

# Bullfinch Blanket Knit Version

*Tips & Tricks*



  
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Bullfinch Blanket by Esther

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## Knit Version Tips & Tricks



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This document contains important information on gauge and special techniques used in the knit version of the Bullfinch Blanket. Read carefully before beginning this project.

### MATERIALS

#### Scheepjes Limited Edition Mega Whirl

(60% Cotton, 40% Acrylic; 666g/2998m)

400 (coral, grey, blue) x 1 yarn cake

See Tips & Special Techniques below when using standard Scheepjes Whirl

3.25mm knitting needles (circular or straight)

Closed stitch marker

Locking stitch markers

### GAUGE/TENSION

Each Square measures approx. 9.5 x 9.5cm (3¾ x 3¾in) before blocking

Refer to Schematic 1: Gauge Weight throughout to ensure you do not run out of yarn

Use this information to make a swatch

Note: each Square weighs approx. 3.8g; however, Squares with a cast-on edge are heavier. Refer to Schematic 1 for precise weight of Blanket after the respective number of Squares are worked to ensure gauge is maintained and sufficient yarn to complete Blanket.

### ABBREVIATIONS

[ ] number of sts on given row/round

**beg** begin(s)/beginning

**cnr** corner

**DS** double stitch: pick up the purl bar below the stitch and slip on left needle, knit through picked up bar, slip knitted stitch back on left needle (without twisting)

**k** knit

**k2tog** knit 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st

**kwise** knitwise

**pm** place stitch marker

**pssso** pass slipped stitch over

**pwise** purlwise

**rm** remove marker

**RS** right side

**sl1** slip 1 st kwise

**sl1p** slip 1 st pwise

**sm** stitch marker

**ssk** slip slip knit

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**WS** wrong side

### SWATCH INSTRUCTIONS

Beg using yarn from **centre** of yarn cake for each Square. Keep and use swatch in overall Blanket.

### SQUARE 1

Cast on 50 sts using long tail cast-on method.

**Row 1 (WS)** Sl1, k24, pm, k25. [50 sts]

**Row 2 (RS)** Sl1, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip sm, ssk, knit to end. [48 sts]

**Row 3** Sl1, k to sm, slip sm, k to end. [48 sts]

**Row 4-47** Repeat Rows 2-3, decreasing on every even row. At end of Row 47 there are 4 sts left with sm in middle.

**Row 48 (RS)** K2tog, rm, ssk. [2 sts]

**Row 49 (WS)** Sl1, k1, pssso.

Fasten off.

Note: Square could be a little wonky, if so pull cnrs and edges to form Square shape.

### MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 110 x 150cm (43¼ x 59in), after blocking

### VIDEO TUTORIALS

In the video description there are time stamps to help you find the place in the video that you are looking for.

English <https://youtu.be/vevMbwKpC9o>

Dutch <https://youtu.be/rEz02-Q3X7U>

### GAUGE/TENSION NOTES

#### Squares

The size of each Square is approx. 9.5cm unblocked and weighs on average 3.8 grams.

Squares 1 and 3 will be heavier than average, because the long tail cast-on uses more yarn than picking up stitches like in Square 5.

After working 10 squares, your blanket should weigh 40g with a maximum of 42g.

If your gauge weight is larger than indicated, decrease to 3mm or 2.75mm needles, otherwise you might not have enough yarn to complete Blanket. The Squares use approximately 540g to complete total.

Tip: weigh your Blanket at regular intervals, e.g., after 4 Squares, to make sure that you are still on gauge.

### Schematic 1: Gauge Weight

Number of Squares	Weight	Number of Squares	Weight
1	4.2g	60	232g
2	8.2g	70	271g
3	12.2g	80	309g
4	16.2g	90	347g
5	20.1g	100	384g
10	40g	110	424g
20	79g	120	464g
30	116g	130	502g
40	155g	140	541g
50	193g		





### Border

After working all 140 squares working to the given gauge, you will have approx. 120g of yarn left. If you have significantly less yarn left, reduce the applied garter st border from 15 sts to 12 sts.

Border uses approx. 110g of yarn to complete, when worked according to same gauge as Squares. Yarn amounts for border:  
31g per long edge  
21g per short edge  
1.5g per corner

### SCHEMATIC NOTES

The blanket is worked diagonally; see the Schematic for the order of the squares. Follow the order of Squares given in the chart for the gradient effect shown in the sample.

The blanket is made from 140 squares in a layout of 10 squares wide and 14 squares high. Start at Square 1 and work them in the order given.

### Schematic 2: Knit Blanket Layout

140	139	135	134	126	125	113	112	96	95
138	136	133	127	124	114	111	97	94	76
137	132	128	123	115	110	98	93	77	75
131	129	122	116	109	99	92	78	74	56
130	121	117	108	100	91	79	73	57	55
120	118	107	101	90	80	72	58	54	37
119	106	102	89	81	71	59	53	38	36
105	103	88	82	70	60	52	39	35	22
104	87	83	69	61	51	40	34	23	21
86	84	68	62	50	41	33	24	20	11
85	67	63	49	42	32	25	19	12	10
66	64	48	43	31	26	18	13	9	4
65	47	44	30	27	17	14	8	5	3
46	45	29	28	16	15	7	6	2	1

### TIPS & SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

#### Whirl colour gradient

This Blanket is made from a single, Limited Edition Scheepjes Mega Whirl. However, you can also use 3 standard Scheepjes Whirl yarn cakes to make the Blanket. If you are using 3 Whirls, alternate which one you use to achieve a similar gradient effect to the samples made using Mega Whirl. In other words, make Square 1 from Whirl 1, Square 2 from Whirl 2 and Square 3 from Whirl 3. Then, start over again, so Square 4 is from Whirl 1, Square 5 from Whirl 2, Square 6 from Whirl 3, and so on and so forth. Begin using all Whirls in the same way, working always either from the centre or the outside, whichever you prefer.

For those using the Scheepjes Mega Whirl, to make the Blanket as shown, start making the Blanket from the inside of the yarn cake. If you prefer, you can also start on the outside of the Mega Whirl; the Border will be the light colour from the inside of the cake.

The Border starts at the last Square worked and is worked back and forth around the blanket; this means that the colour gradient will change whilst working around.

#### Picking up stitches

If you find it difficult to identify where to start picking up stitches, mark the slipped stitches from Row 1 and Row 2. When picking up stitches along the edge of a square, be sure to work from corner to corner. In other words, the first stitch is picked up in one corner and the last stitch is picked up in the other corner. This will prevent holes forming in your blanket.

#### Using stitch markers

Place a removable stitch marker on the front of your work to help you remember which is the RS and which is the WS. Move this marker to the Square you are currently working on so that you always have it in sight. When the RS is facing, it means you should work a decrease row.

#### Yarn tails

When working away yarn tails, do this in such a way that you connect adjacent Squares to prevent holes forming in the corners between Squares.

#### Tassels (optional)

Use any leftover yarn to make tassels for the Blanket. To create a tassel, cut a few equal lengths of yarn from the leftover yarn cake and fold them in half. Using your crochet hook and with the Blanket front facing, insert your hook between stitches in the final Border round from back to front, pick up the loop of the folded strands, pull the loop through to the back of the Blanket, then pick up the strands and thread the through the loop. Pull to secure tassel.

