

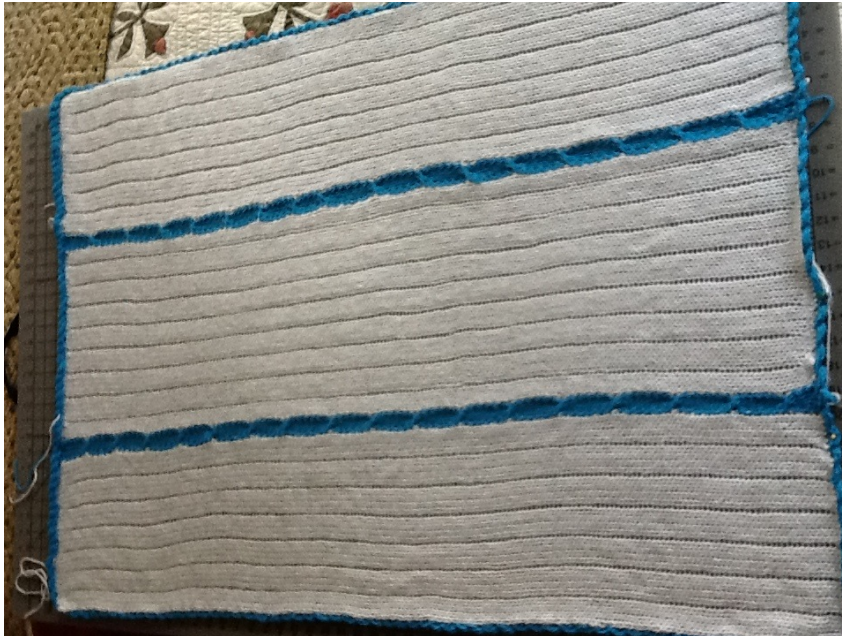
Panels and Cables Blanket

Diana Sullivan's book, "Best Baby Blankets"

Yarn: Heavy weight acrylic, fuzzy; gauge swatch was stiff, with no drape

T10 (Diana used a 5 balls of Caron light weight worsted yarn, 5st/6.5row per inch at T3)

The panels also look nice if knitted in variegated yarns, or different colors could be used to knit the various panels.



Panels: Bulky

Knit 3 panels: I wanted the center panel to be a bit larger than the side panels. Also decided to leave a needle out of work to soften and give the acrylic yarn some drape.

If you want all the panels to be the same: E-wrap over 50 needles. Hang comb and weights.

Knit 220 rows. Cast off using loop through loop bind off.

Center Panel: E-wrap cast over 46 needles for the center panel. K2R. Starting on the left, transfer the 5th needle to the right then Transfer every 4th st to the next needle, leaving 5 needles in work on the far right.(extra st for joining) Push empty needles out of work. K228 R.

Transfer purl bumps from empty needles back into work. K1R. Knit last row at very loose tension to do the loop to loop bind off.

Side Panels: Knit Two: E wrap cast over 32 needles. K2R. Starting on the left, transfer the 5th needle to the right then Transfer every 4th st to the next needle, leaving 5 needles in work on the far right.(extra st for joining). K228 R. Transfer purl bumps from empty needles back into work. K1R. Knit last row at very loose tension to do the loop to loop bind off.



Cable Join:

Bring 4 needles near the right end of the machine into work in hold position. COL
E-wrap onto the 4 needles using a solid color yarn.

(The tricky part) Hold the center panel so that you have the cast-on edge at top. Turn it so the cast-on is on the left, wrong side is facing your body, and long edge is to the right. Hang the corner stitch on the rightmost of the 4 needles—do not add a needle. Pick up a side panel, position it so the wrong side is facing your body, the cast-on edge is to the right, and one long side is at the top. Pick up the corner stitch on the leftmost needle. Thread machine. Make sure you're on the same tension as the big panels. (I used a tighter tension since my joining yarn was lighter weight.)

Row Counter 000. Make sure the row counter advances each row. Knit 1 row. Make sure the stitches knitted through.

(Note: Diana is e-wrapping the four needles right to left, knitting to the right.)

Now, *opposite the carriage, pick up the next loop on the long side of the left-hand panel onto the same leftmost needle you used before. Do not add a needle. As you look along the vary edge of the panel, you see a knot and a loop. You will always pick up the loops and ignore the knots. Be careful that you pick up each loop only once as you work. Knit to the left.

COL Opposite the carriage on the right, pick up the next loop along the long side of the right-hand panel onto the rightmost needle of the cable join. Make sure you don't add a needle. Knit to the right.

Repeat from the * to Row 10. COL Hang another loop on the right and knit to the right. Take 2 stitches on the right, put them on the transfer tool, and lift then over the other two stitches and put them on the next two needles to left. Make sure the two empty needles are out of work. Pick up the next loop from the left-hand panel and put on the leftmost needle, Knit to left.

Repeat this routine, joining one panel every row, and cabling every 10 rows until panels are joined. Cast-off the 4 sts using a loop-through-a-loop cast-off.

If you wish, you can do the cable join in the opposite direction when you join the other panel. That will give you cables that twist the other way.

Worm Edging:

With wrong side facing your body, using the three prone transfer tool. Put tool through the edge so you pick up three places along the edge. Hang that on 3 needles on the machine. Weights are not needed. Set the tension to the main tension and thread with a solid color. Knit 6 rows. Use the transfer tool, hang edge sts, knit six rows. Go around the edge of the blanket. After the last 6 rows, cast off the worm edge and sew it down to the edge of the blanket.

Hide ends, steam lightly.

Mid-Gauge:

Yarn: 12 oz. sport weight yarn.

Gauge: 5 ¼ x 8 per inch

Make 3 panels 10" wide by casting on 53 sts, or make 5 panels 6" wide by casting on 32 stitches. Knit 272 rows.

Standard Gauge:

Yarn: 2/12 , you might use scraps, different colored panels and variegated for the join and edges

Gauge: 6.5 x 9.7 per inch

For three panels , cast on 56 sts and knit 330 rows for a 35" blanket.