



Help us spread the warmth

## KOGO BLANKETS

We need to point out we do not expect our knitters/crocheters to knit/crochet enough squares/strips to make an entire blanket. This is why we provide the necessary sizings for squares/strips – so our knitters/crocheters can make their squares/strips all the same size for ease of assembly when we receive them at kogo. We are delighted to receive as many as our wonderful volunteers care to make for us ... thank-you!!

### Blanket Sizings

Preferred approximate blanket sizings are:

1. For a cot blanket we recommend a blanket sizing of approximately 1m x 1.2m
2. For an adult blanket we recommend a blanket sizing of approximately 1.2m x 1.6m

### Diagonal Square Cot/Adult Blanket

Please use 8 ply wool with 4mm needles - these squares will measure approx.. 17cm x 17cm

### Knitted Diagonal Square Pattern

- Cast on 3 stitches
- 1st Row - Knit 1, knit into front and back of next stitch, knit to end of row, turn
- Repeat 1st row until there are 40 stitches
- KNIT 4 ROWS WITHOUT INCREASING
- Next Row – Knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to end of row, turn
- Repeat last row until 3 stitches remain
- Cast off

**For a cot blanket** we recommend using 6 x 6 squares giving a blanket sizing approximately 1.2m x 1.2m

**For an adult blanket** we recommend using 8 x 10 squares giving a blanket sizing approximately 1.3m x 1.7m.

You can crochet an edge around the finished blanket if you so desire.

### Garter Stitch Square Cot/Adult Blanket

Please use 8ply wool with 4mm needles – these squares will measure 20cm x 20cm

#### Knitted Straight Square Pattern

- Cast on 40 stitches
- Knit in garter stitch until square measures 20cm
- Cast off

**For a cot blanket** we recommend using 5 x 6 squares giving a blanket sizing of approximately 1m x 1.2m.

**For an adult blanket** we recommend using 6 x 8 squares giving a blanket sizing of approximately 1.2m x 1.6m.

## Garter Stitch Strips for Cot/Adult Blanket

- Using 8ply wool with 4mm knitting needles cast on 40 stitches
- Knit in garter stitch (knitting every row) until your strip measures approximately 51cm (20").
- Cast off
  
- A finished cot blanket requires 10 strips – 5 x 2
- A finished adult blanket requires 18 strips – 6 x 3

## Suggestions for Assembling Squares/Strips for Blankets

### Diagonal Square Cot/Adult Blanket

- Lay out your squares and arrange in your preferred pattern
- Sew together with mattress stitch. *Please see separate instructions "How to join knitted pieces with Mattress Stitch" on our website.* This ensures a flat, even finish for your blanket
- You can crochet a border around your finished blanket in a contrasting colour yarn if desired
  
- A finished cot blanket requires 6 squares by 6 squares = 36 squares
- A finished adult blanket requires 8 squares by 10 squares = 80 squares

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- A finished cot blanket requires 5 squares by 6 squares = 30 squares
- A finished adult blanket requires 6 squares by 8 squares = 48 squares

### Garter Stitch Strips for Cot/Adult Blanket

- Lay out your strips and arrange in your preferred pattern
- Sew together with mattress stitch. Please see separate instructions on the following page ... this ensures a flat, even finish for your blanket
- You can also incorporate different colours in each strip if you so desire
  
- A finished cot blanket requires 10 strips = 5 x 2 strips
- A finished adult blanket requires 18 strips = 6 x 3 strips

## Finishing Suggestions

### Diagonal Square and Garter Stitch Square Blankets

You can finish your squares off as follows:

- Crochet a single chain border around the square in the same colour you knitted the square in. Remember to single crochet 3 times into the same stitch in each corner
- Change to the colour you will be joining and bordering your squares with. Complete a further single chain border around the square.
- Then complete another round in double crochet, then a final round in single crochet (this gives strength and helps the squares hold their shape).

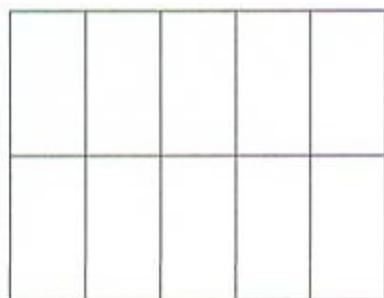
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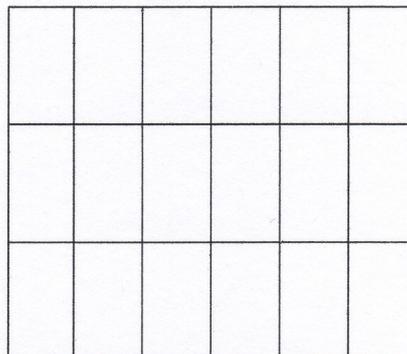
### Strips for Cot/Adult Blankets

- These can be joined by crochet if that is what you prefer or using mattress stitch. This ensures a flat, even finish for your blanket. Instructions on following page.
- Assemble your strips as below:

#### Cot Blanket 10 Strips



#### Adult Blanket – 18 Strips

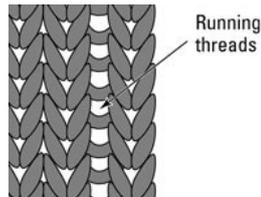


## How to Join Knitted Pieces with Mattress Stitch

Mattress stitch makes a practically invisible and nicely flexible seam for joining pieces side to side. You cannot use mattress stitch successfully, however, on pieces that don't have the same number of rows on each piece.

**Lay out your pieces next to each other, right sides facing up, bottom edges toward you.**

You seam from the bottom edge up. If you've left a tail of yarn at the cast-on edge, you can use it to get started.

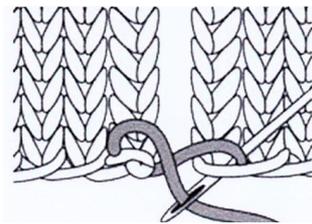


**Locate the running thread between the first and second stitches on the bottom row of one piece.**

Gently pull apart the first two edge stitches to see the series of little horizontal — running — threads connecting them.

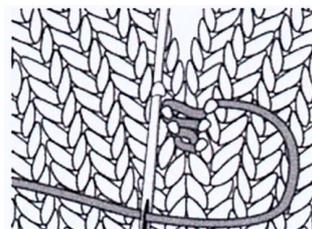
**Thread the tail of yarn or a fresh piece on a tapestry needle.**

Make sure your tapestry needle is blunt to avoid piercing the yarn.



**Join the bottom edges of the pieces, using a figure eight.**

Work through the two threads on the cast-on row.



**Bring your needle under the thread; then pick up the running thread between the first and second stitches on the opposing piece.**

This step begins your mattress stitch pattern.

**Work back and forth from running thread to running thread to running thread, keeping the tension easy but firm.**

Check the tension by pulling laterally on the seam from time to time. The amount of give should be the same as between two stitches.