

Granny Blanket – Knitted First a Pillow Swatch

This pattern is a “pithy” pattern in that it is untested and will be amended a few times before it is complete. This is my starting point and subject to change. But I hope that I can keep ahead of any adventurous knitters!

Today I am starting the blanket – April 12, 26.



Figure 2 Before Felting - approx 39 inches across



Figure 1 After Felting - approx 29 inches across

Worsted or Light worsted **non superwash** wool– lots, because we are Fulling! Right now, I have close to 4000m. I need 13 wedges for the pillow, right now they are taking 60 m per wedge. I think I have enough yarn. The pillow or blanket could be knit in 1 colour or multiple colours. I am working with 8 colours. If you are using multiple colours you will need to swatch all the colours, sometimes dyes can affect the way a wool will full.

The wool must be non superwash to full properly.

Pillow took 13 wedges – approx. 800m

Pillow before fulling – 39 inches across

Pillow after fulling – 28.5 inches across

Blanket will take more than triple the yarn – especially as I am adding a knitted-on fringe, a long one – I am thinking about 3000m



Pattern

Pillow or blanket. First set of numbers is for the pillow.

Needles: 5.0mm US #8 60cm 24inch circs.

Blanket is worked completely in Garter Stitch.

Cast-on 80 (160) sts and knit 1 row.

Row 1 – yb, s1, knit to end of row.

Row 2 – knit to last 2 sts, turn work

Row 3 – yb, s1, knit to end of the row.

Row 4 – knit to last 4 sts, turn work

Row 5 – yb, s1, knit to end of the row.

Row 6 – knit to last 6 sts, turn work

Row 7 – yb, s1, knit to end of the row.

Row 8 – knit to last 8 sts, turn work

Row 9 – yb, s1, knit to end of the row.

Row 10 – knit to last 10 sts, turn work

Row 11 – yb, s1, knit to end of the row.

Row 12 – knit to last 12 sts, turn work

Row 13 – yb, s1, knit to end of the row,



Continue in pattern as set, with each RS row being 2 sts shorter than the 1 previous.

Last 2 rows of each wedge:

K2, turn work

Yb, s1, K1.

Start the next wedge with same or new colour:

Knit across the pairs of stitches – 80 (160) sts.

Repeat rows 1 to the last 2 rows for the next wedge.

Repeat the wedge pattern a total of 13 times.

Finishing before Fulling for Blanket or Pillow



- 1.) Loosely sew the seam. So that the seam itself can full at the same rate as the blanket..
- 2.) Fill in the whole in the center. I chose to fill mine with a loose weave. I loose single crochet circling around would also work.

Next step

Are you going to add an edging? I am going to finish my blanket with a knitted fringe.

I did not edge my pillow form. I am still debating whether I want a half circle pillow or a full circle. Decisions, Decisions!

Fulling

Hot water, soap and agitation.

I fulling my pillow form in my machine. It is a front loader. I put it in the hottest and longest cycle and it came out perfect. My pillow shrank just over 25% in size. I can expect the same kind of shrinkage from my blanket. My colours all shrank at the same rate. There will be no surprises with my blanket.

