

# KNITATHON 9" SQUARE

## "the color loops square"

CommukNITy  
— CARES —

**YARN:**

Choice of working with multiple colors with a total meterage of approximately 90 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

S1 – Slip one purlwise

**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](mailto: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 41 stitches loosely.

Knit 2 rows with color A.

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

Row 1 :                Using color B, K41

Row 2:                Using color B, K2, P37, K2

Row 3:                Using color A, K3, (S1, K1) until 2 stitches remain, K2

Row 4: Using color A, K3, (S1, K1) until 2 stitches remain, K2

Row 5:                Using color A, K41

Row 6:                Using color A, K2, P37, K2

Row 7:                Using color B, K4, (S1, K1) until 5 stitches remain, S1, K4

Row 8:                Using color B, K2, P1, K1, (S1, K1) until 3 stitches remain, P1, K2

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

### **OPTION TWO:**

Try adding additional colors and creating your own pattern. In the sample below we changed colors in the following color pattern...

Rows 1 & 2:            Work with color B

Rows 3, 4, 5 & 6:    Work with color A

Rows 7, 8, 9 & 10:   Work with color C

Rows 11, 12, 13 & 14:    Work with color A

Rows 15, 16, 17 & 18:    Work with color B

Repeat these 18 rows and finish off in the same manner as before, knitting the final 2 rows at the start of the next color change.



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 1/4" from folding a perfect triangle.

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