

The Anniversary Afghan

(From *Murder in Merino*, seaside knitters mystery #8)

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The Pattern

This blanket is knit in strips and sewn together. It simplifies knitting a large afghan and also lends itself to a group project. The panels vary in textures and skills required to keep it interesting. You can customize the finished size of the blanket by adding or reducing the number of panels.

Finished Size: 48 inches wide by 60 inches tall

Gauge: 4 sts per inch and 6 rows per inch in stockinette stitch

Yarn: 20 skeins Trendsetter Yarns Merino 8, 100 percent merino wool—50 grams/skein. Motto 10 ply, 100 yards/skein

Needle: U.S. No. 9/5.5 millimeter, or needle needed to obtain gauge; a cable needle (cn)

Abbreviations:

2/1 RCP—Slip next st onto cn and hold in back; k2; p1 from cn

2/1 LCP—Slip next 2 sts onto cn and hold in front; p1; k2 from cn

2/2 RC—Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold in back; k2; k2 from cn

2/2 LC—Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold in front; k2; k2 from cn

2/2 RCP—Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold in back; k2, p2 from cn

2/2 LCP—Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold in front; p2, k2 from cn

2/1RC-----Slip 1 st onto cn and hold in back, k2, k1 from cn

2/1LC-----Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold in front, k1, k2 from cn

k—knit

k2tog—knit 2 stitches together

p—purl

ssk—slip, slip, knit

st(s)—stitch(es)

yo—yarn over

Seed Stitch over Even Number of Sts

Row 1: *K1, P1; rep from * to the end

Row 2: *K1, P1; rep from * to the end

Repeat these 2 rows

Seed Stitch over Odd Number of Sts

Row 1: K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to the end

Row 2: K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to the end

Heart Cable Panel (Make 1 panel)

CO 56 sts

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

Work pattern stitch until piece measures 59 inches from cast-on edge

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

HEART CABLE PATTERN STITCH

Row 1: (RS) (p1, k1) twice, 2/1RCP, p3, k4, p3, 2/1LCP, 2/2 LCP, 2/2 RC, 2/2 LC, 2/2RCP, 2/1 RCP, p3, k4, p3, 2/1 LCP, (k1, p1) twice

Row 2: (WS) (p1, k1) twice, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, k2, p12, k2, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, (k1, p1) twice

Row 3: (p1, k1) twice, k2, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, k2, p2, 2/2 RCP, k4, 2/2LCP, p2, k2, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, k2, (k1, p1) twice

Row 4: (p1, k1) twice, p2, k4, p4, k4, (p2, k2) twice, p4, (k2, p2) twice, k4, p4, k4, p2, (k1, p1) twice

Row 5: (p1, k1) twice, 2/2 LCP, 2/2 RC, 2/2 LC, 2/2 RCP, p1, 2/1 RCP, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, 2/1 LCP, p1, 2/2 LCP, 2/2 RC, 2/2 LC, 2/2 RCP, (k1, p1) twice

Row 6: (p1, k1) twice, k2, p12, k3, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k3, p12, k2, (k1, p1) twice

Row 7: (p1, k1) twice, p2, 2/2 RCP, k4, 2/2 LCP, p2, 2/1 RCP, p3, k4, p3, 2/1 LCP, p2, 2/2 RCP, k4, 2/2 LCP, p2, (k1, p1) twice

Row 8: (p1, k1) twice, k2, p2, k2, p4, (k2, p2) twice, k4, p4, k4, (p2, k2) twice, p4, k2, p2, k2, (k1 p1) twice

Row 9: (p1, k1) twice, p1, 2/1 RCP, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, 2/1 LCP, p1, k2, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, k2, p1, 2/1 RCP, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, 2/1 LCP, p1 (k1, p1) twice

Row 10: (p1, k1) twice, k1, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k1, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, k1, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k1, (k1, p1) twice

Diamond Twist Cable Panel (Make 2 panels)

CO 32 sts

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

Work pattern stitch until piece measures 59 inches from cast-on edge

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

Bind off all sts

DIAMOND TWIST CABLE PATTERN STITCH

Row 1: k1, p1, k1, p11, 2/2 RC, p10, (k1, p1) twice

Row 2: (k1, p1) twice, k10, p4, k11, p1, k1, p1

Row 3: k1, p1, k1, p10, 2/1 RC, 2/1 LC, p9, (k1, p1) twice

Row 4: (k1, p1) twice, k9, p6, k10, p1, k1, p1

Row 5: k1, p1, k1, p9, 2/1 RC, k2, 2/1 LC, p8, (k1, p1) twice

Row 6: (k1, p1), twice, k8, p8, k9, p1, k1, p1

Row 7: k1, p1, k1, p8, 2/1 RPC, 2/2 RC, 2/1 LPC, p7, (k1, p1) twice

Row 8: (k1, p1) twice, k7, p2, k1, p4, k1, p2, k8, p1, k1, p1

Row 9: k1, p1, k1, p7, 2/1 RPC, p1, k4, p1, 2/1 LPC, p6, (k1, p1) twice,

Row 10: (k1, p1) twice, k6, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k7, p1, k1, p1

Row 11: k1, p1, k1, p6, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p5, (k1, p1) twice

Row 12: (k1, p1) twice, k5, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k6, p1, k1, p1

Row 13: k1, p1, k1, p5, 2/1 RPC, p3, k4, p3, 2/1 LPC, p4, (k1, p1) twice

Row 14: (k1, p1) twice, k4, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, k5, p1, k1, p1

Row 15: k1, p1, k1, p4, 2/1 RPC, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, 2/1 LPC, p3, (k1, p1) twice

Row 16: (k1, p1) twice, k3, p2, k5, p4, k5, p2, k4, p1, k1, p1

Row 17: k1, p1, k1, p3, 2/1 RPC, p5, k4, p5, 2/1 LPC, p2, (k1, p1) twice

Row 18: (k1, p1) twice, k2, p2, k6, p4, k6, p2, k3, p1, k1, p1

Row 19: k1, p1, k1, p3, k2, p6, 2/2 RC, p6, k2, p2, (k1, p1), twice

Row 20: (k1, p1) twice, k2, p2, k6, p4, k6, p2, k3, p1, k1, p1

Row 21: k1, p1, k1, p3, 2/1 LPC, p5, k4, p5, 2/1 RPC, p2, (k1, p1) twice

Row 22: (k1, p1) twice, k2, p3, k5, p4, k5, p2, k4, p1, k1, p1

Row 23: k1, p1, k1, p4, 2/1 LPC, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, 2/1 RPC, p3, (k1, p1) twice

Row 24: (k1, p1) twice, k4, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, k5, p1, k1, p1

Row 25: k1, p1, k1, p5, 2/1 LPC, p3, k4, p3, 2/1 RPC, p4, (k1, p1) twice

Row 26: (k1, p1) twice, k5, p2, k3, p4, k3, p2, k6, p1, k1, p1

Row 27: k1, p1, k1, p6, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p5, (k1, p1) twice

Row 28: (k1, p1) twice, k6, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k7, p1, k1, p1

Row 29: k1, p1, k1, p7, 2/1 LPC, p1, k4, p1, 2/1 RPC, p6 (k1, p1) twice

Row 30: (k1, p1)twice, k7, p2, k1, p4, k1, p2, k8, p1, k1, p1

Row 31: k1, p1, k1, p8, 2/1 LPC, 2/2 RC, 2/1 RPC, p7, (k1, p1) twice

Row 32: (k1, p1) twice, k8, p8, k9, p1, k1, p1

Row 33: k1, p1, k1, p9, 2/1 LC, k2, 2/1 RC, p8, (k1, p1) twice

Row 34: (k1, p1) twice, k9, p6, k10, p1, k1, p1

Row 35: k1, p1, k1, p10, 2/1 LC, 2/1 RC, p9, (k1, p1) twice

Row 36: (k1, p1) twice, k9, p6, k10, p1, k1, p1

Zigzag Cable Panel (Make 4 panels)

CO 27 sts

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

Work pattern stitch until piece measures 59 inches from cast-on edge

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

Bind off all sts

ZIGZAG CABLE PATTERN STITCH

Row 1: (p1, k1) twice, p9, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p3, k1, p1, k1

Row 2: (p1, k1) twice, k3, p2, k3, p2, k10, p1, k1 p1

Row 3: (p1, k1) twice, p8, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p4, k1, p1, k1

Row 4: (p1, k1) twice, k6, p2, k3, p2, k6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 5: (p1, k1) twice, p7, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p5, k1, p1, k1

Row 6: (p1, k1) twice, k5, p2, k3, p2, k8, p1, k1, p1

Row 7: (p1, k1) twice, p6, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p8, k1, p1, k1

Row 8: (p1, k1) twice, k6, p2, k3, p2, k7, p1, k1, p1

Row 9: (p1, k1), twice p5, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p7, k1, p1, k1

Row 10: (p1, k1) twice, k7, p2, k3, p2, k6, p1, k1, p1

Row 11: (p1, k1) twice, p4, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p8, k1, p1, k1

Row 12: (p1, k1) twice, k8, p2, k3, p2, k5, p1, k1, p1

Row 13: (p1, k1) twice, p3, 2/1RPC, p2, 2/1LPC, p9, k1, p1, k1

Row 14: (p1, k1) twice, k9, p2, k3, p2, k4, p1, k1, p1

Row 15: (p1, k1) twice, p2, 2/1 RPC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p10, k1, p1, k1

Row 16: (p1, k1) twice, k9, p3, k2, p3, k3, p1, k1, p1

Row 17: (p1, k1) twice, p2, k3, p2, k3, p10, k1, p1, k1

Row 18: (p1, k1) twice, k9, p3, k2, p3, k2, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 19: (p1, k1) twice, p2, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p10, k1, p1, k1

Row 20: (p1, k1) twice, k9, p2, k3, p2, k3, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 21: (p1, k1) twice, p3, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p9, k1, p1, k1

Row 22: (p1, k1) twice, k8, p2, k3, p2, k4, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 23: (p1, k1) twice, p4, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p8, k1, p1, k1

Row 24: (p1, k1) twice, k7, p2, k3, p2, k5, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 25: (p1, k1) twice, p5, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p7, k1, p1, k1

Row 26: (p1, k1) twice, k6, p2, k3, p2, k6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 27: (p1, k1) twice, p6, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p6, k1, p1, k1

Row 28: (p1, k1) twice, k5, p2, k3, p2, k7, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 29: (p1, k1) twice, p7, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p5, k1, p1, k1

Row 30: (p1, k1) twice, k4, p2, k3, p2, k8, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 31: (p1, k1) twice, p8, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p4, k1, p1, k1

Row 32: (p1, k1) twice, (k3, p2) twice, k9, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 33: (p1, k1) twice, p9, 2/1 LPC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p3, k1, p1, k1

Row 34: (p1, k1) twice, k2, p2, k3, p2, k10, p1, k1, p1, k1

Heart Lace Panel (Make 2 panels)

CO 29 sts

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

Work pattern stitch until piece measures 59 inches from cast-on edge

Work seed stitch for 8 rows

Bind off all sts

HEART LACE PATTERN STITCH

Row 1: (RS) (k1, p1) twice, k21, (p1, k1), twice

Row 2: (WS) k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 3: (k1, p1), twice, k10, yo, ssk, k9, (p1, k1), twice

Row 4: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 5: (k1, p1), twice, k8, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k8, (p1, k1), twice

Row 6: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 7: (k1, p1), twice, k7, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k7, (p1, k1), twice

Row 8: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 9: (k1, p1), twice, k6, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk, k6, (p1, k1), twice

Row 10: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 11: (k1, p1), twice, k5, k2tog, yo, k7, yo, ssk, k5, (p1, k1), twice

Row 12: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 13: (k1, p1), twice, k4, k2tog, yo, k4, yo, ssk, k3, yo, ssk, k4, (p1, k1), twice

Row 14: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 15: (k1, p1), twice, k5, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k5, (p1, k1),
twice

Row 16: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1

Row 17: (k1, p1), twice, k21, (p1, k1), twice

Alternately this row could be knitted as: k6, yo, k3 tog, yo, k3, yo, k3 tog, yo, k6, (p1, k1) twice. This will give curved tops to the heart.

Row 18: k1, p1, k1, p23, k1, p1, k1