

Braided Hope Blanket

Thank you Knitting with Schnapps by Robin Celli for sharing this pattern!



Debra Norville Everyday worsted weight yarn and size 9 needles. If using other worsted weight and size 8 needles, you will need to add more stitches. I cast on 50 - you need a multiple of 4 plus 2.

Row 1: p2, *k2, p2*; repeat from * to * across row

Row 2: k2, *p2, k2*; repeat from * to * across row

Row 3: p2, *k2tog then without dropping the stitches off you left hand needle knit just the first stitch then drop both; p2*; repeat from * to * across row

Row 4: k2, *p2, k2*; repeat from * to * across row

Repeat Rows 1 - 4 until desired length. End on a Row 3 and bind off in pattern.

If making this a blanket, cast on for the appropriate size. For example, for a 36 inch blanket, cast on 150; for a 48 inch blanket, cast on 202; for a 60 inch blanket cast on 250, etc. If you are making a square and are concerned about the slight shrink due to the ribbing, you can always cast on an extra 4 stitches to begin with. That should give you plenty of room for a bit of pulling.

If using other yarn, check your gauge and just remember that this pattern is a multiple of 4 plus 2 and have fun!

And yes, you could make this into a scarf by simply working the 50 stitches for however long you want your scarf to be!

It could even be a washcloth or a dishcloth!

NOTES: I altered the pattern slightly to add a border to the blanket I started by knitting 4 rows and then I knit the first 4 stiches and the last four stiches of each row and knitted the final 4 rows before binding off. - Liz