

KNITATHON 9" SQUARE

"the chessboard square"

CommukNITy
— CARES —

**YARN:**

approximately 65 meters of any worsted weight (4 medium) yarn

GAUGE:

18 stitches x 24 rows in stocking stitch on 5mm = 10 cm/4 ins

MATERIALS:

5 mm knitting needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.

ABBREVIATIONS:

K – Knit

P – Purl

K2tog – Knit 2 together

YO - Yarnover

FINISHED SIZE:

9" square

What is the CommuKNITy Cares Crochet & Knitathon?

Once a year, our group knits and crochets 9" squares. These squares are joined together into single bed sized blankets which we donate to a local charity in our community. In addition, while creating these squares, we also collect pledges for each square completed. The donations go directly to the Salvation Army's Partners in Mission campaign. The Partners in Mission program provides the necessary money to carry out the ministry of The Salvation Army worldwide and ensures that the Army continues to be a beacon of hope in countries devastated by poverty, illness and natural disasters. If you would like to get involved with the project, contact Allison at commuknitycares@gmail.com

TIP! You can create a clean finished edge to your square by simply substituting the first stitch of every row with a slip stitch. I slip the stitch purlwise with the yarn in front to create a chain stitch effect down the edge.

DIRECTIONS:

Cast on 39 stitches loosely.

Knit 2 rows.

Repeat the following 20 row pattern until work measures 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the cast on edge.

Rows 1 & 9:	K2, P7, (K7, P7) 2 times, K2
Rows 2 & 10:	K2, (K7, P7) 2 times, K9
Rows 3 & 7:	K2, P7, (K3, YO, K2tog, K2, P7) 2 times, K2
Rows 4, 6 & 8:	K2, (K7, P7) 2 times, K9
Row 5:	K2, P7, (K1, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, K1, P7) 2 times, K2
Rows 11 & 19:	K9, (P7, K7) 2 times, K2
Rows 12 & 20:	K2, (P7, K7) 2 times, P7, K2
Rows 13 & 17:	K5, YO, K2tog, K2, (P7, K3, YO, K2tog, K2) 2 times, K2
Rows 14, 16 & 18:	K2, (P7, K7) 2 times, P7, K2
Row 15:	K3, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, K1, (P7, K1, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, K1) 2 times, K2

When work measures approximately 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and ending on either row 10 or 20, knit 2 rows and then cast off loosely.

TIP! With variations in yarns and knitting tensions, your square may not measure exactly 9 inches in width. In order to ensure your completed square is a perfect square try folding the bottom right corner of your work crosswise to the top left corner to create a triangle. Work the final 2 knit rows of your square when you are about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from folding a perfect triangle.

CommuKNITy Cares is an outreach ministry, spreading the hope of the gospel by showing God's love for others in our community by giving hand-knit mittens, scarves, hats and blankets to those in need. For more details follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

