



Cascade Eco Alpaca Garter Stitch Throw



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This garter stitch throw begins with a rectangle in the center. Each "border" is added on to the one before. Once you understand the construction technique, you could make this throw as large as you want by simply adding on more borders. The width of the borders could also be altered to make your throw completely a one-of-a-kind creation.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Size: Approximately 39" x 48"

Materials:

Yarn: Eco Alpaca by Cascade (100% undyed Baby Alpaca; 100 gr/3 1/2 oz; 200 m/220 yds)

- 1 skein #1528--Reed Twist (Color A)
- 1 skein #1524--Oatmeal (Color B)
- 3 skeins #1522--Latte (Color C)
- 2 skeins # 1527--Pepper Twist (Color D)
- 3 skeins #1518-- Charcoal (Color E)
- 2 skeins #1521--Café au Lait (Color F)

Needles: Size 10 1/2 circular needles (shorter length will be fine at first, but you will want 24" - 40" or longer ones as you get further along on the throw).

Notions: Stitch Markers, Stitch holders or spare circular needles

Gauge: 3 1/2 sts and 6 rows = 1" in garter stitch using two strands of yarn

NOTE: ENTIRE THROW IS KNIT USING TWO STRANDS OF YARN.

Center Rectangle:

Cast on 25 sts using Color A. Work in garter stitch, slipping the first stitch of each row as if to purl, for a total of 90 rows (45 ridges) marking Row 1 as the RS of the work. Cut yarn.

Border 1:

Attach Color B. Work "first end" of border as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K1, k1f&b, knit to last 3 sts, k1f&b, K2.

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat these two rows for a total of 20 rows (10 ridges). Cut yarn and place sts onto a stitch holder. (Reality Check: You should have 45 sts.)

With RS facing, using Color B, pick up 25 sts on opposite end of center rectangle. Work as for "first end". Cut yarn and place sts onto separate stitch holder.

With RS facing, using Color B, pick up 45 sts along one of the side edges of center rectangle. Work as for the end sections. (Reality Check: You should have 63 sts). Cut yarn and place on stitch holders or spare circular needle.

Repeat for other side, leaving these stitches on working needle.

Seam the "corners" on each of the four sides.

Border 2:

With RS facing, using Color C, cast on 8 sts to LEFT end of work (this will be the opposite end to where the "working" yarn tail is at). Work up side of throw as follows:

Row 1: (WS) wyif. Sl 1, yarn to back, K6, k 2 tog tbl.

Row 2: wyif Sl 1, yarn to back, knit to end of row.

Repeat these two rows until all sts on needle have been worked. Work corner as follows:

Row 1: (WS), Sl 1, K5, wrap & turn.

Row 2 and all even numbered rows: Knit back.

Row 3: Sl 1, k4, wrap & turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, k3, wrap & turn.

Row 7: Sl 1, k2, wrap & turn.

Row 9: Sl 1, k1, wrap & turn.

Row 11: Sl 1, wrap & turn. (This completes the first half of corner.)

Row 13: Sl 1, knit wrap and next stitch together.

Row 15: Sl 1, k1, knit wrap and next stitch together.

Row 17: Sl 1, k2, knit wrap and next stitch together.

Row 19: Sl 1, k3, knit wrap and next stitch together.

Row 21: Sl 1, k4, knit wrap and next stitch together.

Row 23: Sl 1, k5, knit wrap and next stitch together, k2 tog tbl (NOTE. This will be last stitch from current border and first stitch from next set of stitches on holders from previous border.)

Continue to work in this fashion until all stitches on holders have been used, ending by working the fourth corner section as follows:

Rows 1-22: Work same as the three previous corners.

Row 23: Sl 1, k5, knit wrap and next stitch together, k1.

BO on WS. Seam CO and BO edges together.

Border 3:

With RS facing, using Color C, pick up 75 stitches along one of the long sides of throw. Work 20 rows the same as for Border 1. Cut yarn and place stitches onto holders or spare needles. (Reality check: You should have 93 sts on needle.) Repeat for other long side.

With RS facing, using Color C, pick up 57 stitches along one of the short sides of throw. Work 20 rows the same as for border 1. Cut yarn and place stitches onto holders or spare needles. (Reality check: You should have 75 sts on needle.) Repeat for other short side; cut yarn, but leaving these sts on working needle. Seam the corners same as for Border 1.

Border 4:

Using Color D, work as for Border 2.

Border 5:

With RS facing, using Color E, and picking up 105 sts along long sides and 87 sts along short sides, work as for Borders 1 and 3. (Reality check: You should end up with 123 sts on long sides and 105 on the short sides.) Seam the corners same as for Borders 1 & 3.

Border 6:

With RS facing, using Color C, CO 5 sts to left end of work (as you did for previous sections). Work final border as follows:

Row 1: Sl 1 as if to knit, k3, k2 tog tbl.

Row 2: wyif, sl 1, yarn to back, knit to end of row.

Repeat these two rows until all sts on needle have been worked. Work corner as follows:

Row 1: Sl 1, k2, wrap & turn.

Row 2 and all even numbered rows: Knit back.

Row 3: Sl 1, k1, wrap & turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, wrap & turn. (This completes the first half of corner.)

Row 7: Sl 1, knit wrap and next stitch together.

Row 9: Sl 1, k1, knit wrap and next stitch together.

Row 11: Sl 1, k2, knit wrap and next stitch together, k2 tog tbl

Continue to work in this fashion until all stitches on holders have been used, ending by working the fourth corner section as follows:

Rows 1-10: Work same as the three previous corners.

Row 11: Sl 1, k2, knit wrap and next stitch together, k1.

BO on WS. Seam CO and BO edges together.

Finishing

Weave in any loose ends. Block.

Abbreviations and terms used:

K = Knit

P = Purl

CO = Cast on

BO = Bind off

RS = Right Side

WS = Wrong Side

Sl = slip (note you always slip as if to purl unless otherwise instructed)

K1f&b = knit in front and back of next stitch (increase made)

K2 tog tbl = knit 2 sts together through the back loop

Wyif = with yarn in front of work

Wrap & turn = sl next st purlwise to right hand needle; yarn forward, sl same stitch back to left hand needle. Turn work; proceed to next row.

Knit wrap & next stitch together = insert right hand needle under the horizontal wrap and then directly into the stitch it is wrapped around. Knit these two stitches together.