



Presents

The Memory Afghan

by Lorna Miser

A Memory Afghan is...

A great travel project...like scrapbooking with yarn...a way to knit your memories!

Most of us try to visit yarn stores when we travel. If you make a point to acquire one or two balls of yarn at every stop you visit, you'll have enough yarn for a very special afghan!

Lorna made an afghan in purples – her favorite color. She purchased yarn from every place she visited on a recent trip the British Isles. She knitted squares when she was sight-seeing and sewed the squares together each evening. Each square has a special story about where she got the yarn, what she saw and did that day. For her journal even kept a list of all the shops where she purchased the yarn. By the time she was on the plane home, she had an almost complete afghan full of wonderful memories.

Yarn & Needles

Each square is simply a garter stitch square, knit from the corner. You'll need about 100 yards per square, depending on the thickness of the yarn. Use needle sizes appropriate for the thickness of the yarn. Ideally you would use the same needle size on all the squares but not necessary. To accommodate thinner yarns, combine more than one fiber together.

Size

You can make your afghan as big or small as you like. 10-inch squares are ideal. Because you are knitting to a specific size of square, no gauge swatch is necessary! You are "knitting to the measurement" – a 10 x10 square. You can do a nice-sized afghan with only 9 squares, but you could go as large as 25 squares for a really generous afghan.

How large your afghan is depends on where your travels take you!

Instructions

Cast on 3 stitches.

Place marker on each side of the center stitch.

WS rows: Knit

RS rows: Knit up the marker, make 1 by making a twisted loop on the right needle, slip marker, knit center stitch, slip marker, make 1 by making a twisted loop on the right needle, knit to end.

Repeat these two rows until the square measures 10 inches or your desired square size. Sew all squares together. Enjoy!



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