

Ready, Set, Knit

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The Babette Blanket, part 4

Assembling the Blanket

First, decide how you will put the squares together. I am slip stitch crocheting them with right sides together. You can also sew them together if you wish. In any case, choose one of your colors to crochet or sew all the squares and sections with; this will serve to tie all the colors together.

The assembly chart is marked out into sections. The squares for each section should be put together first, then each section should be joined to the other sections in numerical order as indicated on the chart.

If you look at section 10 on the chart, this is how to proceed:

- Join the 3 4-round squares, then join the 5 2-round squares.
- Attach the 2-round squares to the side of the 10-round square.
- Join the 3 4-round squares to the top of the 10-round/2-round section.
- Join 2 6-round squares together and attach them to the bottom of the 10-round/2-round section.
- Join 3 2-round sections and 2 2-round sections. Attach the 2 square section to the 3 square section as indicated.
- Attach a 4-round section to the 2-round section.
- Attach the 4-round/2-round section to a 6-round square.
- Repeat the first step above, then continue with the rest of section 10 as indicated.

Once your blanket is assembled, steam block it to flatten out the seams, then add the edging. For the edging, use a hook 2 sizes smaller than the one you used for the squares. Attach yarn (use a color other than the one you used for sewing) to one side of the blanket, ch 3, dc in each edge stitch of the blanket, working the corners as before. Fasten off. Attach the color you used for sewing and work 2 rounds in the same manner as round 1. Fasten off. Then work one round as established with a third color and fasten off. Lightly block the edging.

There are many wonderful crocheted edgings to choose from if you would prefer something different to finish off your blanket. If you'd like some suggestions of where to look for edgings, let us know.

We hope you have enjoyed making your Babette and that it will find a good home with someone you love or with someone who needs the love a handmade blanket represents.

