## Easy Baby Blanket with Lace Option



The lace border makes the easy blanket, very special. Use the lace all around for a shawl, or on the top edge only for a crib or pram blanket. The blanket is our basic pattern. (You can use any wool and needles to suit, to give a soft drape) This pattern knits to approx. a 24" square. It will always come square so the size is up to you.

200gm of Double Knit Wool and size 8 (UK) needles

## **BASIC BLANKET**

Cast on 1 stitch

Next row :- Make the one stitch into two stitches.

Next row :- Knit 1, into the next stitch make another,3 stitches on needle. Continue to knit, ALWAYS knit the first stitch and into the 2nd stitch make another.

Only increase this way at the BEGINNING of a row

Continue until you have almost come to the end of the 100gm ball. Knit 1 row plain.

Next row:- Knit 1, Knit 2 together, Knit to end of row. Continue this way, always knit the 1st stitch then decrease into the next stitch by knitting 2 together until 1 stitch remains. You should now have a neat square.

## LACE EDGING

Using Double Knit and size 8 (UK) needles Cast on 8 stitches

Row 1 (Wrong side) Slip 1, Knit 1, (Yarn fwd knit 2 tog)twice, Yarn fwd Knit 2 (9sts)

Rows 2, 4, and 6. Slip 1 Knit to the end.

Row 3. Slip 1, knit 2 (yarn fwd knit 2 tog) twice. Yarn fwd Knit 2 (10sts)

Row 5. Slip 1, knit 3 (yarn fwd knit 2 tog) twice. Yarn fwd Knit 2 (11sts)

Row 7. Slip 1, knit 4 (yarn fwd knit 2 tog)twice . Yarn fwd Knit 2 (12sts) Row 8. Slip 1, Knit 11 sts

Row 9. Slip 1 Knit 11 sts Row 10 cast off 4 Sts Knit to the end (8sts) These 10 rows form the pattern. Continue in pattern until it is long enough to fit one edge, or all around, as you wish. Sew onto the blanket