

# Leafy Baby Blanket

Quick lace blanket on larger needles with seed stitch border.



## **MATERIALS**

- Eco-Cotton Bioline 28 by Grignasco (100% cotton, 140m/50g = 153 yd/1.76 oz) – 6 skeins, used 2 strands at a time. You can use any DK weight yarn in the same fashion, or 1 strand of worsted weight. I recommend using not-too-soft, well-twisted yarn for good stitch definition. Using 2 strands held together creates a more drapery fabric, compared to 1 strand of worsted.
- 5mm / US 8 needles.
- Stitch markers (optional).

## **SIZES**

One size

Finished measurements – 75x70 cm (30x28 in)

## **GAUGE**

1 pattern repeat = 11.5 cm (4.5 in). Exact gauge is not critical for the project. Please note that if your gauge is different, the finished garment will have different measurements.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

sts – stitches

rs – right side (odd –numbered rows)

ws – wrong side (even-numbered rows)

k – knit

p – purl

yo – yarn over

k2tog – knit 2sts together (right slanting decrease)

p2tog – purl 2sts together (right slanting decrease)

skp – slip one st, knit the next st, pass the slipped stich over the knitted one (left slanting decrease), you can also use a ssk instead

p2tog tbl – purl two stitches together through the back loops (left slanting decrease)

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Using two strands at a time, cast on 100 sts.

*You can easily adjust the width and length of the project. Make a swatch with 2 repeats of the pattern vertically and horizontally see what size you will get and to decide how many repeats you would need to cast on for. To calculate the total number of stitches to cast on, multiply 15 by the number of the repeats you want to make and add 10 stitches (you need 2 for the lace pattern to line up, and 4 for each side border of seed stitch). So, for your swatch for example, cast on  $15 \times 2 + 10 = 40$  stitches. When making a blanket with more or fewer pattern repeats, follow the instructions above, but repeat the stitches in brackets more or fewer times.*

Row 1. (K1, p1)

Row 2. (P1, k1)

Rows 3-6. Repeat rows 1 & 2 two more times.

*From experience, a lot of people have difficulties in the beginning of the lace pattern with the stitch count. The best way to help yourself is to use stitch markers to separate pattern repeats. So, at the end of row 4 count your stitches and make sure you have 100. The stitch pattern itself is a multiple of 15 plus 2, and you need 4 stitches on each side of the blanket for the border. Place the stitch markers as follows: first one after 4 stitches – that is your border, and then after 15 stitches 6 times, and the last one after the next 2 stitches – you should have 4 stitches left for the second border. Now start row 7. After finishing each 15-stitch repeat, count the new stitches you have just made and make sure there are still 15.*

Row 7. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k13) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 8. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p13, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 9. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k10, k2tog, yo, k1) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 10. P1, k1, p1, k3, (yo, p2, p2tog, p9, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 11. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k8, k2tog, k1, yo, k2) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 12. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p1, yo, p3, p2tog, p7, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 13. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k6, k2tog, k2, yo, k3) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 14. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p2, yo, p4, p2tog, p5, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 15. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k4, k2tog, k3, yo, k4) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 16. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p3, yo, p5, p2tog, p3, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 17. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k13) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 18. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p13, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 19. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k1, yo, skp, k10) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 20. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p9, p2tog tbl, p2, yo, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 21. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k2, yo, k1, skp, k8) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 22. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p7, p2tog tbl, p3, yo, p1, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 23. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k3, yo, k2, skp, k6) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 24. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p5, p2tog tbl, p4, yo, p2, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Row 25. K1, p1, k1, p1, (p2, k4, yo, k3, skp, k4) x6, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1

Row 26. P1, k1, p1, k3, (p3, p2tog tbl, p5, yo, p3, k2) x6, p1, k1, p1, k1

Repeat rows 7-26 four more times, and then rows 7-18 once.

Then repeat rows 1&2 three times – for 6 rows of the border. Bind off and weave in ends. Wet block to measurements.

