Castle and Cottage Blanket

A pattern from Anne B Hanssen Design

V											V	End
V	F		A		B		B		A		F	V	12
V		F		A		B		A		F		V	11
V	E		F		A		A		F		E	V	10
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V	C		D		E		E		D		C	V	6
V		C		D		E		D		C		V	5
V	B		C		D		D		C		B	V	4
V		B		C		D		C		B		V	3
V	A		B		C		C		B		A	V	2
V		A		B		C		B		A		V	1
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Grey sections = moss-st

A-F = lace squares

V = cable border

1-12 = pattern sections

Depending on the size and material used, this gorgeous blanket would embellish any chair, coach, bed in just about any room in your house, weather you live in a castle or a cottage.

Happy knitting☺

Size

You could work this blanket to almost any dimension you like. Either you make it bigger or smaller than the sample by working to a larger or finer gauge. Or you work over a larger or smaller number of squares. Here I give the measurement of the sample only:
Width: 107cm/42". **Length**: 120cm/47" (easily modified by adding/subtracting sections).

Material

Wool: To work the Castle and Cottage blanket I used "Alpakka" from Sandnes Garn. This is a DK/8-ply weight, pure alpaca wool that comes in balls of 50gr/1.76oz and 110m/120 yards. To work the blanket in the size of the sample you need 14 balls.

Notions

Needles: As there are many sts in the row I advise that you use circular needles, both to make room for the sts, but also to make it less heavy to work.
I used a 100cm/40" circular needle 3.5mm/US4. Use needles to obtain gauge.

You will also need a **cable needle** – preferably the same size as your working needle

12 stitch markers – to be placed between the squares, and to mark out the cable borders

Gauge

If you want to work your blanket to the measurements of the sample, your gauge should be approximately 22 sts and 32 rows in moss-st pattern (see page 3)

Abbreviations

K = knit
p = purl
st/sts = stitch/stitches
RS = right side of work
WS = wrong side of work
pm = place marker
sm = slip marker
yo = yarn over
ssk = slip, slip, knit
k2tog = knit 2 sts together
sl1k2togpsso = slip 1 st, knit 2 sts together, pass slipped st over
sl2(as if to k2tog)k1psso =slip 2 sts as if to k them together, knit 1, pass slipped sts over

Moss st (UK term) / Seed st (US term):

Row 1 RS: (k1, p1) repeat (-)
Row 2 WS: (p1, k1) repeat (-)

Knitting instructions

The blanket is knit flat (back and forth) from one short end to the other.
Important! Every square (both lace and moss-st) is worked over 19 sts and 24 rows.

You work the blanket in the following order (or see schematic in page 1)

End -border: 13 sts of right border, 209 sts of moss-st, 13 sts of left border. The end-border is worked over 24 rows

Section 1: 13 sts of right border, 11 squares in the following order: moss/square A/ moss/square B/moss/square C/moss/square B/moss/square A/moss, 13 sts of left border
Section 2: Right border, square A/moss/square B/moss/square C/moss/ square C/moss/square B/moss/square A, left border
Section 3: Right border, moss/square B/moss/square C/moss/square D/moss/ square C/moss/ square B, moss, left border
Section 4: Right border, square B/moss/square C/moss/square D/moss/square D/ moss/ square C/moss/square B, left border
Section 5: Right border, moss, square C/moss/square D/moss/square E/moss/ square D/moss/square C, moss, left border
Section 6: Right border, square C/moss/square D/moss/square E/moss/ square E/moss/square D/moss/square C, left border
Section 7: Right border, moss/ square D/ moss/ square E/ moss/ square F/moss/ square E/moss/square D, moss, left border
Section 8: Right border, square D/moss/square E/moss/square F/moss/ square F/moss/square E/ moss/square D, left border
Section 9: Right border, moss/square E, moss/square F/moss/square A/ moss/ square F/ moss/square D, moss, left border
Section 10: Right border, square E/moss/square F/moss/square A/moss/square A/ moss/ square F/moss/square E, left border
Section 11: Right border, moss/square F/moss/square A/moss/square B/moss/ square A/moss/square F/moss, left border
Section 12: Right border, square F/moss/square A/moss/square B/moss/square B/moss/square A/moss/square F, left border

Repeat section 1-2 (or number of sections to achieve desired measurement).

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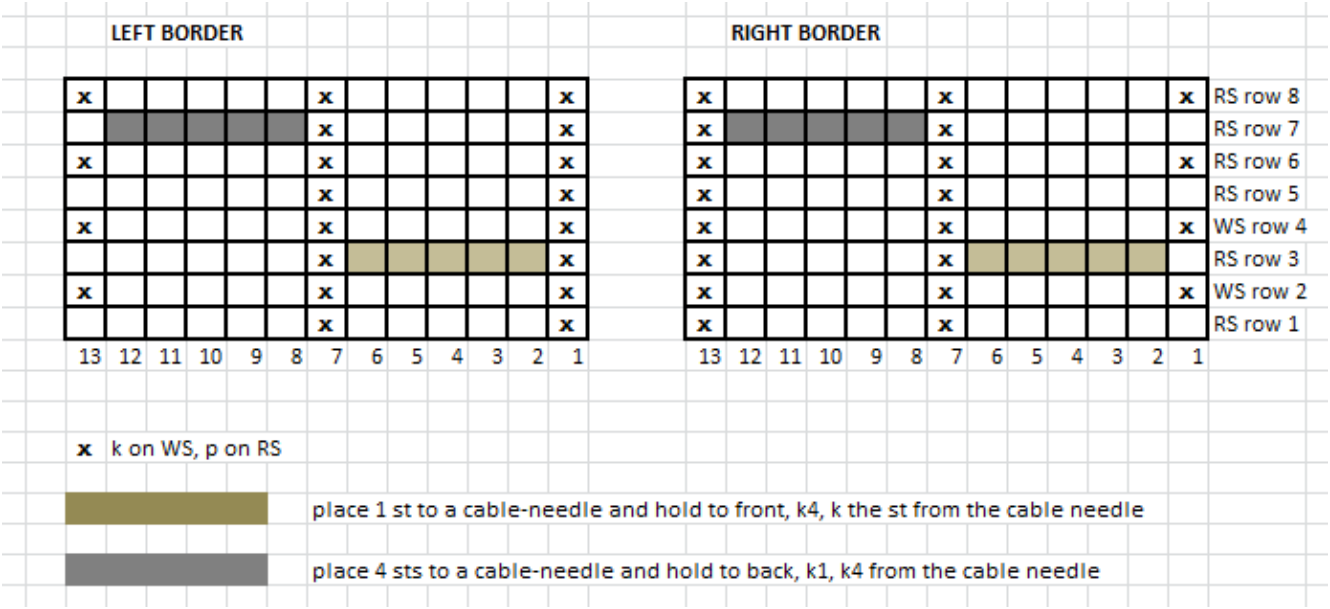
If you want to work the blanket to other dimensions you could:

- Using a different weight of wool and working to a tighter/larger gauge
- Cast on for a larger or smaller number of squares. You should cast on a multiple of 19 sts **plus** 26 sts (for the cable borders)

Cast-on:

Using a circular needle, to obtain desired gauge, cast on 235 sts. Work end-border:
Row 1 RS – set up for cable borders and moss-st:
k6, p1, k5, p1 (for cable border in the right side of work), **pm,** (k1, p1) repeat (-) to last 14 sts of row, k1 (for moss-st section), **pm**, p1, k5, p1, k6 (for cable border in the left side)
Row 2 WS: k1, p5, k1, p5, k1 (for cable border in the left side), **sm**, (k1, p1) repeat (-) to last 14 sts of row, k1 (for moss-st section), **sm,** k1, p5, k1, p5, k1 (for cable in the right side)
Continue work over 13 sts for right border/209 sts of moss st pattern/ 13 sts for left border.
The border is worked over a total of 24 rows.
Follow charts for borders, and/or row-by-row instructions below:

Cable Borders



Right border: worked over 13 sts and 8 rows:

Row 1 RS: k6, p1, k5, p1

Rows 2/4/6/8 WS: k1, p5, k1, p5, k1

Row 3 RS: k1, place 1 st to cn and hold to front, k4, k st from cn, p1, k5, p1

Row 5 RS: work as row 1

Row 7 RS: k6, p1, place 4 sts to cn and hold to back, k1, k4 from cn, p1

Left border: worked over 13 sts and 8 rows

Row 1 RS: p1, k5, p1, k6

Row 2/4/6/8 WS: k1, p5, k1, p5, k1

Row 3 RS: p1, place 1 st to cn and hold to front, k st from cn, k4, p1, k6

Row 5 RS: work as row 1

Row 7 RS: p1, k5, p1, place 4 sts to cn and hold to back, k1, k4 from cn, k1

After the first 24 rows of end border you divide work for cable borders and squares:

Section 1 – row 1 RS: Work across 13 sts for right border as established, **sm,** work 19 sts of moss-square row 1, **pm**, work19 sts of square A, row 1, **pm,** work 19 sts of moss-square row 1, **pm**, work 19 sts of square B, row 1, **pm,** work 19 sts of moss-square row 1, **pm**, work 19 sts of square C, row 1, **pm,** work 19 sts of moss-square, row 1, **pm**, work 19 sts of square B, row 1, **pm**, work 19 sts of moss-square row 1, **pm**, work 19 sts of square A, row 1, **pm,** work 19 sts of moss-square, row, **sm**, work across 13 st for left border as established.

Work is continued over right and left border as established, all squares are continued until 24 rows are worked. Markers are kept in the same position throughout the patch-work part of the blanket. Slip markers and move straight upwards as you go.

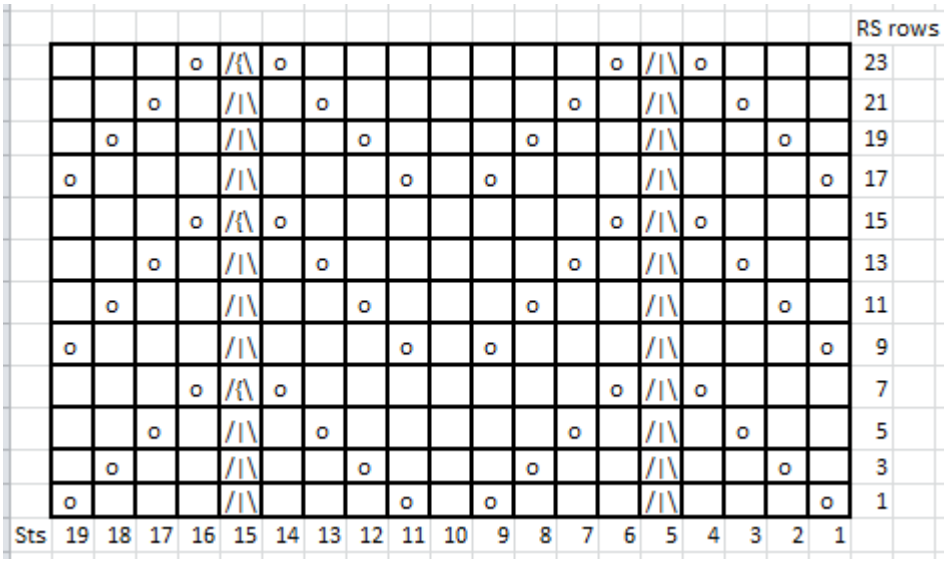
Sections 2-12 are worked following the schematic found in page 1, and/or the written instructions found in page 3. When all sections are ended you might add length by restarting the section-repeat. When you have worked the blanket to approximately 7.5cm/3" from desired length you work the end border (instructions found at the bottom of the pattern.

Moss-st squares

Worked over 19 sts and 24 rows:
Row 1 RS: (k1, p1) repeat (-) 8 times, k1
Row 2 WS: (k1, p1) repeat (-) 8 times, k1
Repeat rows 1-2 11 times (24 rows worked)

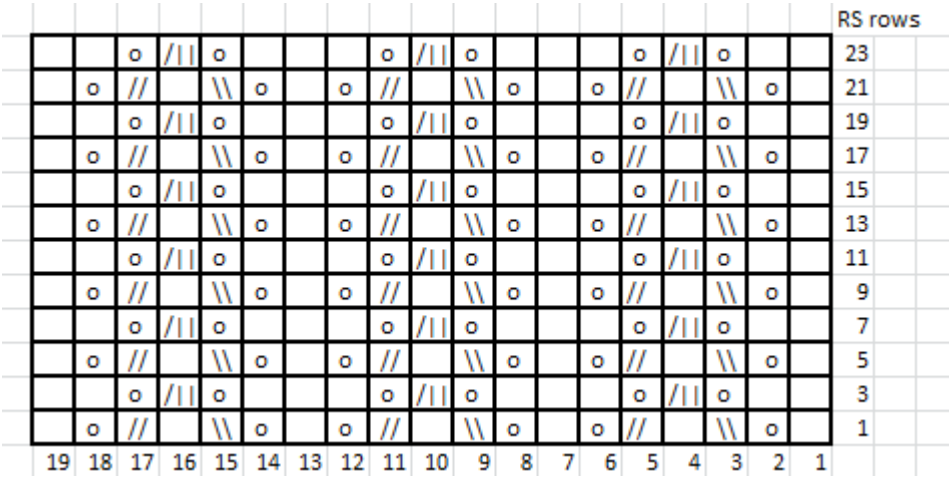


Square A



Square A: worked over 19 sts and 24 rows:
Row 1 RS: (yo, k3, sl2(as if to k2tog)k1psso, k3, yo), k1, repeat (-)
Row 2 WS/all WS rows: p all sts
Row 3 RS: (k1, yo, k2, sl2(as if to k2tog)k1psso, k2, yo, k1), k1, repeat (-)
Row 5 RS: (k2, yo, k1, sl2(as if to k2tog)k1psso, k1, yo, k2), k1, repeat (-)
Row 7 RS: (k3, yo, sl2(as if to k2tog)k1psso, yo, k3), k1, repeat (-)
Row 8 WS: p all sts
Repeat rows 1-8 2 more times (24 rows worked)

Square B

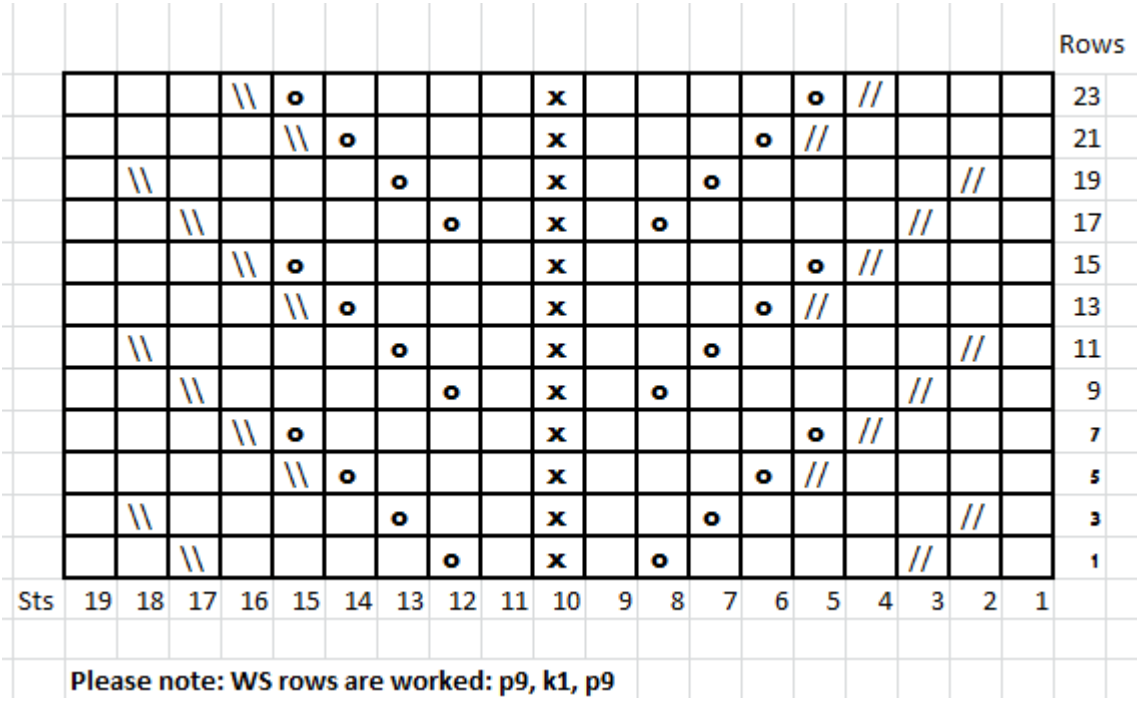


Square B: Worked over 19 sts and 24 rows:

Row 1 RS: (k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo), repeat (–) 2 more times, k1
Row 2 WS: p all sts
Row 3 RS: (k2, yo, sl1k2togpsso, yo, k1), repeat (–) 2 more times, k1
Row 4 WS: p all sts

Repeat rows 1–4 5 more times (24 rows worked)

Square C

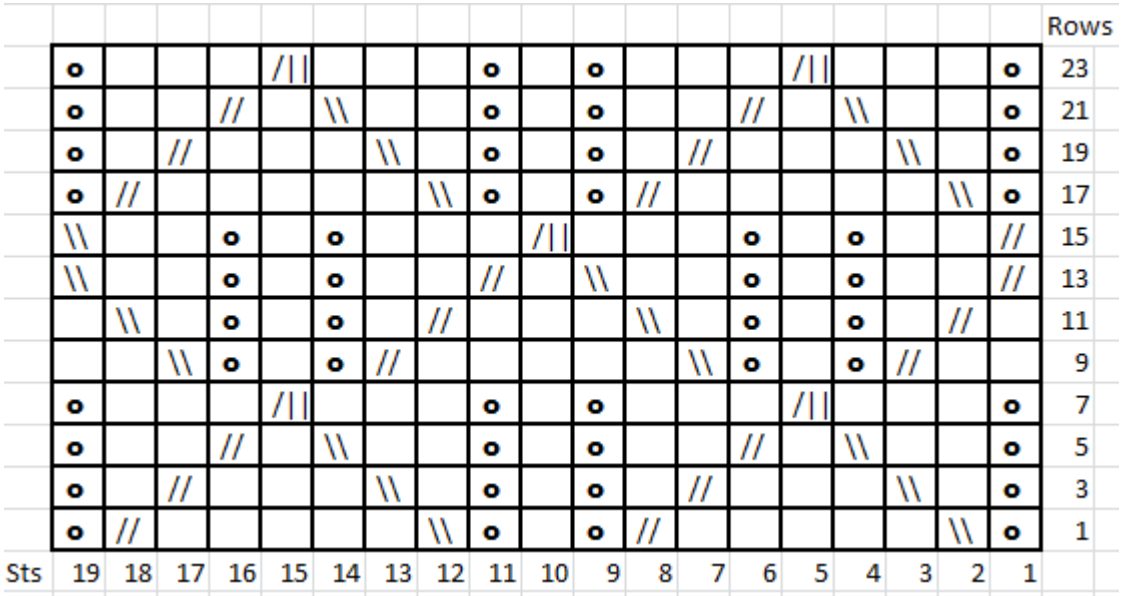


Square C: worked over 19 sts and 24 rows:

Row 1 RS: k2, k2tog, k4, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k4, ssk, k2
Row 2 WS/all WS rows: p9, k1, p9
Row 3 RS: k1, k2tog, k4, yo, k2, p1, k2, yo, k4, ssk, k1
Row 5 RS: k4, k2tog, yo, k3, p1, k3, yo, ssk, k4
Row 7 RS: k3, k2tog, yo, k4, p1, k4, yo, ssk, k3
Row 8 WS: as row 8

Repeat rows 1–8 2 more times (24 rows worked)

Square D

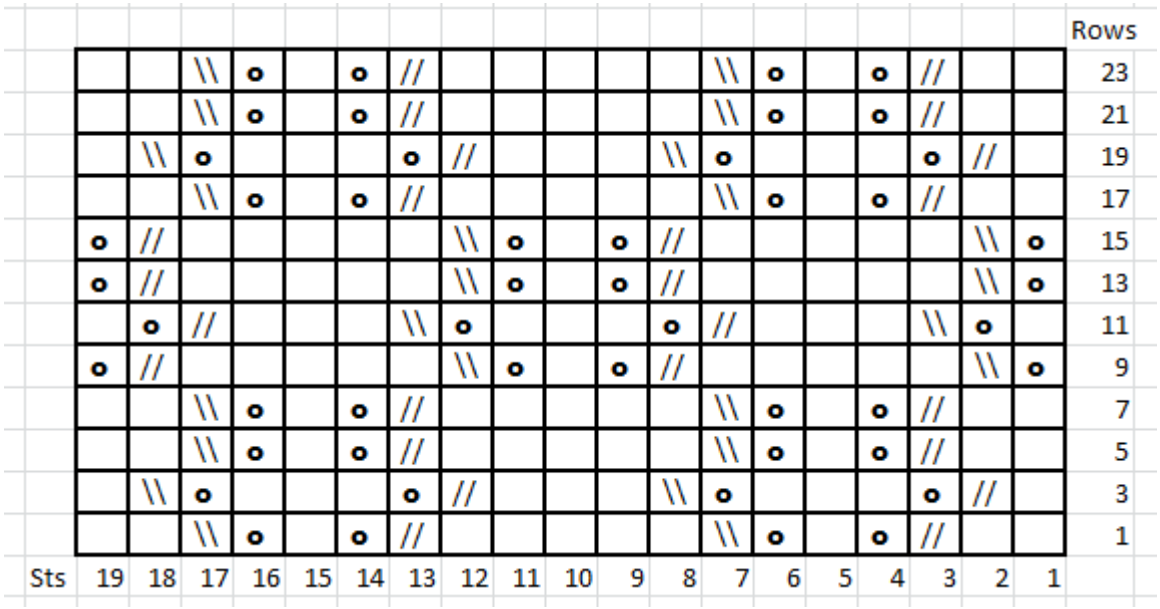


Square D: worked over 19 sts and 24 rows

Row 1 RS: (yo, ssk, k5, k2tog, yo), k1, repeat (–)
Row 2 WS/all WS rows: p all sts
Row 3 RS: (yo, k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1, yo), k1, repeat (–)
Row 5 RS: (yo, k2, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2, yo), k1, repeat (–)
Row 7 RS: (yo, k3, sl1k2togpsso), k3, yo), k1, repeat (–)
Row 9 RS: (k2, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2), k1, repeat (–)
Row 11 RS: (k1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, ssk, k1), k1, repeat (–)
Row 13 RS: (k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, ssk), k1, repeat (–)
Row 15 RS: k2tog, (k2, yo, k1, yo, k3), sl1k2togpsso, repeat (–), ssk

Repear rows 1–8 one more time (24 rows worked)

Square E

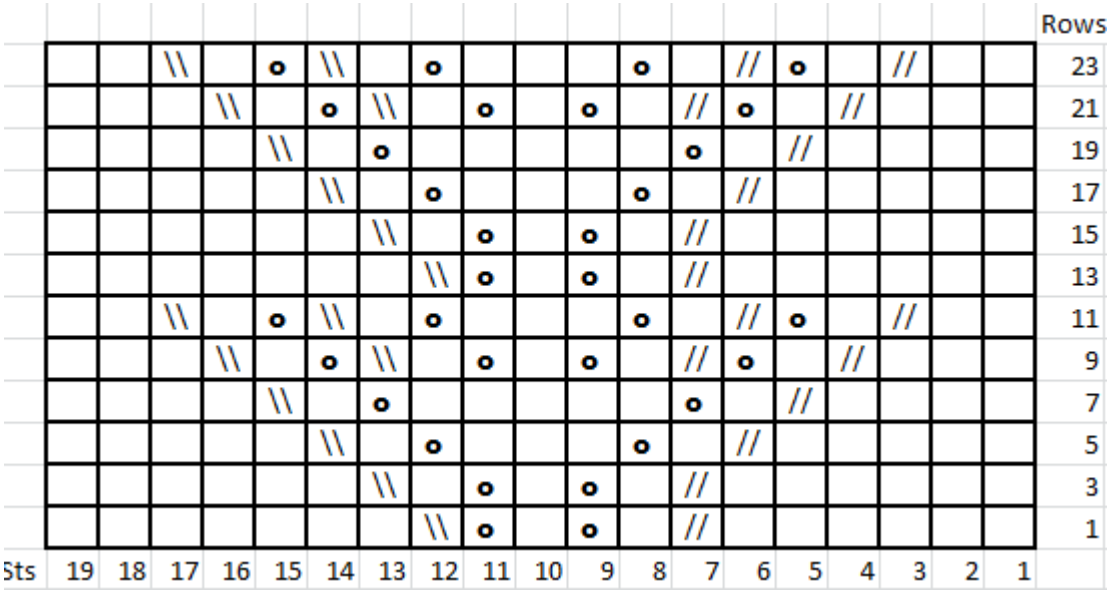


Square E: worked over 19 sts and 24 rows:

Row 1 RS: (k2, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2), k1, repeat (–), k1
Row 2 WS/all WS rows: p all sts
Row 3 RS: (k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1), k1, repeat (–)
Rows 5/7 RS: work as row 1
Row 9 RS: (yo, ssk, k5, k2tog, yo), k1, repeat (–)
Row 11 RS: (k1, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k1), k1, repeat (–)
Rows 13/15 RS: work as row 9

Repeat rows 1–8 one more time (24 rows worked)

Square F



Square F: worked over 19 sts and 24 rows:

Row 1 RS: k6, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k6
Row 2 WS/all WS rows: p all sts
Row 3 RS: work as row 1
Row 5 RS: k5, k2tog, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, k5
Row 7 RS: k4, k2tog, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, ssk, k4
Row 9 RS: k3,k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, ssk, yo, k1, ssk, k3
Row 11 RS: k2, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, ssk, yo, k1, ssk, k2

Repeat rows 1-12 one more time (24 rows worked)



End border

When you have finished the last section of squares and are 7.5cm/3" from desired length: from RS work across 13 sts of right side's cable border as established, work 209 sts of moss, 13 sts of left side's cable border as established. **Important:** If you start the moss-st section over a lace-square you start by (p1, k1) repeat to last st before left border, p1.
If you start over a moss-square you start by (k1, p1) repeat to last st before left border, k1.

Work end border for 24 rows, ending with a WS row.

Cast off **in p sts** from RS

Finishing: block if necessary, following specifications for your working wool. Weave in loose ends from WS.

Ready to use and to cherish☺

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