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Dream Catcher Blanket
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All of the stitch patterns are found in the book, *Super Stitches Knitting* by, Karen Hemingway.

Finished Measurements:
29 inches by 32 ½ inches

Yarn:
Spud & Chloë Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 100 grams/160 yards), 2 skeins each in Pollen #7508, Grass #7502, Splash #7510, Firefly #7505 and Watermelon #7512

Needles:
US size 7 needles or the size needed to obtain the gauge
(I used a 24- inch circular to work back and forth for the squares and edging.)

Gauge:
5 stitches per inch

Harris Tweed Square (make 5):
With Pollen cast on 32 stitches.
Row 1: (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the row
Row 2: (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the row
Row 3: knit
Row 4: purl
Row 5: (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the row
Row 6: (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the row
Row 7: purl
Row 8: knit
Repeat these 8 rows until the square measures 6 1/4 inches from the cast on edge. You can stop on any row just be sure you are consistent with all of the squares.

Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end and pull through the remaining stitch.

Note: There are 3 choices of stitch patterns for the Grass squares, Blackberry Stitch, Andalusian Stitch and the Pennant Stitch. I ended up with 3 Andalusian stitch squares and 2 Pennant stitch squares in the sample blanket. You need 5 squares total in the Grass Sweater colorway.

Choice #1: Blackberry Stitch Square
With Grass cast on 32 stitches.
Row 1: (right side) *(knit in the front, then back, then front again of the same stitch, p3), repeat from * to the end of the row
Row 2: *(p3tog, k3) repeat from * to the end of the row
Row 3: *(p3, knit in the front, then back, then front again of the same stitch) repeat from * to the end of the row
Row 4: *(k3, p3tog) repeat to the end of the row
Repeat rows 1-4 ten times until the square measures 6 1/4 inches from the cast on row. Try to end with a row 4 if you can but if not, it won't matter just be consistent on all of the squares in the Blackberry stitch.

Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Choice #2: Pennant Stitch Square
With Grass cast on 32 stitches.
Row 1 (right side): knit
Row 2: p1, *(k1, p4) repeat from * to the last stitch, p1
Row 3: k1, *(k3, p2) repeat from * to the last stitch, k1
Row 4: the same as row 3

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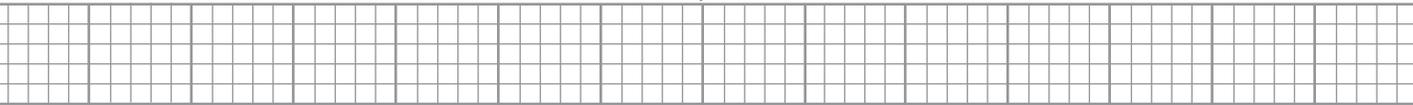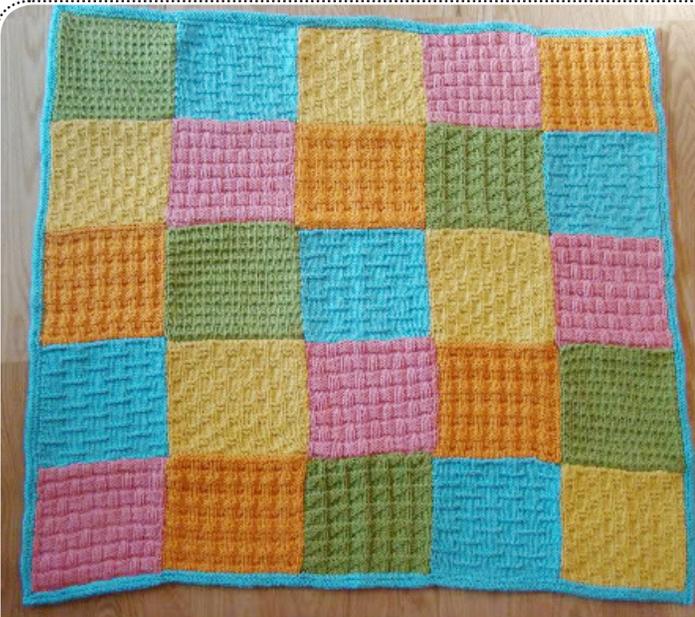
Row 5: the same as row 2
Row 6: knit
Repeat rows 1-6 until the square measures 6 1/4 inches from the cast on edge. End with an even row.
Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Choice #3: Andalusian Stitch Square

With Grass cast on 32 stitches.
Row 1 (right side): knit
Row 2: purl
Row 3: (k1, p1) repeat to the end of the row
Row 4: purl
Repeat rows 1-4 until the square measures 6 1/4 inches from the cast on edge end with a purl row. Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Horizontal Dash Stitch Square (make 5):

With Splash cast on 32 stitches.
Row 1 (right side): k1, *(k4, p6) repeat from * until the last stitch, k1
Row 2 and all even rows: k1, purl to the last stitch, k1
Row 3: knit
Row 5: k1, *(p5, k4, p1) repeat from * until the last stitch, k1

Row 7: knit
Row 8: k1, purl to the last stitch, k1
Repeat rows 1-8 rows until the square measures 6 1/4 inches from the cast on edge, ending with an even row.
Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Stockinette Stitch Check Square (make 5):

With Firefly cast on 32 stitches.
Row 1 (right side): k1, *(p2, k4) repeat from * to the last stitch, k1
Row 2: purl
Row 3: same as row 1
Row 4: purl
Row 5: k4, *(p2, k4) repeat from * to the last 4 stitches, p2, k2
Row 6: purl
  same as row 5
Row 8: purl
Repeat these 8 rows until the square measures 6 1/4 inches from the cast on edge ending with an even row.
Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving about an 8 inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Basket Stitch Square (make 5)

With Watermelon cast on 32 stitches.
Row 1 (right side): knit
Row 2: purl
Row 3: k1, *(k1, p4, k1), repeat from * to the last stitch, k1
Row 4: p1, *(p1, k4, p1), repeat from * to the last stitch, p1
Row 5: repeat row 3
Row 6: repeat row 4
Row 7: knit
Row 8: purl
Row 9: k1, *(p2, k2, p2), repeat from * to the last stitch, k1
Row 10: p1, *(k2, p2, k2), repeat from * to the last stitch, p1
Row 11: repeat row 9
Row 12: repeat row 10
Repeat these 12 rows until the square measures 6 1/4 inches from the cast on row.
Bind off. Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end and pull the end through the remaining stitch.

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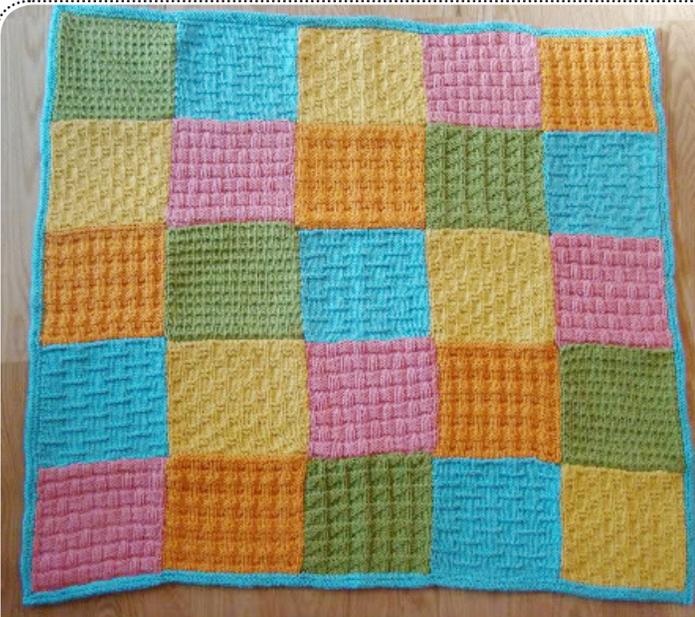
Seaming the Squares Together:

Use the photograph as a guide for arranging the squares or you can come up with your own placement of the squares. Place all of the squares with the cast on edge at the bottom of the row and the bind off edge at the top of the row. Place the end from the bind off or the cast on edges on a yarn needle to use forseaming.

For the vertical seams use the Mattress Stitch one stitch in on both sides. Go under 2 bars at a time on each side while seaming.

For the horizontal seams work from the right to the left. With the end on a yarn needle, come up through the middle of a stitch on the bind off edge and directly above go under the 2 loops of the "V" or stitch. Then go back in the same spot on the bind off edge stitch again. Come up in the next stitch and repeat.

As you work on seaming the squares together weave in all of the ends into the seam ridges on the backside of the blanket. This way you will be completely done when you stitch the final square into place. There are several video tutorials on the seaming and weaving in end techniques I used for the blanket on the blog sidebar of Spud says! Please check those out for further instruction.

Garter Stitch Border

Lay out the blanket with the cast on edges of the squares at the bottom and the bound off edges of the squares at the top.

Side 1:

Starting on the right top corner with Splash pick up 150 stitches (30 stitches per square) across the bound off edges of the squares. Turn to go back.
Rows 1-3: knit
Bind off.

Side 2:

1 stitch is left on the needle. Turn the blanket to pick up stitches on the left side. Pick up 1 stitch on the border. Pick up 165 stitches (33 stitches per square) along the side. 167 stitches total are on the needle.
Note: For both the right and left side edges of the blanket I pick up 3 stitches and then I skip the next stitch all the way across.
Repeat rows 1-3.
Bind off.

Side 3:

1 stitch is left on the needle. Turn the blanket to pick up stitches on the bottom edge of the blanket. Pick up 1 stitch on the border. Pick up 150 stitches along the bottom edge (cast on edges of the squares). 152 stitches total are on the needle.
Repeat rows 1-3.
Bind off.

Side 4:

1 stitch is left on the needle. Turn the blanket to pick up stitches on the right side.
Pick up 1 stitch on the border. Pick up 165 stitches (33 stitches per square) along the side. Pick up 2 stitches on the border. 169 stitches total are on the needle.
Repeat rows 1-3.
Bind off.

Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch.
Weave in all ends into the seams and trim. Block as desired.