



Blanket Squares - a project for groups

Blanket squares are an opportunity for knitting groups to get together and create something beautiful from the scraps that every knitter has lying around. Our tips for a successful blanket square knitting project are as follows:

We recommend a 6 inch or 15 cm blanket square. It is better for a group to agree dimensions rather than a row and stitch count because knitters' tensions can vary a huge amount, and it is more difficult to make a good looking blanket if all the squares are a different size.

Agree a yarn type for a particular blanket, eg: machine washable acrylic for babies, superwash wool for elderly people.

Agree on a yarn weight for your blanket. DK or Aran are the most common and knit up relatively quickly.

Use a neutral coloured yarn for sewing up the blanket or a colour that tones with the colours of the squares.

Vary the stitch patterns so that experienced knitters can try out new designs.

Consider knitting squares on the diagonal. Start with one stitch and increase at the beginning of each row until the edge measures 6 inches or 15cms then decrease at the beginning of every row until one stitch remains and then tie it off.



Unless you have a member of your group who really enjoys sewing or crocheting squares together, consider holding a sewing up party where group members come together to sew up the blanket. Plenty of tea and cake makes the job go by in no time! The blanket can be either sewn together using mattress or blanket stitch or crocheted together using double crochet.

Take some time to lay the squares out into a pleasing composition of colours and designs. A blanket which is 5 squares wide and 8 long is a useful shape and takes 40 squares.

If anyone in your group is a keen crocheter they might want to crochet a border around the blanket to bring the whole project together.

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