



Squares and Rectangles

Unleash your creativity by using simple squares and rectangles to create useful and interesting projects. Experiment with stripes, fairisle, tuck, lace, slip stitch patterns without the worry of shaping. These are great projects for both the new and experienced knitter.

What To Make?

Think of the many things that are simple squares or rectangles

- Scarves
- Cowls
- Wraps
- Fingerless mitts
- Table runners
- Placemats
- Bags
- Sweaters

What Size Do I Make?

Common finished measurements in inches

- Scarves
 - 7 ½ x 54
 - 8 x 60
 - 9 x 63
 - 10 x 78
- Cowls
 - 8, 10 or 12 x 24
 - 8, 10, 12 or 15 x 44
 - 8, 10, 12 or 15 x 60
- Wraps
 - 16 x 89
 - 24 x 70

- Placemats
 - 13-14 x 18
- Table Runners
 - 10, 12, 14 or 15 x 53-108
- Mitts
 - Sml - 7 wide x 7 long
 - Med - 8 wide x 7 long
 - Lg - 9 wide x 7 long

SQUARES

How do I knit a square on the machine?

There is a pretty standard ratio between stitches and rows. You can usually get a nice square by taking the number of sts cast on and dividing by 3. Multiply by 4 and this gives you the number of rows needed to form a square. For example: 21 sts are cast on. Divide by 3 = 7. Multiply by 4 and you get 28, the number of rows to be knitted for a square.

Now what can I do with that?

THE STASH SCARF

Machine: Standard gauge - no patterning needed

Yarn: anything you have in your stash in sock, fingering or 4-ply weight.

Tension: 8 or 9. Whatever feels best with your yarn

Square 1

CO 60 stitches. (this means we need to knit 80 rows for a square).

Knit 40 rws (1/2 of a square).

Change yarn. Knit 40 rws. Bind off.

Square 2

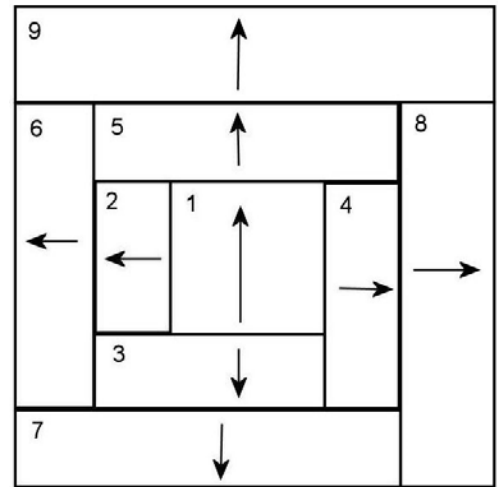
CO 60 sts with another yarn. Turn Square 1 90° and hang 2 sts on each end and 4 from the middle on the needles. I like to hang this right side facing to get a different look. Your choice. Knit 40 rws in one color and 40 rws in another. Bind off.

Continue knitting and hanging Squares 1 and 2 until the scarf is the length you want it. This also makes a funky cow!

THE LOG CABIN SQUARE

1. CO 15 sts. K 20 rws. BO until 1 st remains.
2. PU 14 sts (15 sts total). K 10 rws. BO until 1 st remains.

Continue in this fashion, each time picking up next edge of square, knitting 10 rows and binding off. Bind off all stitches when square is desired size.



These squares can be connected and used for scarves, cowls, table runners, placemats or bags.

RECTANGLES

5-COLOR COWL - STOCKINETTE

Machine: Standard gauge

Yarn: 5 colors of sock, fingering or 4-ply

Gauge: approx. 7 sts/10rws = 1" - doesn't have to be exact

Tension: 8 or 9

Finished Size: (approx.) 10" x 44"

CO 70 sts in WY. Knit about 10 rws. Knit 1 rw ravel cord.

Begin knitting with C1.

RWS 1-36	Color 1
RWS 37-74	Knit 2 row stripes using Colors 1 & 2, beginning with color 2
RWS 75-110	Color 1
RWS 111-220	Color 3
RWS 221-260	Color 4
RWS 261-330	Color 2
RWS 331-440	Knit 10 row stripes using Colors 4 & 5, beginning with color 4.

Remove stitches with waste yarn. Graft end stitches together or hang open end stitches and bind off together.

5-COLOR COWL – TUCK STITCH

Machine: Standard gauge

Yarn: 5 colors of sock, fingering or 4-ply

Gauge: approx. 6 sts/17rws = 1" ...doesn't have to be exact.

Tension: 8 or 9

Finished Size: (approx.) 10" x 44"

Stitch pattern: 1X1 tuck

CO 60 sts in WY. Knit about 10 rws. Knit 1 rw ravel cord.

Begin knitting with C1.

RWS 1-56 Color 1

RWS 57-124 Knit 2 row stripes using Colors 1 & 2, beginning with color 2

RWS 125-184 Color 1

RWS 185-354 Color 3

RWS 355-422 Color 4

RWS 423-554 Color 2

RWS 555-end Colors 4 & 5. Knit nine 22 row stripes, beginning with color 4.

Remove stitches with waste yarn. Graft end stitches together or hang open end stitches (right sides tog) and bind off.

5-COLOR COWL – MIDGAUGE

Machine: Midgauge

Yarn: 5 colors of DK weight yarn

Gauge: approx. 5 sts/8rws = 1" ...doesn't have to be exact.

Tension: 6

Finished Size: (approx.) 10" x 44"

Stitch pattern: Stockinette

CO 50 sts in WY. Knit about 10 rws. Knit 1 rw ravel cord.

Begin knitting with C1.

RWS 1-26 Color 1

RWS 27-60 Knit 2 row stripes using Colors 1 & 2, beginning with color 2

RWS 61-88 Color 1

RWS 89-168	Color 3
RWS 169-200	Color 4
RWS 201-262	Color 2
RWS 263-352	Colors 4 & 5 Knit 22 row stripes, beginning with color 4.

Remove stitches with waste yarn. Graft end stitches together or hang open end stitches (right sides tog) and bind off.