



Diagonal Square

For the slightly more advanced knitter, a diagonal square is one of the best ways to make sure that your squares are always the perfect size and shape, no matter what yarn or needles you are using!



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Materials and Equipment

- Any yarn, 100gm/3.5oz in any combination of colours. If you are using very thin yarn, then it is a good idea to use two strands, to make sure that your square is warm enough.
- One pair knitting needles of any size appropriate for your yarn

Instructions

Increasing half

Row 1: Cast on 2 stitches.

Row 2: Knit to end of row.

Row 3: Knit 1, increase 1, Knit to end of row.

Repeat Row 3 until the side of the square measures 19 cm/7½ inches.

Next row: Knit to end of row. Do not cast off.

Decreasing half

Row 1: Knit 1, k2tog, knit to end of row

Repeat Row 1 until 2 stitches remain.

Abbreviations

k2tog: Knit two together

inc: increase stitch by knitting into the front and back of the stitch

Next row: Bind off/cast off. Leave a 50 cm/20" tail (for sewing the squares together).
Butterfly* the tail to the square.

*How to 'butterfly the tail' is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Use contrasting yarn and follow the directions:



Variations:

1. Christine Johnson's variation:

A number of members (including me) have found that when knitting diagonal squares there is a tendency for them to appear 'kite-shaped'. It doesn't really matter as when they are joined, they stretch and fit but it is a bit disappointing for the knitter. I thought that it was caused by the decreases resulting in a looser row end than the increases so I tried using the 's1, k1, pss0' method and found it did result in a squarer square.



Sharon Bartels

Materials:

Any yarn with appropriately sized needles

Abbreviations:

kfb: Knit through the front of the stitch and then the back of the same stitch

pss0: Pass the slipped stitch over the knitted one on the right-hand needle using the tip of the left-hand needle

Instructions:

Cast on 3

S1, inc by kfb in the next stitch, knit to end of row.

Repeat until the **side** measures 8 in/20 cm

S1, k1, pssso, knit to end of row

S1, k1, pssso, knit to end of row

(2 corners have been made, with only 1 slipped stitch to make them more pointed)

then continue -

S2, k1, pass 2nd stitch over, knit to end

Repeat this row until 5 stitches remain

S2, k2tog, pssso, k1

S1, k2tog, pssso

Cut yarn and pull the stitch so that the tail is through the stitch.



Maudie Bryan

2. Add coloured diagonal stripes by changing yarn colour at the end of a row, or decorate your square by embroidering a small decorative motif.



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