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Suggested Materials:

Sugar and Cream 100% cotton worsted weight yarn, three skeins white, two each of green, yellow, and red.

Size ten knitting needles, or size needed to obtain preferred texture.

Removable stitch markers.

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

Waste yarn for holding inactive stitches.

Pattern Notes:

This yarn can tend to bleed dye. I suggest soaking in cold water with some white vinegar added before blocking to keep the color integrity.

Gauge for this project is not critical. Use a needle size which is comfortable for your tension and provides a finished texture you like.

The swirl pattern in this blanket relies on the color sections building on each other. It will be necessary to skip between colors. The easiest method in my experience is to place the stitches on a length of waste yarn, but leave the yarn ball attached. This allows for fewer ends to weave in.

The short rows in this pattern use wrap and turn, abbreviated w&t. Bring yarn forward, slip the next stitch, wrap yarn to the back, turn your work, and proceed.

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Instructions:

With white yarn, cast on ten stitches, leaving a long enough tail to sew up a ten stitch seam.

*K2, w&t, knit back

K4, w&t, knit back

K6, w&t, knit back

K8, w&t, knit back

K6, w&t, knit back

K4, w&t, knit back

Repeat from * four more times, then knit two rows on all ten stitches. You should have a half-circle. Repeat from * five more times.

Bind off and seam to form a circle. This is the center of your finished piece.

There should be 110 rows on the outside of your circle. Place a removable marker every 22 rows. These are the rows where you will join the yarn for the spirals.

Join the green yarn to the first stitch marker. Knit into the front and back of the joining stitch. Pick up and knit one from the edge of the beginning circle, and pass the last stitch from your right needle over it. You will join the yarn in this way to each ridge of the circle as you reach it.

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Work in garter stitch, increasing one stitch every third right side row, and one w&t one stitch before the end of every third right side row. I prefer to put the increases and the short rows on different garter ridges, but some may find the counting easier if they're on the same row. Your finished project will not suffer either way.

Stop work and place stitches on waste yarn when you reach the next stitch marker.

Join yellow yarn to the stitch marker *behind* the green yarn. This will allow you to continue to work the yellow over the green, necessitating less changing of yarn. Work as for green section, continuing over the green rows as established.

Repeat joining and working for red yarn, and two sections of white. Stop increases and decrease short rows to every fourth right side row when swirl sections reach a width of 24 stitches. Counters or note paper may be helpful for keeping track, since this pattern depends on the stripes being essentially worked all at once.

When your blanket has reached a size you like, begin decreasing the stripes. I made mine to form one complete rotation of each stripe, but there's no reason it can't be larger or smaller.

Ensure that the stripes' ends are evenly spaced around your work.

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Continue short rows every fourth right side row, while decreasing one stitch by knitting two stitches together every fourth right side row. Once stripes are down to six stitches, short rows may be discontinued. When two stitches remain, slip both, pick up one from edge of piece and pass both over. pull a length of yarn through, and weave in ends.

Weave in ends from the rest of the piece, and wet block into a circle shape.