FREE KNITTING PATTERN

Easy Garter Stitch Baby Blanket

Knit only, with neat slipped edges and optional stripes · Stroller 24 × 30 in / Crib 30 × 36 in

SKILL LEVEL	SIZES	NEEDLES
Beginner	**24 × 30 / 30 × 36 in**	**5 mm (US 8), 32 in circular**
YARN	**GAUGE**	**STITCHES**
Worsted, 832 / 1248 yd	**18 sts × 36 rows = 4 in**	**knit, slip 1**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) soft cotton or baby acrylic: cream 753 / 1149 yd + stripe colour 79 / 99 yd
- 5 mm (US 8) 32 in circular needle (worked flat), tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

k	knit	**RS / WS**	right side / wrong side
sl 1 wyif	slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front	**ridge**	2 rows of garter

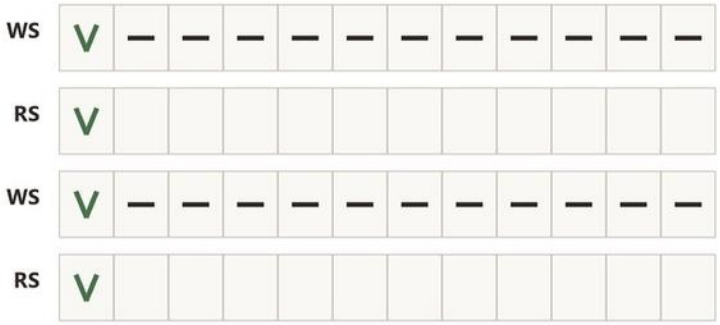
Numbers are Stroller / Crib. A circular needle holds all the stitches comfortably; you still turn and work back and forth.

Blanket

Cast on	With cream, cast on 108 / 135 sts using the long-tail cast on.
Every row	Slip the first st purlwise with the yarn in front, move the yarn to the back, knit to the end. This makes a neat chain along both edges.
Body	Repeat the 'every row' row until the blanket has 270 / 324 rows (135 / 162 garter ridges).
Stripes (optional)	Work 8 rows (4 ridges) in the stripe colour three times: starting at rows 63,131,199 / 77,159,239. Change colour at the start of a right-side row and carry the cream up the side.
Bind off	On the next right-side row, bind off loosely knitwise (use a needle one size larger if your bind-off is tight).
Finish	Weave in the ends along the edge chains. Soak and lay flat to dry; don't stretch garter stitch when blocking.

Garter Baby Blanket · Edge Chart

Every row: slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front, then knit to the end. Shown as the chart reads on each side.



green V = slip 1 purlwise wyif blank = knit (RS) bar = knit on WS (looks like a purl bump)

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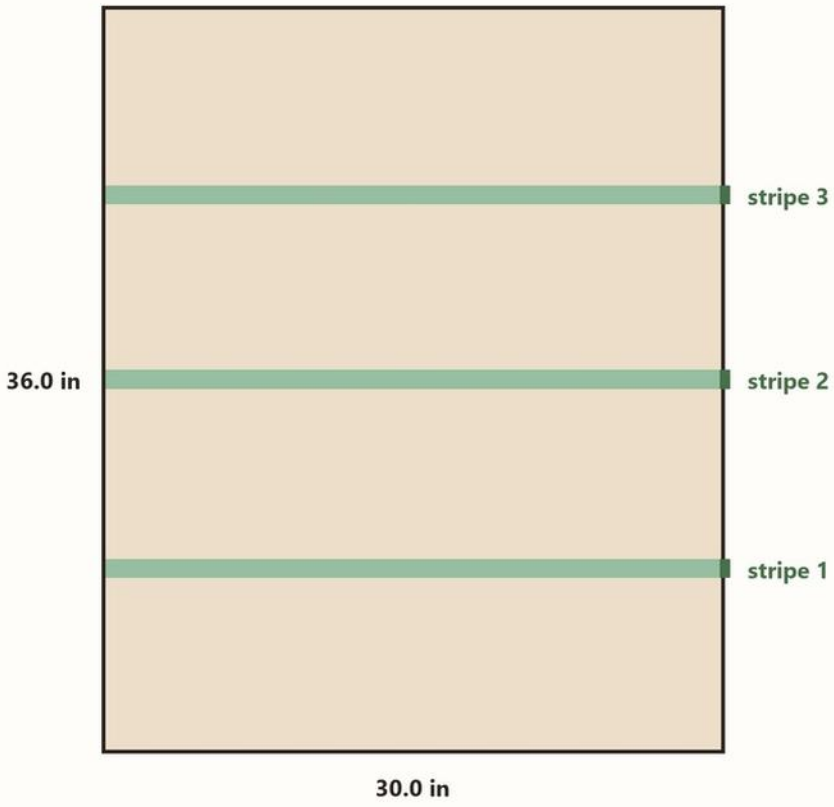
Garter Baby Blanket · Stripe Plan (Crib)

Three optional stripe bands, each 8 rows (4 ridges)



Stroller: rows 63–70, rows 131–138, rows 199–206

Crib: rows 77–84, rows 159–166, rows 239–246

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