Sedimentum - a beautiful, graphic blanket

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Sediments are beautiful layers in the earth, and you see them many places in nature – delicate or wide bands of colours, and thin dark lines. The Sedimentum blanket plays with colour layers in the knitting, and the result is a beautiful blanket with will be a soft layer for everyone whether in the sofa or the cot.

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Materials

Pernilla from Filcolana

Col A: 100 g in col 856 (Charcoal)
Col B: 150 g in col 820 (Isabella)
Col C: 100 g in col 822 (Willow)
Col D: 150 g in col 954 (Light grey)
Col E: 100 g in col 955 (Medium grey)

Circular needle size $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm, 80 cm (possibly 100 cm for the edges) + one or more extra circular needles, preferably in the same size, where the parts of the blankets can be put on hold

Markers

Darning needle

Sizes

One size – but the blanket can easily be made bigger or smaller by working more or fewer repeats of the rows in the pattern.

Measurements

Approx. 97 x 127 cm

Gauge

23 sts in stockinette stitch on size $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm = 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

<u>inc L (increase to the left)</u>: Lift the loop between two sts onto the left needle from the front, knit it through the back loop.

inc R (increase to the right): Lift the loop between two sts onto the left needle from the back, knit it. stbl (left leaning decrease): Slip 1 stitch knitwise, put st back on left needled (still twisted), and k2tog tbl

Kitchener stitch with the sts on the needle

Break the yarn (the end must be at least three times as long as the section that needs seaming). Hold the two needles parallel to each other and with the wrong sides facing. The yarn end is at the top right stitch (first stitch of the needle to the back). Thread the yarn onto a darning needle, and sew knitwise through the first stitch of the back needle (let the stitch remain on the needle).

Now sew as follows:

Front needle: sew knitwise through first stitch, let the



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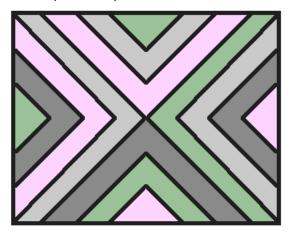
stitch drop of the needle, sew purlwise through the next stitch, but let it remain on the needle
Back needle: sew purlwise through the first stitch, let the stitch drop of the needle, sew knitwise through the next stitch, but let it remain on the needle
Continue this way until all stitches has been sewn together. Make sure that your gauge for sewing is the same as your gauge for knitting.

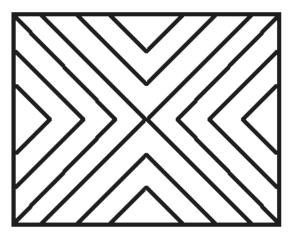
About the pattern

The blanket is knit as four separate parts, which are sewn together with kitchener stitch, so the seams end up invisible. Each part is begun at the outer edge and worked toward the centre of the blanket. The parts are worked in stripes of alternating stockinette and garter stitch using only one colour at a time. It is recommended to weave in the ends while knitting, when changing colour). As the finishing touch, stitches are picked up along the sides (one side at a time), and a garter stitch edge is knit.

Chart A and B

Chart A show the construction of the blanket as well as the colour changes. Chart B has been left blank, so you can try out your own ideas for a colour sequence of your blanket sediments.







Part A

Cast on 5 sts with col B on size 4½ mm needle. First row (WS): k 1, p 2, place marker, p 1, k 1.

Row 1 (RS): k 1, inc L, k to marker, inc R, slip marker, k 1, inc L, k to last st, inc R, k 1.
Row 2 (WS): k 1, p to last st, k 1.
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Work Row 1-2 a total of 18 times. There are now 77 sts on the needle.

Note: If you wish to make the blanket smaller (or bigger), work fewer (more) repeats of Row 1-2 – and likewise on the following stockinette stripes. Remember, that you will end up using less (more) yarn, if you change the size.

Now change to col A and work:

Row 3 (RS): k 1, inc L, k to marker, inc R, slip marker, k 1, inc L, k to last st, inc R, k 1.

Row 4 (WS): k all sts.

Work Row 3-4 a total of 3 times (= 3 garter stitch ridges). There are now 89 sts on the needle.

Change to col E and work Row 1-2 a total of 18 times. There are now 161 sts on the needle.

Change to col A and work Row 3-4 a total of 3 times. There are now 173 sts on the needle.

Change to col D and work Row 1-2 a total of 18 times. There are now 245 sts on the needle.

Part A is now as wide as it will be, and from here on will be worked straight up as follows.

Change to col A and work:

Row $\overline{5}$ (RS): k 1, k2tog, k to marker, inc R, slip marker, k 1, inc L, k to last 3 sts, stbl, k 1.

Row 6 (WS): k all sts.

Work Row 5-6 a total of 3 times.

Change to col C and work:

Row 7 (RS): k 1, k2tog, k to marker, inc R, slip marker, k 1, inc L, k to last 3 sts, stbl, k 1.

Row 8 (WS): k 1, p to last st, k 1.

Work Row 7-8 a total of 18 times.

Change to col A and work Row 5-6 a total of 3 times. Break the yarn and place part A on hold, while you work the next parts.

Part B

Cast on 5 sts with col C on a size $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm needle. First row (WS): k 1, p 2, place marker, p 1, k 1.

Row 1 (RS): k 1, inc L, k to marker, inc R, slip marker, k 1, inc L, k to last st, inc R, k 1.

Row 2 (WS): k 1, p to last st, k 1.

Work Row 1-2 a total of 18 times. There are now 77 sts on the needle.

Note: if you have changed the size, remember it here and in the following sections.

Change to col A and work:

Row 3 (RS): k 1, inc L, k to marker, inc R, slip marker, k 1, inc L, k to last st, inc R, k 1.

Row 4 (WS): k all sts.

Work Row 3-4 a total of 3 times (= 3 garter stitch ridges). There are now 89 sts on the needle.

Change to col D and work Row 1-2 a total of 18 times. There are now 161 sts on the needle. Change to col A and work Row 3-4 a total of 3 times.

There are now 173 sts on the needle. Change to col B and work Row 1-2 a total of 17 times, then work Row 1 one additional time. There are

now 245 sts on the needle.

Break the yarn (col B), but make sure to have a good long end (approx. 3 times as long as the total edge of part B). Sew part B and part A together with kitchener stitch using col B all the way to (and including) the centre stitch.

Leave the parts on hold and work part C.

Part C

Worked as part A, but with the following colour sequence (see also chart A).

Col C - stockinette stitch.

Col A - garter stitch.

Col E - stockinette stitch.

Col A - garter stitch.

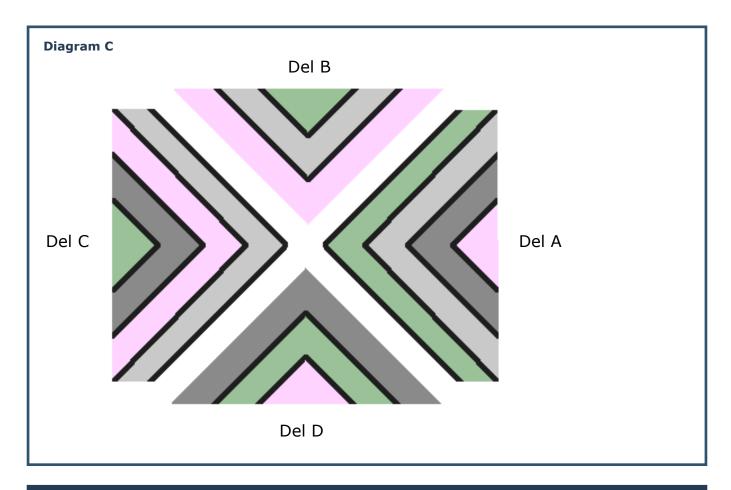
Col B - stockinette stitch.

Col A - garter stitch.

Col D - stockinette stitch.

Col A - garter stitch.

Break the yarn. Move half the sts to another needle (or spare yarn). Sew the last half of the sts (not including the centre stitch) from part C together with the last half of the sts from part B. This is done with



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kitchener stitch using col B (continue the seam from parts A and B).

Leave the seamed parts on hold and knit part D.

Part D

Worked as part B, but with the following colour sequence (see chart A).

Col B - stockinette stitch.

Col A - garter stitch.

Col C - stockinette stitch.

Col A - garter stitch.

Col E - stockinette stitch.

Break the yarn, but leave a good long end of col E (approx. 3 times as long as the edge of part D). Now sew part D to the other parts with kitchener stitch all along part C and A.

Edge

Edge along "long" side:

Using col A pick up and knit approximately 255 sts onto a size 4½ mm needle along the first of the long sides (for example part B + sides of part A and C). Work 4 rows in garter stitch. Bind off in knitting on the next row (WS). Be careful not to bind off too tightly.

Work the other "long" edge the same way.

Edge along "short" side:

Using col A pick up and knit approximately 190 sts onto a size $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm needle along the first of the short sides (for example part A). Work 4 rows in garter stitch. Bind off in knitting on the next row (WS). Be careful not to bind off too tightly.

Work the other "short" edge the same way.

Finishing

There might be a little hole at the centre of the blanket after the seams have been sewn. Close the hole with col A.

Weave in all ends, and wash the blanket. Spread it out flat and pull it lightly into shape (it is not necessary to block it), leave it to dry flat.