



From The Middle Knit Baby Blanket

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Yarn

Bernat Alize Blanket EZ

Bright Pink - 2 Balls (Exclusive to Walmart Canada)
JOANN in USA also carries this yarn.

Finger Knitting

- No needles required.

Sizing

- 32" x 32"

I wondered if Bernat Alize Blanket EZ could make a blanket growing outward from the center. I know how to grow it outward using a circle as we have a pillow. So I questioned, how can it be done as a square or rectangle.



Additional Helpful Tips

- Get 4 clothespins.
- Tapestry Needle to hide in loose ends.

The clothespins will be used on the corner loops to help identify them as you pass by them. As you loop into the corners, you will take off the clothespin and replace it to the new middle loop of 3.

Like the pillow, you will work in a continuous round until the last 3 loops are left. Then you will do the bind off all the way around to finish.

Supporting Tutorial

- **Help you get started and set up.**
- **How to fix mistakes with confidence.**
- **Change over yarn strands when switching balls.**
- **Casting off.**

Use tutorial for better visualization.

Instructions

- Right side of work is facing at all times.
- 'Working yarn' is held behind stitches throughout.
- Loops from working yarn are always pulled through stitches from back to front of work.
- To join a new ball of yarn, cut last loop of current ball of yarn close to it's base to create a yarn "tail". Cut first loop of new ball of yarn in the same manner. Tie 2 tails together.
- Move clothespins as you pass them up to the new round. Clothespins represent the corners.

Get In The Habit

Be sure to look behind the work on a regular basis to ensure you are not dropping loops. There's a way to fix it if you catch it too late without having to pull everything out. See video.

Foundation Loop

Cut first loop of yarn close to base to create a yarn "tail". Count next 4 loops for foundation round. Tie tail to yarn



between 4th and 5th loops to create ring. Place ring on a flat surface with loops pointing outward. Place 1 clothespin to each of the 4 loops.

Rnd 1: Working counterclockwise if you are right handed, working clockwise if you are left handed, pull first 3 loops from working yarn up through first loop of round (first loop to the left of tie) creating 3 knit stitches. Place 1 clothespin on middle loop of the 3. *Pull next 3 loops from working yarn up through next loop of foundation round. Place 1 clothespin on middle loop of the 3. Repeat from * twice more. There is no joining at the end of a round. Work in a continuous round to the end. - 4 stitches increased. 12 stitches at end of round.

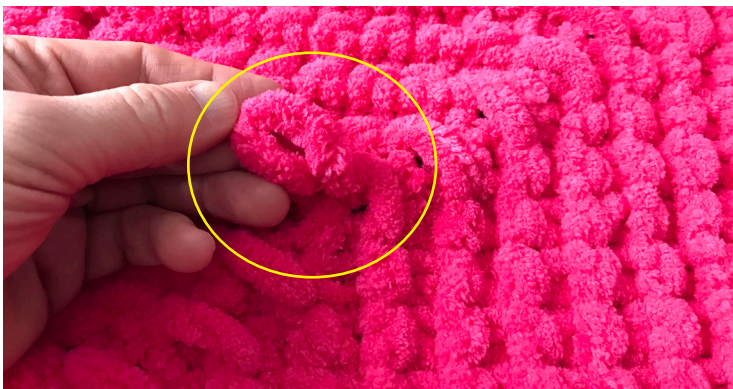
Rnd 2 to End: Continue around by pulling 1 loop through each loop with exception to the loops marked with a clothespin. Clothespin loops always get 3 loops pulled through. Always move the clothespin to the middle loop of the 3 immediately.

When you are satisfied with the size, complete until there are 3 loops left on the working yarn. You can go as big as you want to go. 2 Balls will take you to 32" square.

Last Round: Bind off. For right handers, go clockwise, for left handers, go counterclockwise. Start with last formed loop, pull next loop on edge through first loop. *Pull next loop on edge through. Repeat * around. Pull last tail through last stitch and secure with tapestry needle. Weave in ends. *Video demonstrates this.*

Helpful Tips

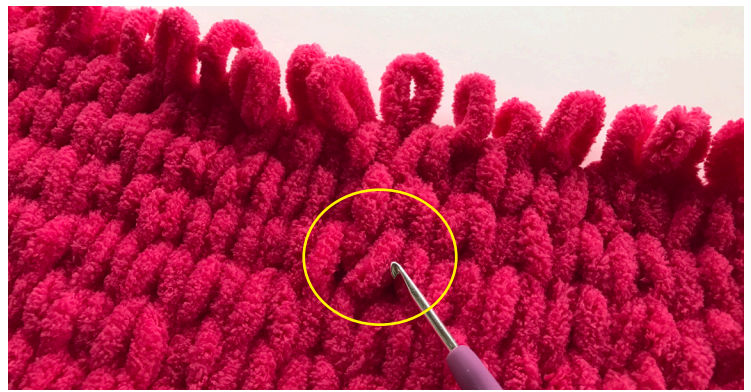
If you drop a loop and notice it too late, there is a way to go back to pick it up without tearing apart your work. See video as I demonstrate that. It's nearly invisible.



Back of project shows I missed a loop. Like fixing twists, undo the loops all the way straight down from the edge to where the unused loop is.

Feed that loop plus the original loop together through the same loop. Think of it as 1 loop only. Then redo the loops back to the edge.

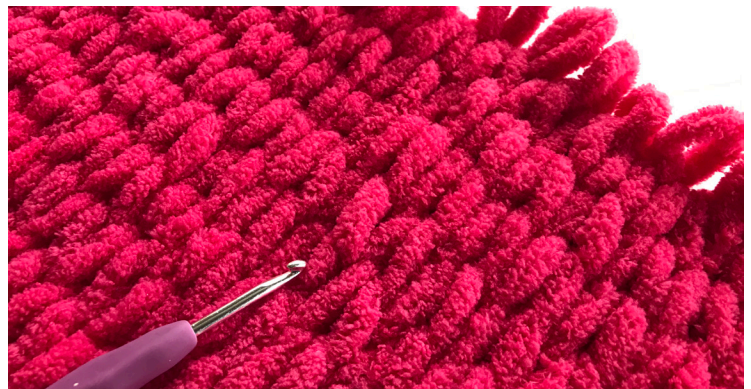
Usually when I dropped a loop, it was always on a corner. So be sure to double check corners to prevent this issue.



If you notice a twist in the rounds below. You can easily fix this without taking apart all of your work to get back to spot.



Undo the loops straight down to where the twist exists. Undo the twist and loop back up to the edge.



Twist is gone and looks in place.

Ball Counts for other Square Sizes

Baby - 32" x 32" = 2 Balls

Child Size Blanket - 48" x 48" = 5 Balls

Wheel Chair Blanket - 48" x 48" = 5 Balls

Throw Adult Sized or Decor - 60" x 60" = 7 Balls

Queen Size 84" x 84" = 14 Balls

For customization, 1 ball = 512" sq.

(Length in inches) x (Width in inches) = total square inches.

(total square inches) / 512" sq = **Number of Balls Needed**

Round up to nearest whole number.