



How to Knit a Diagonal Rectangle

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Skill level: Beginner/Easy

The finished blanket approximately measures 28 by 40 inches (71cm by 101cm) in size.

Supplies you will need:

One 29-inch long Circular needle,
Size 17 US or 12mm

1 skein of 4 colors in any Bulky (6) yarn. Used here is Lion Brand Wool Ease Thick and Quick.

Gauge/ tension:

1.75 stitches = 1 inch, 6.5 stitches= 4 inches, knit in garter stitch. Adjust your needle size accordingly to obtain mentioned tension.

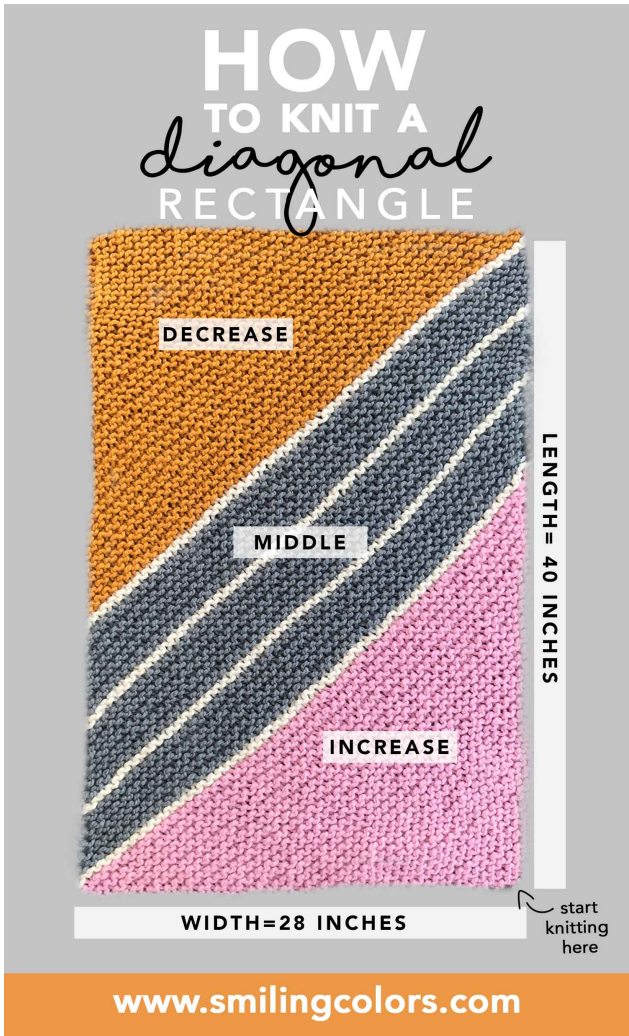
Notes:

- The entire blanket is knit in one piece.
- The blanket is knit in garter stitch. The bulkiness of this yarn makes the project go quicker and yields a nice chunkiness.
- Although you are using circular needles, do not join to complete the loop, but work back and forth in rows instead. The circular needles are used here only to accommodate the large number of stitches.
- The row at which you change from color 1 to color 2 becomes your right side. Make sure that all of other color changes occur on this side itself.

Abbreviations:

KFB: Make one stitch by knitting in the front and then in the back of the same stitch

K2tog: Decrease one stitch by knitting two stitches together.



Cast on 1 stitch with the circular needles using pink color yarn.

Rows 1 to 60 (**increase**) with *Pink* yarn:
 Odd Rows: KFB of first stitch, Knit till the the last stitch, KFB of the last stitch.
 Even Rows: Knit all stitches

Rows 61 to 98 (**middle**)
 Row 61: With *White* yarn: KFB of first stitch, Knit till the last two stitches, K2tog.
 Row 62: With *White* yarn: Knit all stitches

Rows 63 to 72:
 Odd Rows: With *Grey* yarn: KFB of first stitch, Knit till the last two stitches, K2tog.
 Even Rows: With *Grey* yarn: Knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 61 to 72 two more times

Rows 97-98: Repeat Rows 61-62

Rows 99- 158 (**decrease**) with *Ochre* yarn:
 Odd Rows: K2tog, Knit till the last two stitches, K2tog.
 Even Rows: Knit all stitches

You should be left with two stitches on your needle, K2tog and cast off.

Tuck in stray yarn ends. For more pictures of the steps, visit www.smilingcolors.com/2019/10/how-to-knit-a-diagonal-rectangle

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