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The blanket was developed as a gift for the designers' roommates, who just had a baby.
The wish was for a simple, geometric design with odd angles, and the ratio between stitches
and rows in garter stitch made it easy to accommodate that wish.
The graphic expression brings The Big Top to mind.

SIZES
One size

MEASUREMENTS
110 x 110 cm

GAUGE
24 sts and 45 rows in garter stitch on 3.5 mm needles
= 10 x 10 cm.

MATERIALS
Yarn from Filcolana
Colour A: 100 g **Pernilla** in cl. 828 (Tropical Sea)
Colour B: 400 g **Pernilla** in cl. 977 (Marzipan)
Colour C: 200 g **Pernilla** in cl. 973 (Nougat)

Circular needle 3.5 mm, 80 cm or longer

1 safety pin

Technique

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

M1
Make one increase. Lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop (1 st increase).

Sl1 k1 psso
Slip 1 st knitwise, knit 1 st, and pass the slipped st over the knitted st (1 st decrease).

DIAGRAM
Overview of geometric fields and knitting directions.

Workflow

The baby blanket is made of fields and knitted from the centre and out in the directions shown in the diagram.
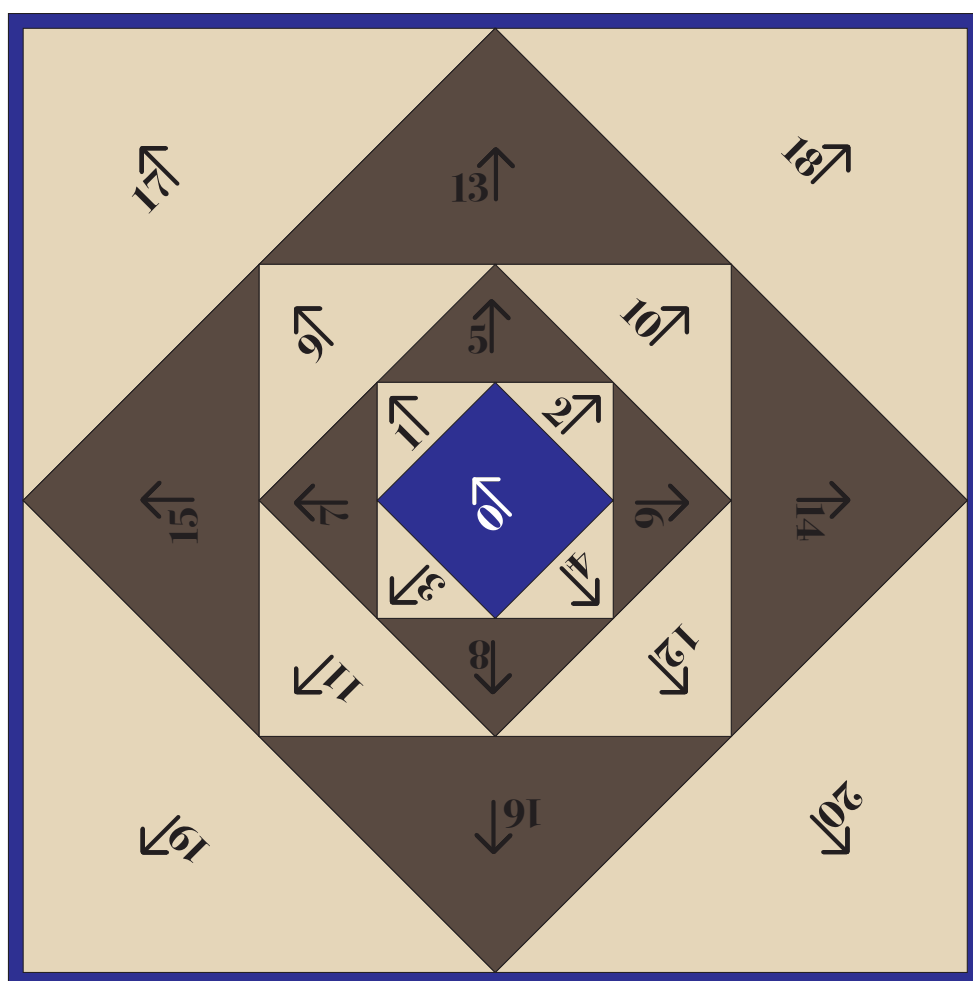
First knit a square (field 0).

Then pick up stitches along one side of the square and knit a triangle.

This manoeuvre is repeated along the other 3 sides of the square, so that a new square in double size appears.

The square is doubled 4 more times and is finished with an edge.

NOTE! The sts are always picked up along the right side of the fields.

■ Colour A

□ Colour B

■ Colour C

↑ Knitting direction

Pattern

Field 0 (centre square) (colour A)
With 3.5 mm and colour A, cast on 35 sts with long-tail cast-on.
Knit 69 rows back and forth on the circular needle, last row is a wrong side row, place a safety pin on the right side of work, so you'll know which side is which, when you later pick up stitches.
Break yarn.

Field number 1 (first triangle) (colour B)
Field number 1 is knitted in continuation of field number 0.
Change to colour B and knit 2 rows of garter stitch.
3rd row (RS): K1, sl1 k1 psso, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
4th row: Knit all sts.
Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 5 sts left on your needles.
Next row (RS): K1, sl1 knitwise, k2tog, pass the slipped st over, k1.
Next row: Knit all sts.
Next row: Sl1 knitwise, k2tog, pass the slipped st over.
Break yarn and pull the end of the yarn through the last st.

Field number 2 (colour B)
Pick up sts along the right side of field 0 like this:
Pick up 1 st for every knitted ridge along the side of field 0 = 35 sts on your needles.
1st row (WS): Knit all sts.
From 2nd row knit the rest of the triangle as field number 1.

Field number 3 (colour B)
Pick up sts along the left side of Field 0 as in field number 2.
Finish the field as field number 2.

Field number 4 (colour B)
Pick up 35 sts along the bottom of field 0, 1 st for every casted on st.
1st row (WS): Knit all sts.
Knit the field as field number 1.

Field number 5 (colour C)
Pick up 36 sts along field 2 and 1, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
1st row (WS): K2, *M1, k2*, repeat from * to * over all sts = 53 sts.
Knit the field as field number 1.

Field number 6 (colour C)
Pick up 36 sts along field number 4 and 2, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 5.

Field number 7 (colour C)
Pick up 36 sts along field 1 and 3, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 5.

Field number 8 (colour C)
Pick up 36 sts along field 3 and 4, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 5.

Field number 9 (colour B)
Pick up 54 sts along field 5 and 7, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
1st row (WS): K3, *M1, k2*, repeat from * to * to last 3 sts, M1, k3 = 79 sts.
Knit the field as field number 1.

Field number 10 (colour B)
Pick up 54 sts along field 6 and 5, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 5.

Field number 11 (colour B)
Pick up 54 sts along field 7 and 8, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 9.

Field number 12 (colour B)
Pick up 54 sts along field 8 and 6, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 9.

Field number 13 (colour C)
Pick up 80 sts along field 10 and 9, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
1st row (WS): K2, *M1, 2 r*, repeat from * to * over remaining sts = 119 sts.
Knit the field as field number 1.

Field number 14 (colour B)
Pick up 80 sts along field 12 and 10, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 13.

Field number 15 (colour B)
Pick up 80 sts along field 9 and 10, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 13.

Field number 16 (colour B)
Pick up 80 sts along field 11 and 12, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 13.

Field number 17 (colour B)
Pick up 120 sts along field 13 and 15, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
1st row (WS): K2, *M1, k2*, repeat from * to * over all sts = 179 sts.
Knit the field as field number 1.

Field number 18 (colour B)
Pick up 120 sts along field 14 and 13, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 17.

Field number 19 (colour B)
Pick up 120 sts along field 15 and 16, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 17.

Field number 20 (colour B)
Pick up 120 sts along field 16 and 14, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as field number 17.

EDGES
Bottom edge (colour A)
Pick up 180 sts along field 19 and 20, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
1st row (WS): K2, *M1, k2*, repeat from * to * over all sts = 269 sts.
Knit garter stitch over the next 4 rows.
Bind off with knit sts on next row.

Top edge (colour A)
Pick up 180 sts along field 18 and 17, 1 st in the knot of every ridge.
Knit the field as the bottom edge.

Left edge (colour A)
Pick up 188 sts along field 17 and 19, 1 st in the knot of every ridge (including a total of 8 ridge knots on the top and bottom edges).
1st row (WS): K2, *M1, k2*, repeat from * to * over all sts = 281 sts.
Knit garter stitch over the next 4 rows.
Bind off with knit sts on next row.

Right edge (colour A)
Pick up 188 sts along field 20 and 18, 1 st in the knot of every ridge (including a total of 8 ridge knots on the top and bottom edges).
Knit the field as the left edge.

FINISHING
Weave in all loose ends.
Wash the blanket according to washing instructions on the labels, and lay it flat to dry on a towel.