



Arsenic & Old Lace Afghan:
SQUARE #10:
Mary Ellen's Basketweave

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This is a traditional stitch with countless variations. It is well-loved by knitter's for its ease of remembrance and its reversibility. I like to add row(s) of stockinette between the rows of knit/purl boxes for an increased textural effect and a more woven look to the fabric we are creating.

Materials: any worsted weight wool, US 8 needles, safety pin to mark RS of fabric
Gauge: 18 sts and 24 rows equals four inches square in Stockinette Stitch
Abbreviations: SEED = *K1, P1; repeat from * to last stitch, K1.

Directions: Cast on 45 stitches using knit-on method (or continue on from previous square as directed) and SEED FOUR ROWS. On the fifth row: Seed 40 sts, make one by backwards loop cast-on to RH needle, and end by Seed 5 sts. (46sts total)
NOTE: This pattern begins on a RIGHT SIDE ROW. If you are not ready to begin with a right side row, then begin by working row 8 of the pattern below and all will be well with the world. ;-D

Row 1: Seed 5, *P4, K2; repeat from * to last five sts, Seed 5.
Row 2: Seed 5, *P2, K4; repeat from * to last five sts, Seed 5.
Row 3: Seed 5, *P4, K2; repeat from * to last five sts, Seed 5.
Row 4: Seed 5, PURL to last 5 sts, Seed 5.
Row 5: Seed 5, P1, (K2, P4) X5, end (last 10 sts) K2, P3, Seed 5.
Row 6: Seed 5, K3, P2, (K4, P2) X5, K1, Seed 5.
Row 7: Seed 5, P1, (K2, P4) X5, end (last 10 sts) K2, P3, Seed 5.
Row 8: Seed 5, PURL to last 5 sts, Seed 5.

Repeat rows 1-8 until piece measures 9.25 inches.

End by: Seed 40 sts, K2tog, (P1, K1)X2, then Seed 4 more rows.

Do not bind off but rather put your live sts on a holder until later. Next week is the second of three insertion patterns and is lovely. I look forward to this continued journey together. I hope you are enjoying the knit and I always enjoy hearing from you!

With loads of love, light and laughter, Mary Ellen Langieri