

## BASIC BLANKET SQUARE

### Knitting instructions

FOR ONE 8 x 8" (20 x 20 cms) SQUARE, you will need:

Any wool or yarn. The ideal is double knitting yarn and 6mm needles but you can use 2 strands of 4ply. Use up oddments in stripes. The beauty of this pattern is that you get the right size square whatever needles or yarn you use.



Whatever size needles you are comfortable with and suit the yarn you are using.

Cast on 1 stitch

Next row :- Make the one stitch into two stitches by knitting into both the front and back of the stitch.

Next row :- Knit 1, increase 1 in the next stitch as above, 3 stitches on needle.

Continue to knit, ALWAYS knit the first stitch and increase 1 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.

Only increase this way at the BEGINNING of a row.

Continue until one side of your square measures slightly under 8" or 20.5cm.

Knit 1 row plain.

Next row:- Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit to end of row.

Continue this way, always knitting the 1st stitch then decrease into the next stitch by knitting 2 together until 1 stitch remains.

**You should now have a neat square. Leave a length of yarn attached – 18in or 50cm– this will be used to sew the squares together. Weave in any other loose ends of yarn. Please DO NOT use knots as these may come undone in time.**

Butterfly\* the tail to the square.

*\*How to 'butterfly the tail' is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Use contrasting yarn and follow the directions:*

