

# sweet baby of mine

*Beginners can easily master the simple stitches used to create this soft snugly blanket. This project is a pleasure to knit and, just like peanuts, you won't be able to stop with only one.*

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Skill level: Beginner

Finished project size: 32" (81.5 cm) square, 36" (91.5 cm) diagonally

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## MATERIALS

Lily Sugar 'n Cream, Article 930H, 4-ply  
100% Cotton Yarn  
(2½ ounces/70.9 grams, 125 yards/114.5  
meters per skein): 6 skeins of Cream  
(#3)  
Size 5 (3.75 mm) circular needle or size  
needed to obtain gauge

## GAUGE

18 sts and 36 rows = 4" (10 cm)  
Take time to check your gauge.

## STITCH PATTERN

This baby blanket is worked on a diagonal alternating knit and purl rows creating a textured stripe. These stripes are also referred to as welts. The yarn over at the end of each row creates a border as you knit.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### FIRST HALF (INCREASE)

Cast on 3 sts.

**Row 1:** Knit across.

**Rows 2–4:** K2, yo, knit across.

**Row 5:** K2, yo, knit across.

**Row 6:** K2, yo, purl across to last 2 sts, k2.

**Rows 7–12:** K2, yo, knit across.


Repeat rows 5–12 until piece measures approximately 36" (91.5 cm) across, ending by working Row 12.

### SECOND HALF (DECREASE)

**Row 1:** K1, k2 tog, yo, k2 tog, knit across.

**Row 2:** K1, k2 tog, yo, k2 tog, purl across to last 2 sts, k2.

**Rows 3–8:** K1, k2 tog, yo, k2 tog, knit across.

Continue pattern and decrease each row until you have 3 sts remaining. Bind off last 3 sts. 

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