

Afghan Squares 5

Take 96 squares like this...



The Afghan

Many different designs could be made from the same 96 identical squares. 12 possibilities are given overleaf. Try others of your own before you make the final decision.

The Materials

Each square takes approximately

15 metres of Aran in each colour or

18 metres of Double Knitting in each colour.

This means you will need approximately 1450 metres of Aran, or 1750 metres of Double Knitting, in each colour. The weight of yarn will depend on the yarn chosen.

Any other type of yarn may be used instead. Extra yarn is needed if a border is to be added.

The Needles

The squares can easily be adjusted so the exact tension is unimportant. The knitting should be firm but soft. Try 4 or 4.5 mm for Aran, and 3.75 or 4 mm for Double Knitting. Choose needles to give a texture you like.

The Measurements

Each square is approximately 6" (15 cm) square. The overall size of the afghan is 48" (120 cm) by 72" (183 cm)

The Square

Using the first colour

1st row: Make a slip knot and knit into it twice (once in the front, once in the back).

2nd row: Knit the first stitch, knit twice into the second.

3rd row: Knit the first two stitches, knit twice into the last.

4th row: Knit to the end, knitting twice in the last stitch.

Repeat 4th row until you have 19 stitches, if using Aran, or 23 stitches if using Double Knitting.

Change to second colour and continue until there are 37 (Aran) or 45 (DK) stitches.

Change to the first colour. Knit one row.

Next row: Knit to last two stitches, knit two together.

Repeat this row until you have the same number of ridges of knitting as you had in the second colour.

Change to second colour. Continue until there are two stitches left. Knit two together and fasten off.

At the first colour change the square is half of its finished width. If you are using a different yarn, or want to change the size of the square, do more, or fewer rows to here until it is the size you want. Count the number of ridges and work the same number in each of the other 'stripes'.



The Design

Decide on the arrangement for your squares. Place two squares right sides together and oversew using one colour. Do not pull tight or the squares will not lie flat. Take care to match the corners carefully. Stitch the squares in strips, then stitch the strips together.

The Border (Optional)

Use your calculator to divide the number of stitches at the widest point of the square by 1.4. Pick up this number of stitches from the edge of each square along one edge of the afghan. Knit as many rows as you want, increasing in the last stitch of every row. Cast off loosely. Repeat for the other three sides. Stitch the corners.

