

# Blanket stitches

Size 8 needle  
36 sts

## **General Structure on 36-stitch width (San Juan Library blankets)**

Cast on 36 sts

Optional: Begin with 4 rows in garter stitch and reserve several stitches each side for side garter (K every row).

Then knit the whole strip in one stitch, ending with another 4 rows in garter.

For those easily bored, make blocks knitted continuously by combining several stitches. At the end of the strip, you'll have to approximate the same length of block as the first one you knit and then some garter rows. Or not. This isn't science. The advantage is no pesky ends to weave in if your blocks all come from the same skein.

Here's an example of a 3-block strip from the fancy stitches that follow. Each block is about 18" long, separated by several rows of garter stitch.

### **Mock Cable**

Multiple of 10 by 6 rows = 37 st wide by 16 rows long

7 side garter sts: 4 sts one side, 3 sts other side

Knit 8 patterns

### **Chevron**

Multiple of 18 + 1 by 16 rows = 37 st wide by 16R long

No side garter sts

Knit 3 patterns

(Would be nice to narrow pattern to fit 36 st width plus 3 garter sts each side, then reduce total blanket strip width to 36 sts)

### **Diamond and Lozenge**

Multiple of 12 by 44 rows

7 side garter sts: 4 sts one side, 3 sts other side

Knit 2 extra garter rows (total of 4 between) before and after

Knit 1 pattern

## **Fancy Stitches**

For a change from stockinette, rib, or garter, here are some fun stitches that work well in a 36-stitch (or several fewer or more than 36) strip. A note with each stitch adjusts it to the standard strip and suggests how to combine areas of one pattern to make continuous blocks that work well with the strip length. As you'll see, sometimes I liked the stitch well enough to expand it into a whole blanket or throw. I also have a special fondness for blankets knit in reversible stitches.

Finally, get in touch if you have questions, corrections, or advice. I usually need the second and third.

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## Blanket Strip #2

### Basketweave II



Right Side



Wrong Side

*Multiple of 10*

**Row 1:** Knit

**Rows 2, 4 & 6:** K6, P4

**Rows 3 & 5:** K4, P6

**Row 7:** Knit

**Rows 8, 10 & 12:** P4, K6

**Rows 9 & 11:** P6, K4

Repeat Rows 1-12.

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 3 patterns, garter 3 sts each side:  $30+6 = 36$

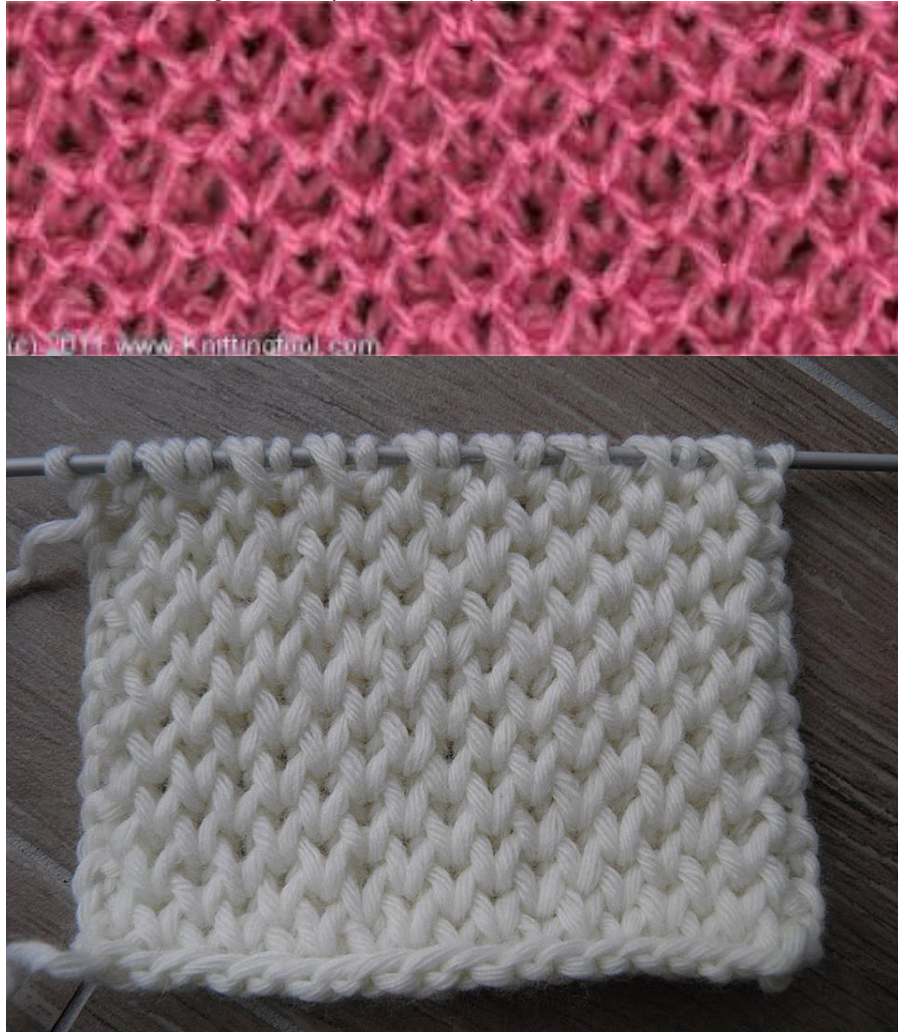
**Block Length:** Make 4 pattern repetitions.

Garner stitch 4 rows or more between this and next stitch block.

**156-stitch blanket:** make 15 patterns, garter 3 sts each side:  $150 + 6 = 156$

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## Brioche Honeycomb (one color)



Any odd number, 4 rows

Begin on RS after a row of K on WS (optional, but makes it easy to spot next row below).

**Row 1:** \* K1, K1B (knit stitch below: insert RH needle into st below next st on LH needle and K as usual, allowing st above to drop off needle), rep from \* to end

**Row 2:** \* K1L (knit 1 loop as follows: insert RH needle through loose dropped loop from previous K1B row and K together with next st on LH needle), K1, rep from \* to end

**Row 3:** \* K1B, K1, rep from \* to end

**Row 4:** K1, K1L, rep from \* to end

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 15 patterns, garter 3 sts each side:  $30+6 = 36$

**Block Length:** Make 12 pattern repetitions.

Garter stitch 4 rows between this and next pattern block.

### Little Pyramids

This is a reversible pattern that lies flat; there are knit triangles and purl pyramids on one side and knit pyramids and purl triangles on the other.



*Multiple of 6 + 5*

**Row 1:** k5, \*p1, k5; rep from \*

**Row 2:** k1, \*p3, k3; rep from \*, end p3, k1

**Row 3:** p2, \*k1, p5; rep from \*, end k1, p2

**Row 4:** Rep Row 3

**Row 5:** Rep Row 2

**Row 6:** Rep Row 1

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 4 patterns, garter 3 sts one side and 4 sts the other:  
 $24+5+7 = 36$

**Block Length:** Make 8 pattern repetitions.

Garter stitch 4 rows between this and next pattern block.

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## Mock Cable

*Contributed by Maryann Walsh*

This pattern stitch is reversible; no need to twist stitches to achieve this easy to knit mock cable pattern stitch.



*Multiple of 10*

**Row 1:** p4, k1, p1, k4

**Row 2:** p3, k2, p2, k3

**Row 3:** p2, k2, p1, k1, p2, k2

**Row 4:** p1, k2, p2, k2, p2, k1

**Row 5:** k2, p3, k3, p2

**Row 6:** k1, p4, k4, p1

Rep Rows 1-6.

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## Moss diamond and lozenge



Knitted in a multiple of 12 sts and a 44-row repeat.

**Rows 1 and 2:** K6, p6.

**Rows 3 and 4:** P1, k5, p5, k1.

**Rows 5 and 6:** K1, p1, k4, p4, k1, p1.

**Rows 7 and 8:** P1, k1, p1, k3, p3, k1, p1, k1.

**Rows 9 and 10:** (K1, p1) twice, k2, p2, (k1, p1) twice.

**Rows 11 and 12:** (P1, k1) 6 times.

**Rows 13 and 14:** (K1, p1) 6 times.

**Rows 15 and 16:** (P1, k1) twice, p2, k2, (p1, k1) twice.

**Rows 17 and 18:** K1, p1, k1, p3, k3, p1, k1, p1.

**Rows 19 and 20:** P1, k1, p4, k4, p1, k1.

**Rows 21 and 22:** K1, p5, k5, p1.

**Rows 23 and 24:** P6, k6.

**Rows 25 and 26:** P5, k1, p1, k5.

**Rows 27 and 28:** P4, (k1, p1) twice, k4.

**Rows 29 and 30:** P3, (k1, p1) 3 times, k3.

**Rows 31 and 32:** P2, (k1, p1) 4 times, k2.

**Rows 33 and 34:** (P1, k1) 6 times.

**Rows 35 and 36:** (K1, p1) 6 times.

**Rows 37 and 38:** K2, (p1, k1) 4 times, p2.

**Rows 39 and 40:** K3, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3.

**Rows 41 and 42:** K4, (p1, k1) twice, p4.

**Rows 43 and 44:** K5, p1, k1, p5.

## Elongated Chevron

This reversible pattern stitch has a great deal of texture.



*Multiple of 18 + 1*

**Row 1:** p1, \*(k2, p2) twice, k1, (p2, k2) twice, p1; rep from \*

**Row 2:** k1, \*(p2, k2) twice, p1, (k2, p2) twice, k1; rep from \*

**Row 3:** Rep Row 1

**Row 4:** Rep Row 2

**Row 5:** (p2, k2) twice, \*p3, k2, p2, k2; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p2

**Row 6:** (k2, p2) twice, \*k3, p2, k2, p2; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2

**Row 7:** Rep Row 5

**Row 8:** Rep Row 6

**Row 9:** Rep Row 2

**Row 10:** Rep Row 1

**Row 11:** Rep Row 2

**Row 12:** Rep Row 1

**Row 13:** Rep Row 6

**Row 14:** Rep Row 5

**Row 15:** Rep Row 6

**Row 16:** Rep Row 5

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## Inverness Diamonds

This is a reversible pattern stitch, although the wrong side is not identical. You may use this as a centered panel if desired.



*Multiple of 17*

**Row 1 (RS):** \*k1, p3, k9, p3, k1; rep from \*

**Row 2:** \*p2, k3, p7, k3, p2; rep from \*

**Row 3:** \*k3, p3, k5, p3, k3; rep from \*

**Row 4:** \*p4, k3, p3, k3, p4; rep from \*

**Row 5:** \*k5, p3, k1, p3, k5; rep from \*

**Row 6:** \*p6, k5, p6; rep from \*

**Row 7:** \*k7, p3, k7; rep from \*

**Row 8:** Rep Row 6

**Row 9:** Rep Row 5

**Row 10:** Rep Row 4

**Row 11:** Rep Row 3

**Row 12:** Rep Row 2

Rep these 12 rows.

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 2 patterns, garter 1 sts each side:  $34+2 = 36$

**Block Length:** Make 3 pattern repetitions.

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## Pavilion

The zigs, zags and lines make this a visually interesting pattern. The reverse side, although not identical, is attractive as well.



*Multiple of 18*

**Row 1 (RS):** k2, p1, k5, p7, k3; rep across

**Row 2 and all even rows:** Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts as they face you.

**Row 3:** (k1, p1) twice, k5, p5, k4; rep across

**Row 5:** p1, k3, p1, k5, p3, k5; rep across

**Row 7:** k5, p1, k5, p7; rep across

**Row 9:** (p1, k5) twice, p5, k1; rep across

**Row 11:** k1, (p1, k5) twice, p3, k2; rep across

**Row 13:** k2, \*p1, k5; rep from \*, end p1, k3

**Row 15:** k3, p1, k5, p1, k3, p1, k1, p1, k2; rep across

**Row 17:** k4, p1, k5, p1, k1, p1, k3, p1, k1; rep across

**Row 19:** k5, p7, k5, p1; rep across

**Row 21:** p1, k5, p5, k5, p1, k1; rep across

**Row 23:** k1, p1, k5, p3, k5, p1, k2; rep across

**Row 25:** k2, p7, k5, p1, k3; rep across

**Row 27:** k1, p1, k1, p5, k5, p1, k4; rep across

**Row 29:** p1, k3, p3, k5, p1, k5; rep across

**Row 31:** k5, p1; rep across

**Row 33:** k4, p1, k1, p1, k3, p1, k5, p1, k1; rep across

**Row 35:** (k3, p1) twice, k1, p1, k5, p1, k2; rep across

**Row 36:** Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts as they face you.

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 2 patterns, no garter sides:  $18 \times 2 = 36$

$24 + 5 + 7 = 36$

**Block Length:** Make 6 pattern repetitions

**156-stitch blanket:** make 8 patterns, garter 6 sts each side:  $144 + 12 = 156$

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## Linen



Right side

Wrong side

*Even number of stitches*

Overview: Slip every other stitch and knit (or purl) every other stitch. At the same time, carry the yarn in front of the slipped knit stitch on the right side of the work or behind the slipped purl stitch on the wrong side of the work.

**Row 1 (RS):** k1, \* sl1 wyif, k1; rep from \* to end

**Row 2:** p1, \* sl1 wyib, p1; rep from \* to end

Slip every other stitch and knit (or purl) every other stitch. At the same time,

carry the yarn in front of the slipped knit stitch on the right side of the work or behind the slipped purl stitch on the wrong side of the work.

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 15 patterns, garter 3 st each side:  $15 \times 2 = 30$   
 $30 + 5 = 36$

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## Andalusian



*Multiple of 2+1*

**Row 1 (RS):** K

**Row 2 (WS):** P

**Row 3:** K1, P1

**Row 4:** P

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 14 patterns, garter 3 sts one side and 4 sts the other

$14 \times 2 = 28$

$28 + 1 + 7 = 36$

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## Spiral Rib



Right side



Wrong side

*Multiple of 6+2*

**Row 1 (WS):** K2, \*P4, K2; repeat from \*

**Row 2 (RS):** P2, \*(K2tog but do not sl from needle. Insert RH needle between sts just knitted tog and K the 1<sup>st</sup> st again. Sl both sts from needle tog) twice, P2; rep from \*

**Row 3:** K2, \*P4, K2; repeat from \*

**Row 4:** P2, \*K1, K2tog and knit 1<sup>st</sup> st again as before; K1, P2; repeat from \*

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 5 patterns, garter 2 sts each side  $6 \times 5 + 2 + 4 = 36$

## Little Butterfly



*Multiple of 10 + 7*

Keep the working yarn loose behind the 5 slipped stitches.

**Row 1 (RS):** k1, \*k5, sl5 wyif; rep from \*, end k6

**Row 2:** p

**Row 3:** Rep Row 1

**Row 4:** p

**Row 5:** Rep Row 1

**Row 6:** p8, \*insert right needle from bottom to top under slipped strands on RS; yo to form a gathering loop around the strands; p1 and slip loop over; p9; rep from \*, end last rep p8

**Row 7:** k1, \*sl5 wyif, k5; rep from \*, end sl5 wyif, k1

**Row 8:** p

**Row 9:** Rep Row 7

**Row 10:** p

**Row 11:** Rep Row 7

**Row 12:** p3, \*insert right needle from bottom to top under slipped strands on RS; yo to form a gathering loop around the strands; p1 and slip loop over; p9; rep from \*, end last rep p

NOTE:

**Block Width:** For 36-st strip, make 2 patterns, garter 4 sts one side, 5 sts the other side  $2 \times 10 + 7 + 9 = 36$

**156-stitch blanket:** 14 patterns, garter 4 sts one side, 5 sts the other side  $14 \times 10 + 7 + 9 = 156$