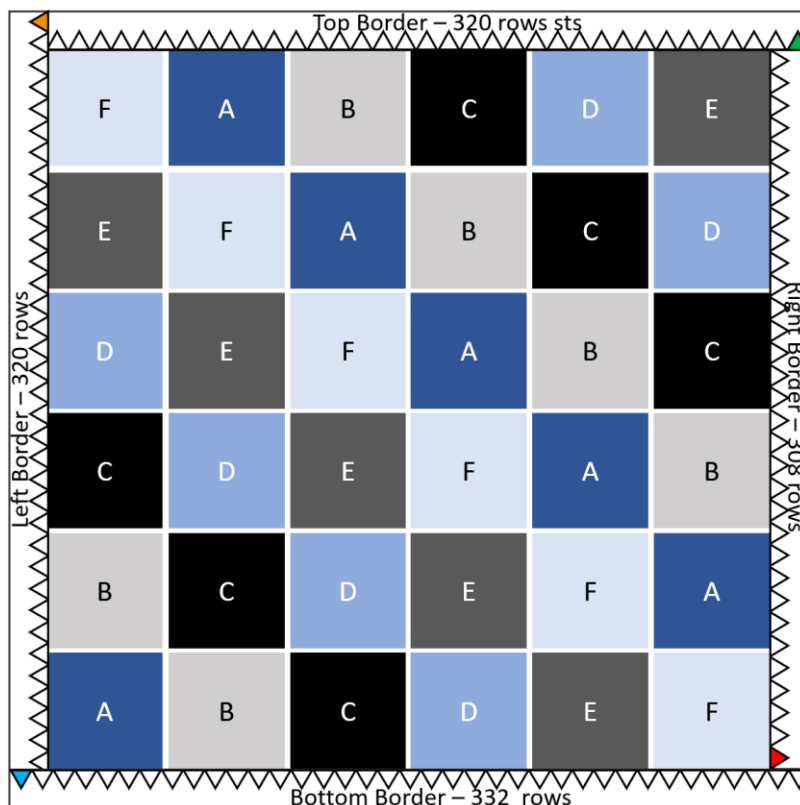


Figure 9: Construction for Join As You Go Borders

Double Crochet Borders (Crocheted)

With G, and crochet hook, attach yarn to center of right edge of blanket face by pulling loop up from back of work. Ch2. Work dc st in every garter stitch ridge or CO/BO stitch around edge, making 3 dc in each corner of blanket. Sl st in first st of round. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Continue at **Finishing**.

Scalloped Borders (Crocheted)

See the [technique video](#).

With G, and crochet hook, attach yarn to center of right edge of blanket face at the lower corner of the 3rd block from the top, by pulling loop up from back of work. Ch1. *Skip 2 garter st ridges or CO/BO sts and make 7 dc in next ridge/st, skip 2 garter st ridges and make sl st in next ridge/CO/BO st.*

Rep between * and *, making 4 scallops per Block for a total of 24 scallops per edge. Skip over ridges/sts worked in G at joins/separators and start next scallop at the first ridge/st of the next block.

At corners, end the current scallop with the sl st in the corner, ch3, sl st in same corner location.

Continue at **Finishing**.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block to measurements.

Abbreviations and Symbols

BO – Bind Off
Ch – chain (crochet)
CO – Cast On
Dc – double crochet
Pu&k – pick up and knit
Rep(s) – repeat(s)
RS – Right Side
Sc – single crochet
Sl – slip
Sl st – slip stitch
St(s) – stitch(es)
WS – Wrong Side
Yo – yarn over

Symbol Key:	
▲▲▲▲	Pick up and knit (pu&k)
△△△△	Join As You Go attachments
- - - ►	Slip stitch (crochet)

Technique Video Tutorials

[3-needle BO for Joining Shapes – video tutorial](#)

[Crochet Chain Join – video tutorial](#)

[Join As You Go for Garter Stitch – video tutorial](#)

[Scalloped Crochet Border – video tutorial](#)

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Border Options

Pu&k Border (Knitted)



Join As You Go Border (Knitted)



Double Crochet Border



Scalloped Border (Crochet)



If you like this pattern, please check out my book, **Geometric Knit Blankets**. These fun and colorful blankets use the same techniques demonstrated in this pattern to produce unique and dramatic designs.

See all **30 blankets** at: <http://www.theknitwit.org/geometric-knit-blankets>, learn about the inspiration for each, and see alternate color schemes.

