

Knitting with Looms

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Baby Boy Stroller Blanket - the Beginning

Yay - I had time to do some loom knitting yesterday!! Am I working on my sweater? Sigh.

Am I working on a blanket for our Grandson, using the wool I chose for him in Arizona last Spring, and hauled all the way back to Canada? Sigh.

A friend of our daughters bought him a BEAUTIFUL baby blanket, that was crochet out of the exact same wool. Since he doesn't need two ... I had all this lovely, soft, blue/green/yellow wool sitting in my stash. Enough to make Ethan dozens of hats, ha ha.

A co-worker of my husband welcomed a baby boy into their family, so I thought I'd use this special, oh-so-soft yarn and whip up a little stroller blanket as our gift to him. Do I follow a pattern and make a swatch so I know how big the blanket will turn out? Sigh.



The yarn is a bulky (5) weight, so I didn't want to struggle with my small gauge baby afghan loom. Instead I pulled out this long green Knifty Knitter loom and all but three pegs are in use. I'm knitting it as a flat panel, not as a double knit piece.

Since I now have a notebook and keep track of such things, I knew to expect a fair amount of shrinkage using this stitch pattern. You can see how much in the photo above -- compare the ends of the loom to the cast-on edge!



I figured if turns out smaller than I intended (mostly due to the stitch pattern shrinkage) - I can always crochet a wide border. Or loom knit a border and attach that to the blanket. I knew I had options, so I wasn't too concerned. But you do have to be aware of this!

You can see in the photo above, I e-wrap 3 pegs, skip one and e-wrap the next 3 - all the way across, around and back across the back side of the loom.



The upside to this stitch pattern? It's FAST. Really fast. You are basically e-wrapping and knitting over the whole thing.

The down side? Other than the shrinkage, the cast-on edge rolls a little. Again, I wasn't concerned as I planned on added a crochet border - even just a single crochet all around to finish it off. The other down side, is that there is an obvious right side - I don't think I like the look of the inside, but - we will see how I feel once the blanket is completed.

When I'm done this, I'm going to make Ethan a hat using 'his' wool. :-)

***Note, at this point I am not going to move my loom knit projects from Altered Scrapbooking over to this blog. If you are curious, look to the labels on the right side of that blog and you can click on Loom Knitting, or Knifty Knitter to see those projects.*

Thanks for stopping by.

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Baby Blanket

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Posted by Karen Aicken at 8:49 AM



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18 comments:

Terri F. January 5, 2013 at 10:13 AM
Ok...it's official. I'm stalking your page. You have so many cool items. Sorry :)

Ok so on this one did you just work this as a flat panel? I guess what I really want to know is did you just work around the square panel like a round loom but went back and forth like working a flat panel? Did that make since.

I'm assuming when you take it off the loom you unfold it and it makes the length of the blanket.

Ok...that's it. Thanks.

Reply

Terri F. January 5, 2013 at 10:30 AM
Ok...so if I would have read every word I would have found the answer to my question. I had no idea you could use the long looms like this. Thank you for a new eye opener.

I still have yet mastered how to use the long looms. It seem so confusing for some reason so I just stick with my round ones.

Reply

Karen Aicken January 5, 2013 at 10:32 AM
Terri - using the long looms is just the same as the round ones! You can make flat panels as well as knitting in the round. I'm thing of using one of these long ones to make a bag ... since the shape is perfect.
Cheers, Karen

Reply

Okay, what next... and other kitchen musings April 8, 2013 at 8:03 AM
This is SO cool. I am going to try it making different colored squares and sew them together to make a patchwork quilt.

Reply

Lorri July 13, 2013 at 10:31 AM
Hi I know its almost a year since you posted this, but I just found it in a search for a baby afghan pattern. If you don't mind I would love to ask a few questions about your pattern. Did you cast on with an e wrap? Did adding a crochet trim get rid of all the curling that usually happens with e wrap pieces? Thank you , its really quite a pretty piece and the nicest one I have found in searching so far for a pattern.

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I have had a love affair with paper and scissors as long as I can remember. Card stock, stickers, stamps, ink, dies ... I love it all. I took up Loom Knitting in 2011 and also really enjoy knitting without needles so started a blog to share my creations with others. On a road trip in 2015, I stumbled across Zentangle and was immediately hooked. Instead of combining my Zentangle with my card posts, I have now started a blog for that as well! I live in Alberta, Canada, with my DH and 2 furry kids. Note, I made the background for my Loom Knitting and Card blogs using papers from digital kits by Gina Cabrera at Digital Design Essentials.

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