



Rectangle Knit Baby Blanket

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Yarn

Bernat Alize Blanket EZ

Gray - See Ball Counts (Exclusive to Walmart Canada)
JOANN in USA also carries this yarn.

Finger Knitting

- No needles required.

Sizing

- Sizing on Page 2.

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.

Showing the Clothespins placement for EZ Knitting.



Starting Loops & Ball Counts

7 Loops - Child Size Blanket - 48" x 40" = 5 Balls

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

9 Loops - Throw Adult Sized or Decor - 60" x 50" = 7 Balls

52 Loops - 39" x 75" = 6 Balls

Queen Size, use Square Version for 84" x 84" sizing, 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***

If blanket was square, figure out how many inches are left over in the length. Take left over (inches / 2). Take (*new number x by 1.75*). Round up, this is starting loop number.

Foundation Loop Row

Above was the number of loops required to start typical sizes, use that information or if you decided to customize, use the number you calculated.

Note: *The first time around the foundation loops is different verses the rest of the continuous rounds. This is demonstrated in the tutorial. It's required to be different to prevent two big holes to appear in the center of the blanket.*

Rnd 1: Set Up

1. Lay on table and count the number of loops you need. If you are right handed, lay down starting loop on the left. If you are left handed, lay down starting loop on the right.
2. Place 1 clothespin on the starting loop. Place another clothespin on the final loop that makes up the foundation loop row.
3. Right handers, you will knit counterclockwise. Left handers, you will knit clockwise.
4. Start looping through the back on the 2nd loop going across to the final loop, place 1 loop through each. The clothespin loop, pull 3 loops. Put a clothespin on the 1st & 3rd loop that was pulled through.
5. Rotate project to knit down the other side of the foundation loop row.
6. Starting in next loop that already has a loop, pull 1 loop through each across to next loop that has a clothespin. In clothespin loop, pull 3 loops through. Put a clothespin on the 1st & 3rd loop.
7. You have officially done one rotation of the project.

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.

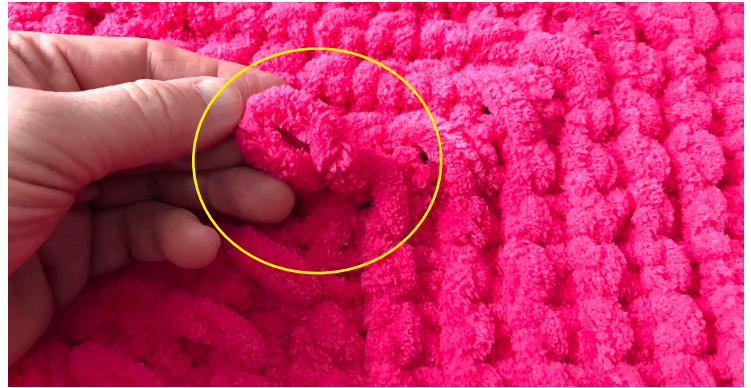
When you are satisfied with the size, complete until there are 3 loops left on the working yarn. You can go as big as you want to go.

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.



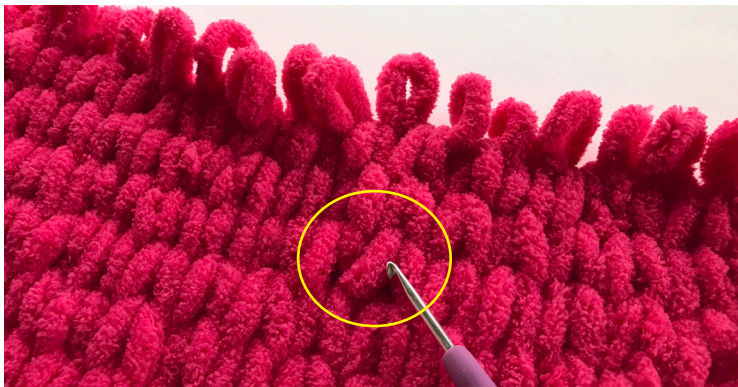
Back of project shows I missed a loop. Like fixing twists, undo the loops all the way straight down from the edge to where the unused loop is.

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.

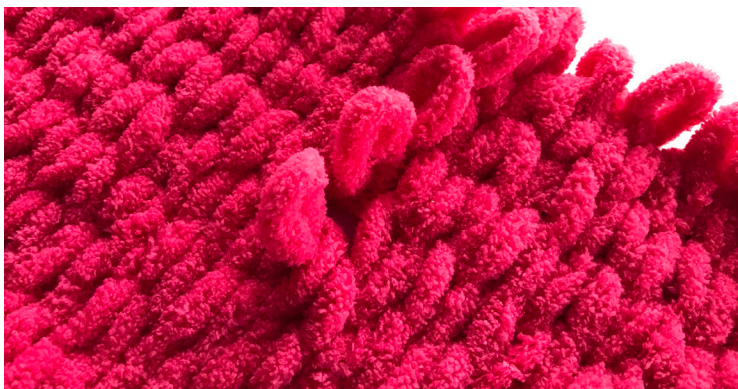
Usually when I dropped a loop, it was always on a corner. So be sure to double check corners to prevent this issue.

Fixing the Twist

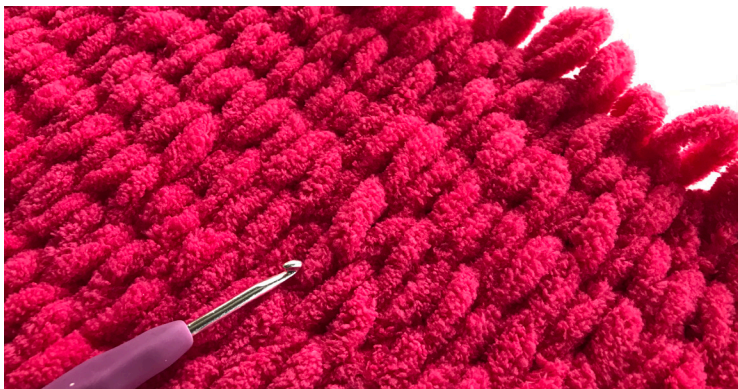
This can be done at anytime but definitely before you bind off your project.



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.