5 Color Garter Stitch, Chunky Knit Blanket

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Skill level: Beginner/Easy

The finished blanket approximately measures 45 by 60 inches (114cm by152 cm) in size.

Supplies you will need:
One 29-inch long Circular needle, Size 17 US or 12.50mm

2 skeins of each color in any Medium (4) weighted yarn - I have used here
Loops & Threads® Impeccable™ Yarn, Solid in colors -Navy Blue (color 1), Forest (color 2), Grass (color 3), Soft Taupe (color 4), Gold (color 5).

Gauge/ tension:
2 stitches = 1 inch, 8.5 stitches= 4 inches, knit in garter stitch with two strands of yarn held together as one.

Always check your tension before you begin. Adjust your needle size accordingly to obtain mentioned tension.

Notes:

The entire blanket is knit in one piece.

The entire blanket is knit in garter stitch with two strands of yarn held together as one (a double strand if you may). This makes the project go quicker and yields a nice chunkiness. Alternately, you can use one strand of a thicker bulkier yarn that matches the gauge.

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.

Since the blanket is knit in garter stitch, I find it easier to count the ridges per color instead of number of rows. 38 rows= 19 ridges. If you prefer, you can also knit with each color till each stripe measures 12 inches.

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.

How to:

Cast on 86 stitches with the circular needles using two strands of color 1 held together as one. Knit every row, for 38 rows (12 inches) with color 1.

Change yarn to color 2 and knit 38 more rows (12 more inches).

Continue similarly changing yarn color every 38 rows until all 5 colors have been knit or blanket measures 60 inches. Bind off loosely and tuck in stray yarn ends.

If you run into any trouble with the pattern, please email me at smikatti@gmail.com\