SLEEPING BEAUTY BABY BLANKET

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Welcome your new arrival with warm cuddles in a soft blanket that you can adapt to almost any weight yarn. The solid center panel knits up quickly and keeps out the winter chill, while the cables and lace border add royal elegance.

Gauge (in border pattern) = 22" x 30" = 4" x 4" in sample, using worsted weight yarn. Your gauge will vary according to your yarn choice.

Size: 30" x 30" using worsted weight yarn. Choosing other yarn weights will affect your final size.

You will need:

- ❖ 800 yards of the yarn of your choice (any weight from DK to aran will work. The size of your blanket will vary according to your choice of yarn.) The example was worked in Knit Picks' Comfy Worsted)
- ❖ 1-4 24" or longer circular needles appropriate for yarn chosen. The example was worked using two 24" size 6 needles.
- ❖ Cable needle.
- ❖ 4 stitch markers
- ❖ A crochet hook, depending upon your method of picking up stitches
- ❖ A tapestry needle for finishing.

Center Square

Cast on 120 stitches using the provisional cast-on of your choice.

Row 1: [K1, P1]. Repeat until end.

Row 2: [P1, K1]. Repeat until end.

Rows 3-14: Repeat rows 1 - 2 six more times.

Row 15: [K1, P1] 4 times, PM. K104. PM, [K1, P1] 4 times.

Row 16 (WS): [K1,P1] 4 times. Purl to second marker, [K1, P1] 4 times.

Repeat rows 15 - 16 until the stockinette center is an exact square, ending on **RS**.

Finish center square by repeating rows 1-2 six more times. (Begin on whichever of the two rows fits the pattern).

Using working end of yarn and with **RS** facing, pick up 120 stitches along the adjacent side of square. Remove waste yarn from provisional cast on to pick up 120 stitches along bottom. Pick up 120 additional stitches along fourth side, for a total of 480

stitches on your needle. The remaining knitting will be in the round, on the perimeter of the completed square. You may find it easier to divide the stitches over two or more circular needles.

Spindles Border

First Eyelet Section

Round 1: Working in the round, *Kfb, P117 stitches. Kfb, PM, P1 (in corner stitch).
   Repeat from * three more times. (122 stitches per side, 488 total)

Round 2: Eyelet Row: *[YO, K2tog] until marker, YO, K1 (in corner stitch).* Repeat
   from* three more times on other sides.

Round 3: *Kfb, purl until marker. Kfb, P1 (in corner stitch).* Repeat from* three more
   times on other sides. (124 per side/496 total)

Round 4: K one round (496).

Spindle Cables

Round 5: *YO, (P2, K2) 30 times, P2, K1, YO, K1 in corner stitch. Repeat from* three
   more times on other sides. (126 stitches per side/504 total)

Round 6: *K1,(P2, C2B) 30 times, P2, K3, ending in corner stitch. Repeat from* three
   more times on other sides.

Round 7: *YO, K1, [(P2, K2)] 30 times], P2, K2, YO, K1 in corner stitch.* Repeat from*
   three more times on other sides. (128/512)

Round 8: **[(K2, P2) 31 times], K2, P1, K1. Repeat from* three more times on other
   sides.

Round 9: *YO, [(K2, P2) 31 times], K2, P1, YO, K1 in corner stitch. Repeat from* three
   more times on other sides. (130/520)

Round 10: * P1, [(C2B, P2) 31 times], C2B, P2, K1 in corner stitch. Repeat from*
   three more times on other sides.

Round 11: * YO, P1, [(K2, P2) 31 times], K2, P2, YO, K1 in corner stitch. Repeat
   from* three more times on other sides. (132/528)

Round 12: *[(P2, K2) 33 times. Repeat from* three more times.

Round 13: * YO, [(P2, K2) 32 times], K1, YO, K1 in corner stitch. Repeat from* three more times on other sides. (134/536)

Round 14: *K1, [(P2, C2B) 32 times], P2, K3.* Repeat from* three more times on other sides.

Round 15: *YO, K1, [(P2, K2) 33 times], YO, K1. Repeat from* three more times on other sides. (136/544)

Second Eyelet Section

Round 16: Purl one round.

Round 17: *YO, (K2tog,YO) to two stitches before M, K1, YO, K1. (138/552)

Round 18: Purl one round.

Outer Seed-Stitch Border

Round 19: *YO, [(P1, K1) 68 times], YO, K1 in corner. Repeat from* three more times on other sides. (140 stitches per side/560 stitches total).

Round 20: *(P1, K1) to corner. Repeat from* three more times.

Row 21: *YO, [(K1, P1) 69 times, YO, K1 in corner. Repeat from* three more times. (142/568)

Row 22: *(K1, P1) 70 times, ending with K1 in corner.* Repeat from* three more times, removing stitch markers as you go.

Eyelet Cast-Off

Row 23: Cast off 1 stitch. Chain 3 stitches (either using a crochet hook or by wrapping yarn around needle (YO) and slipping stitch on right-hand needle over created yarn loop). Cast off 2 stitches and repeat around edge until all stitches are bound off. Pull working thread through final loop. Adjust at end with by adding extra chain or skipping a bind-off stitch as necessary.

Block and weave in loose threads.