

April Showers....

April is the first month of Spring. It follows a moody March and it sets up for May by preparing the ground for flowers.

There are a few blooms that are associated with April. Daffodils and Forsythia come to mind. So, this square is yellow in honour of those flowers and is comprised of diagonal and straight lines, like a rainstorm with gusts of winds. I accentuated the lines with just a few beads....

Materials: Approximately 40 grs of worsted weight yarn, sample uses Cascade 220 worsted, 4.5mm US #7 straights or circs, markers and the regular notions, if choosing to bead, you will need 24 size 6/0 beads and a 1.0mm crochet hook.

This square is also reversible.

Size: 9 inch square before blocking, 10 inch square after blocking

Gauge: 20 st in 4 inches in stockinette

Abbreviations: **K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together. **P2tog** – purl 2 stitches together. **P2togtbl** – purl 2 sts together through the back of the loops. **YO** – (Note – if making a YO after a purl st, the yarn will already be forward) bring the yarn forward between your needles and then knit (or purl) your next stitch as normal, allowing the yarn to loop over your right hand needle to form a new stitch. **pb** – place bead with a crochet hook

Pattern

If beading you will need 24 beads and a 1.0mm hook.

Working with 4.5mm needles cast-on 56 sts.

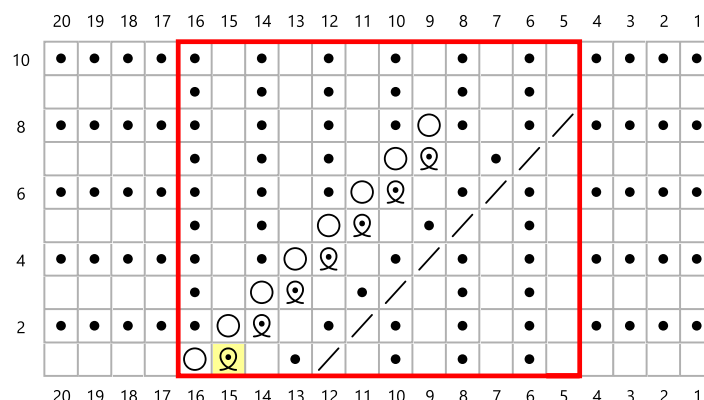
Knit 6 rows in garter st, 3 ridges.

Commence working from written or charted pattern.

If working from the chart repeat sts 5 to 16, 4 times across the row.

Repeat rows 1 – 10, 4 times up the square.

Basic Rain with beads



Key

- white
- RS: knit
WS: purl
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- RS: k2tog
WS: p2tog
- RS: p tbl
WS: k tbl
- yo
- add bead to st before working
- pattern repeat



Written Rain with beads

Row 1 (RS): K4, ((k1, p1) × 3, k1, k2tog, p1, k1, pb, p tbl, yo) 4 times, k4. (56 sts)

Row 2 (WS): K4, (k1, yo, k tbl, p1, k1, p2tog, (k1, p1) × 3) 4 times, k4.

Row 3: K4, ((k1, p1) × 2, k1, k2tog, p1, k1, p tbl, yo, k1, p1) 4 times, k4.

Row 4: K4, (k1, p1, k1, yo, k tbl, p1, k1, p2tog, (k1, p1) × 2) 4 times, k4.

Row 5: K4, (k1, p1, k1, k2tog, p1, k1, p tbl, yo, (k1, p1) × 2) 4 times, k4.

Row 6: K4, ((k1, p1) × 2, k1, yo, k tbl, p1, k1, p2tog, k1, p1) 4 times, k4.

Row 7: K4, (k1, k2tog, p1, k1, p tbl, yo, (k1, p1) × 3) 4 times, k4.

Row 8: K4, ((k1, p1) × 3, k1, yo, k1, p1, k1, p2tog) 4 times, k4.

Rows 9 - 10: K4, ((k1, p1) × 6) 4 times, k4.

Finishing

Works rows 1 and 2 once more.

Knit 6 rows in garter sts, 3 ridges. Bind-off in knit.

