

SUMMER STITCH SAMPLER AFGHAN

A 13-Section Afghan Pattern by Holly Beemer

With 13 different stitches and techniques, the Summer Stitch Sampler is a great way to flex your knitting muscles and learn new skills.

This project was originally released in weekly mystery installments through the summer of 2020.

Finished Size

pattern includes two sizes,
small (36" x 40") and large (48" x 65")

Materials

Yarn 1440 (3120) yards of worsted weight yarn,
divided into 110 (215) yards per section

Pictured: [Caron Simply Soft](#) in Country Blue,
Lavender Blue, Off-White, Sunshine,
Watermelon

Gauge 18 sts x 24 rows = 4" x 4" in Stockinette stitch
Gauge may vary from stitch to stitch.

Needles [US #8/5.00 mm \(48" circular\)](#)

Notions [cable needle](#)
[finishing needle](#)
[stitch markers](#)



Notes

This afghan is worked back and forth and requires no seaming. Stockinette edge stitches frame the technique of several sections. The border is added after the completion of the afghan.

If you find your tension changes from stitch to stitch, be sure to size your needles up or down to accommodate this change.

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DIAMOND BROCADE STITCH

Colors Needed

A B C D E

Setup

With Color A, CO 180 (240) sts, then work 2 rows of St st.

Abbreviations

CO - cast on

k - knit

p - purl

RS - right side

st(s) - stitch(es)

St st - Stockinette stitch

Pattern - Small

Row 1 – k2 *k4, p1, k3* to last 2 sts, k2

Row 2 – p2 *p2, k1, p1, k1, p3* to last 2 sts, p2

Row 3 – k2 *k2, p1, k3, p1, k1* to last 2 sts, k2

Row 4 – p2 *k1, p5, k1, p1* to last 2 sts, p2

Row 5 – k2 *p1, k7* to last 2 sts, p1, k1

Row 6 – p2 *k1, p5, k1, p1* to last 2 sts, p2

Row 7 – k2 *k2, p1, k3, p1, k1* to last 2 sts, k2

Row 8 – p2 *p2, k1, p1, k1, p3* to last 2 sts, p2

Repeat these 8 rows until section measures 3", then work Row 1 once more. Purl 1 row.

Pattern - Large

Row 1 – k4 *k4, p1, k3* to last 4 sts, k4

Row 2 – p4 *p2, k1, p1, k1, p3* to last 4 sts, p4

Row 3 – k4 *k2, p1, k3, p1, k1* to last 4 sts, k4

Row 4 – p4 *k1, p5, k1, p1* to last 4 sts, p4

Row 5 – k4 *p1, k7* to last 4 sts, p1, k3

Row 6 – p4 *k1, p5, k1, p1* to last 4 sts, p4

Row 7 – k4 *k2, p1, k3, p1, k1* to last 4 sts, k4

Row 8 – p4 *p2, k1, p1, k1, p3* to last 4 sts, p4

Repeat these 8 rows until section measures 5", then work Row 1 once more. Purl 1 row.



[Watch the YouTube video for this stitch here.](#)

PORTCULLIS STITCH

Colors Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color B and work 2 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together;

single right-leaning decrease

p – purl

pssso – pass slipped stitch over

sl – slip

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch

yo – yarn over

Pattern

Row 1 – k2, k2tog, *(k1, yo, k1) into the same st, sl 1, k2tog, pssso* to last 4 sts, end (k1, yo, k1) into the same st, k2tog, k1

Row 2 – p all

Repeat both rows with Color C.

Continue to repeat Rows 1 and 2 and to alternate colors until this section measures 3.25" (5.25").

With last color used in pattern, work 2 rows St st.



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BLACKBERRY STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color D and work 3 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit

p – purl

p3tog – purl 3 stitches together;

double stitch decrease

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch

Pattern

Row 1 (WS) – p2 *(k1, p1, k1) into the next st,
p3tog* to last 2 sts, p2

Row 2 – p all

Row 3 – p2 *p3tog, (k1, p1, k1) into the next st*
to last 2 sts, p2

Row 4 – p all

Repeat these 4 rows until this section measures
3.25" (5.25").

Work 3 rows St st.



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PLAITED BASKET STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color A and work 3 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit
 LHN – left hand needle
 p – purl
 RHN – right hand needle
 sl – slip
 st(s) – stitch(es)
 St st – Stockinette stitch
 wyib – with yarn in back
 wyif – with yarn in front

Pattern

Row 1 (Color A) – p6 *sl1 wyif, p2* to last 3 sts, end p3

Row 2 (Color A) – k5 *drop next st (color E) to front, k2, pick up dropped st with LHN, sl onto RHN without working* to last 4 sts, end k4

Row 3 (Color E) – p3 *p2, sl1 wyif,* to last 6 sts, end p6

Row 4 (Color E) – k4 *sl2 wyib, drop next st (color A) to front, sl same 2 sts back to LHN, pick up dropped st with RHN without working, k2* to last 5 sts, end k5

Repeat these 4 rows until this section measures 3.25" (5.25").

Continuing in Color E, work 3 rows St st.



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LATTICE STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

With Color B, work 2 rows St st, then work two additional setup rows:

Row 1 – k3, *k4, p2* to last 3 sts, k3

Row 2 – work sts as they appear

Abbreviations

CN – cable needle

C4B – cable 4 back; sl2 to CN and hold back, k2, k2 from CN

C4F – cable 4 front; sl2 to CN and hold front, k2, k2 from CN

CR4B –cable right 4 back; sl2 to CN and hold back, k2, p2 from CN

CL4F –cable left 4 front; sl2 to CN and hold front, p2, k2 from CN

k – knit

p – purl

sl – slip

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch



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Pattern

Row 1 – k3 *C4B, p2* to last 3 sts, k3

Row 2 – work sts as they appear

Row 3 – k3, p2, *k2, CR4B* to last 7 sts, k7

Row 4 – work sts as they appear

Row 5 – k3 *p2, C4F* to last 3 sts, k3

Row 6 – work sts as they appear

Row 7 – k7 *CL4F, k2 * to last 5 sts, p2, k3

Row 8 – work sts as they appear

Repeat these 8 rows until this section measures 3.25" (5.25").

To finish, work 2 rows of stitches as they appear, then work 2 rows St st.

LINEN STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color C and work 2 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit

p – purl

pwise – purlwise

sl – slip

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch

wyib – with yarn in back

wyif – with yarn in front

yb – yarn back

Pattern

Row 1 – k2 *wyif sl1 pwise, wyib k1* to last 2 sts, k2

Row 2 – p2 *wyib sl1 pwise, wyif p1* to last 2 sts, p2

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 1.5" (2.5"), then change to Color D.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 in Color D until section measures 3.25" (5.25").

Work 2 rows of St st.



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LITTLE LADDERS STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color D and work 2 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit

p – purl

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch

Pattern

Row 1 – k all

Row 2 – p7, *k2, p4* to last 5 sts, then k2, p3

Row 3 – k all

Row 4 – p4 *k2, p4* to last 2 sts, then p2

Repeat rows 1 to 4 until section measures 3.25" (5.25").

Work 2 rows of St st.



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HORIZONTAL BRAID STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color A and work 2 rows St st.

Abbreviations

CO – cast on
 foll – follow
 sk – knit
 LHN – left hand needle
 p – purl
 pssso – pass slipped stitch over
 RHN – right hand needle
 RS – right side
 sl – slip
 st(s) – stitch(es)
 St st – Stockinette stitch
 tbl – through back loop(s)



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Pattern

Before you begin each row of Horizontal Braid Stitch, CO 1 st as foll:

- 1 – insert RHN between first two sts on LHN
- 2 – wrap yarn around RHN and pull through gap
- 3 – place resulting st on LHN (+1 st)

Work the Horizontal Braid Stitch as follows:

Step 1 – Working behind the first st on the LHN, k the second st on the LHN tbl.

Leave st on LHN.

Step 2 – k the first st on the LHN, releasing both sts from LHN.

Step 3 – Slip last st from RHN to LHN.

Repeat steps 1 to 3 until 2 sts remain, then sl1, k1, pssso.

Purl the next row, then continue in St st until section measures 1" (1.25"), ending with a purl row.

Change to Color B. Repeat all steps until section measures 2" (2.5").

Change to Color A. Repeat all steps until section measures 3" (5.25"), ending with a purl row.

MOSS STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color C and work 2 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit

p – purl

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch

Pattern

Row 1 - k2 *k1, p1* to last 2 sts, k2

Row 2 - p2 *k1, p1* to last 2 sts, p2

Row 3 - k2 *p1, k1* to last 2 sts, k2

Row 4 - p2 *p1, k1* to last 2 sts, p2

Repeat these 4 rows until section measures 3.25" (5.25").

Work 2 rows St st.



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THORN STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color E and work 2 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together; single right-leaning decrease

p – purl

sl – slip

ssk – slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops; single left-leaning decrease

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch

wyib – with yarn in back

wyif – with yarn in front

yo – yarn over



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Pattern

Color E:

Row 1 – k6 *(k1, yo, k1) into next stitch, k3* to last 2 sts, k2

Color D:

Row 2 – p5 *sl3 wyif, p3* to last 3 sts, p3

Row 3 – k5 *k2tog, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1* to last 3 sts, k3

Color E:

Row 4 – p7 *sl1 wyif, p3* to last 5 sts, p5

Row 5 – k8 *(k1, yo, k1) into next st, k3* to last 4 sts, k4

Color D:

Row 6 – p7 *sl3 wyif, p3* to last 5 sts, p5

Row 7 – k7 *k2tog, sl1 wyib, ssk, k1* to last 5 sts, k5

Color E:

Row 8 – p5 *sl1 wyif, p3* to last 3 sts, p3

Repeat these 8 rows until section measures 3.25" (5.25").

With Color E, work 2 rows St st.

PYRAMID STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Setup

Change to Color A and work 2 rows St st.

Abbreviations

k – knit

p – purl

st(s) – stitch(es)

St st – Stockinette stitch

Pattern - Small

Row 1 – k6, p1 *k7, p1* to last 5 sts, k5
 Row 2 and all even rows to 16 – k sts as they present
 Row 3 – k6, p2 *k5, p3* to last 12 sts, k5 p2, k5
 Row 5 – k6, p3 *k3, p5* to last 11 sts, k3, p3, k5
 Row 7 – k6, p4 *k1, p7* to last 10 sts, k1, p4, k5
 Row 9 – k10 *p1, k7* to last 10 sts, p1, k9
 Row 11 – k9 *p3, k5* to last 11 sts, p3, k8
 Row 13 – k8 *p5, k3* to last 12 sts, p5, k7
 Row 15 – k7 *p7, k1* to last 5 sts, k5

Repeat these 16 rows until section measures 3.25".

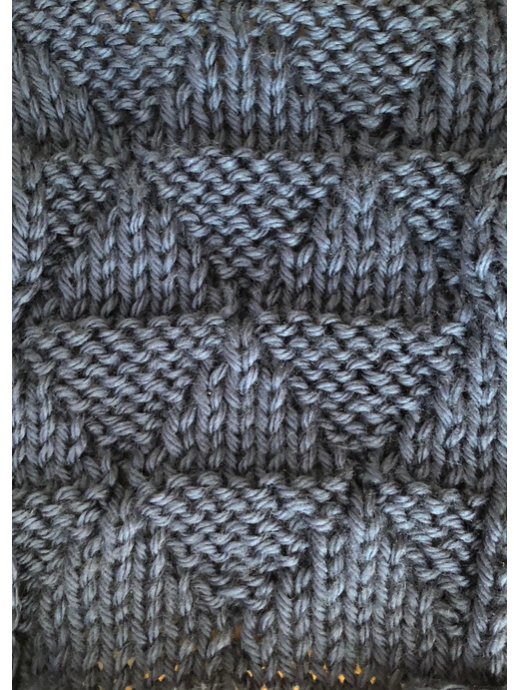
Work 2 rows St st.

Pattern - Large

Row 1 - k4, p1 *k7, p1* to last 3 sts, k3
 Row 2 and all even rows to 16 - k sts as they present
 Row 3 - k4, p2 *k5, p3* to last 10 sts, k5, p2, k3
 Row 5 - k4, p3 *k3, p5* to last 9 sts, k3, p3,
 7 - k4, p4 *k1, p7* to last 8 sts, k1, p4, k3
 Row 9 - k8 *p1, k7* to last 8 sts, p1, k7
 Row 11 - k7 *p3, k5* to last 9 sts, p3, k6
 Row 13 - k6 *p5, k3* to last 10 sts, p5, k5
 Row 15 - k5 *p7, k1* to last 3 sts, k3

Repeat these 16 rows until section measures 5.25".

Work 2 rows St st.



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ENTRELAC

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Notes

Entrelac is worked in short rows over multiple tiers.

For size small, work Base Triangles, Tier 1, and Final Triangles.

For size large, work Base Triangles, Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 1 again, and Final Triangles.

Abbreviations

k – knit
 kfb – knit 1 into front and back of a stitch;
 single knit increase
 k2tog – knit 2 stitches together; single right-
 leaning decrease
 LHN – left hand needle
 p – purl
 pssso – pass slipped stitch over
 p2tog – purl 2 stitches together; single
 decrease
 sl – slip
 ssk – slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2
 stitches together through back loops; single
 left-leaning decrease
 st(s) – stitch(es)



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Base Triangles

Turn your work after each row.

Work this tier in Color B.

Row 1 (RS) – k1	Row 11 – sl1, k5
Row 2 – p1	Row 12 – p6
Row 3 – sl1, k1	Row 13 – sl1, k6
Row 4 – p2	Row 14 – p7
Row 5 – sl1, k2	Row 15 – sl1, k7
Row 6 – p3	Row 16 – p8
Row 7 – sl1, k3	Row 17 – sl1, k8
Row 8 – p4	Row 18 – p9
Row 9 – sl1, k4	Row 19 – sl1, k9, do not turn
Row 10 – p5	

Repeat these 19 rows till you reach the end of your work.

18 (24) base triangles completed.

[Watch the YouTube video for Entrelac Base Triangles here.](#)

ENTRELAC (continued)

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Notes

Tier 1 is comprised of one left edge triangle, several rectangles, and one right edge triangle.

Tier 1: Left Triangle

Turn your work after each row.

Work this tier in Color C.

Row 1 (WS) – k1	Row 11 – k1, p4, p2tog	1 (1) left triangle completed.
Row 2 – kfb	Row 12 – k5, kfb	
Row 3 – k1, p2tog	Row 13 – k1, p5, p2tog	
Row 4 – k1, kfb	Row 14 – k6, kfb	
Row 5 – k1, p1, p2tog	Row 15 – k1, p6, p2tog	
Row 6 – k2, kfb	Row 16 – k7, kfb	
Row 7 – k1, p2, p2tog	Row 17 – k1, p7, p2tog	
Row 8 – k3, kfb	Row 18 – k8, kfb	
Row 9 – k1, p3, p2tog	Row 19 – k1, p8, p2tog, do not	
Row 10 – k4, kfb	turn	

[Watch the YouTube video for the Tier 1 Left Triangle here.](#)

Tier 1: Rectangles

Turn your work after each row.

Work this tier in Color C.

Row 1 (WS) – pick up and p9 along edge, p1 (first stitch of next section)	Row 11 – sl1, p8, p2tog	Repeat these 19 rows until one selvage edge remains
Row 2 – k10	Row 12 – k10	
Row 3 – sl1, p8, p2tog	Row 13 – sl1, p8, p2tog	
Row 4 – k10	Row 14 – k10	
Row 5 – sl1, p8, p2tog	Row 15 – sl1, p8, p2tog	
Row 6 – k10	Row 16 – k10	
Row 7 – sl1, p8, p2tog	Row 17 – sl1, p8, p2tog	
Row 8 – k10	Row 18 – k10	
Row 9 – sl1, p8, p2tog	Row 19 – sl1, p8, p2tog, do not	
Row 10 – k10	turn	

16 (22) rectangles completed.

[Watch the YouTube video for the Tier 1 Rectangles here.](#)

ENTRELAC (continued)

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Tier 1: Right Triangle

Turn your work after each row.
Work this tier in Color C.

Row 1 (WS) – pick up and p9 along edge	Row 11 – sl1, p2, k2tog	1 (1) right triangle completed.
Row 2 – k9	Row 12 – k4	
Row 3 – sl1, p6, k2tog	Row 13 – sl1, p1, k2tog	
Row 4 – k8	Row 14 – k3	
Row 5 – sl1, p5, k2tog	Row 15 – sl1, k2tog	
Row 6 – k7	Row 16 – k2	
Row 7 – sl1, p4, k2tog	Row 17 – k2tog, sl this st to LHN, turn	
Row 8 – k6		
Row 9 – sl1, p3, k2tog		
Row 10 – k5		

[Watch the YouTube video for the Tier 1 Right Triangle here.](#)

Tier 2

Turn your work after each row.
Work this tier in Color B.

Row 1 (RS) – 1 st on needle; pick up and k10 along edge, sl last st to LHN, ssk	Row 11 – sl1, k8, ssk	Repeat these 19 rows until you reach the end of your work.
Row 2 – p10	Row 12 – p10	
Row 3 – sl1, k8, ssk	Row 13 – sl1, k8, ssk	
Row 4 – p10	Row 14 – p10	
Row 5 – sl1, k8, ssk	Row 15 – sl1, k8, ssk	
Row 6 – p10	Row 16 – p10	
Row 7 – sl1, k8, ssk	Row 17 – sl1, k8, ssk	
Row 8 – p10	Row 18 – p10	
Row 9 – sl1, k8, ssk	Row 19 -sl1, k8, ssk, do not turn	
Row 10 – p10		

18 (24) rectangles completed.

[Watch the YouTube video for Tier 2 here.](#)

ENTRELAC (continued)

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Final Tier

Turn your work after each row.
Work this tier in Color B.

The last stitch of Tier 1 is still on your needle and counts as the first stitch of the first top triangle.

Each triangle worked will result in 1 stitch remaining. This stitch will count as the first stitch of the next triangle.

Row 1 (RS) – 1 st on needle; pick up and k9 along edge, sl last st to LHN, ssk	Row 11 – k2tog, k3, ssk	Repeat rows 1-19 until you reach the end of the work. 18 (24) triangles completed. For last triangle only, fasten off last st.
Row 2 – p all	Row 12 – p all	
Row 3 – k2tog, k7, ssk	Row 13 – k2tog, k2, ssk	
Row 4 – p all	Row 14 – p all	
Row 5 – k2tog, k6, ssk	Row 15 – k2tog, k1, ssk	
Row 6 – p all	Row 16 – p all	
Row 7 – k2tog, k5, ssk	Row 17 – k2tog, ssk	
Row 8 – p all	Row 18 – p all	
Row 9 – k2tog, k4, ssk	Row 19 – sl1, ssk, pssso, do not turn	
Row 10 – p all		

[Watch the YouTube video for the Final Tier here.](#)

APPLIED BORDER - GARTER STITCH

If your afghan has inconsistent edges due to gauge, you may wish to block it before working the border.

Setup

With Color E, CO 6 sts and k one row.

Abbreviations

BO – bind off

CO – cast on

k – knit

LHN – left hand needle

RHN – right hand needle

RS – right side

ssk – slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops; single left-leaning decrease

st(s) – stitch(es)

w&t – wrap and turn

Wrap and Turn

1. Bring yarn to front between your needles.
2. Slip the next stitch from LHN to RHN.
3. Bring yarn to back between your needles.
4. Slip the stitch from the RHN back to the LHN.

Pattern

With each ssk, you will pick up one of the edge stitches of your afghan. Begin on a flat edge (not a corner).

Row 1 – k5, ssk

Row 2 – k all

Repeat these 2 rows until you reach the end of the edge (a corner).

Yarns Needed

A B C D E



note: pictured in Color C

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Corner

Work each corner as follows:

Row 1 - k5, w&t

Row 2 - k5

Row 3 - k4, w&t

Row 4 - k4

Row 5 - k3, w&t

Row 6 - k3

Row 7 - k2, w&t

Row 8 - k2

Row 9 - k1, w&t

Row 10 - k1

Row 11 - k2, w&t

Row 12 - ks

Row 13 - k3, w&t

Row 14 - k3

Row 15 - k4, w&t

Row 16 - k4

Row 17 - k5, w&t

Row 18 - k5

Row 19 - k5, ssk

Row 20 - k all

APPLIED BORDER - GARTER STITCH

Yarns Needed

A B C D E

Once a corner is complete, resume repeating main border Rows 1 and 2.

Once you have worked the entire border, BO all sts on a Row 2.

Snip yarn, leaving a long tail. Use the tail to sew the ends of the border together.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block if desired.

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