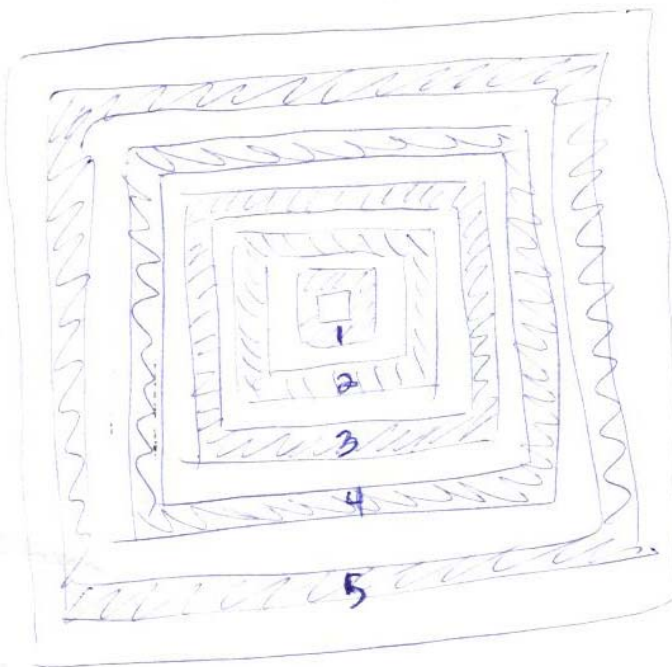


## MARGARET'S BLANKET

This is a great pattern for using up unknown quantities of yarn. Start in the center, knit 'til you run out of one ball, then add the next. When you're out of yarn, your blanket is done!

I've made two adorable baby blankets using this pattern. The first blanket alternated stripes of white baby yarn with stripes of whatever color of baby yarn I had on hand. The second blanket alternated stripes of a solid color with stripes of a variegated color.

Sorry, no photos are currently available, but the blanket is square in shape, and is worked in garter stitch. Here's a highly skilled artist's rendering of what it looks like:



1- multi  
2- pink  
3- yellow  
4- blue  
main color-  
white  
5- multi

### Size

However big it ends up.

### Materials

- Yarn – Whatever you have on hand.
- Needles – Set of five double pointed needles, 16" circular, and longer circular needle. All should be the same size, and that should be whatever size works with the yarn you are using. A somewhat loose fabric will drape nicely to keep loved ones tucked in and snugly.
- Four stitch markers
- One safety pin

### Gauge

However many stitches/inch you get.

### Key

inc (increase) = knit in the front and back of the stitch, or use Elizabeth Zimmerman's half-hitch (placing a loop of yarn around the needle), which blends very nicely into garter stitch.

**Cast on**

Create eight stitches using either Method A or Method B.

Method A: Cast on 8 stitches. Join, being careful not to twist.

Method B: Use Emily Ocker's Beginning, which can be found (without illustrations) at <http://members.cts.com/crash/j/jgibson/knitting/ocker>, although I prefer to follow the illustrations in Elizabeth Zimmerman's *Knitting Almanac* and in her *Knitting Workshop*. Transfer the stitches to four double pointed needles.

NOTE: Start with double pointed needles. It will seem like you're fighting with an octopus at first, but only for a few rows.

**Blanket**

Insert a safety pin in the next stitch to mark the beginning of round.

Round 1: Knit around, increasing just before each marker (or at the end of each double point, until you have your stitch markers in place).

Round 2: Purl around.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 for desired width of blanket, changing yarn as desired (or not at all).

NOTE: Switch to a circular needle when necessary (you'll know when it's time – the stitches will be falling off the ends of the double points!). When moving your stitches from the double points to the circular needle, add stitch markers at the end of each double point's stitches. You should end up with four stitch markers evenly spaced around your circular needle.

**Border (optional)**

Round 1: \* Knit 1, purl 1; repeat from \* around, remembering to increase before each marker.

Round 2: \* Purl 1, knit 1; repeat from \* around.

Bind off.

If you used Method A to begin, use the tail of the yarn from your cast on row to weave around the opening in the center and pull tightly to close.

If you used Method B to begin, pull on the tail of yarn at the beginning – it should pull shut just like a slip knot.

Weave in ends.

Snuggle.