

FARTHING PATTERNS

KNITTED CAR RUG OR PICNIC RUG (1/12th scale)

Abbreviations: st – stitch; k – knit; p – purl;
() - repeat instructions between brackets as detailed in text.

Notes: When carrying wool across behind work, make sure it is loose and does not pull work. This design is best knitted in pure new wool, so the blanket resembles a woven woollen rug, (cotton and acrylic yarns will give a different final result).

Finished size: approx 3¾-inches (9½ cm) square

Materials required:

One pair size 14 (2 mm/US size 0) knitting needles, 1-ply wool (25m in each of Red, yellow and blue)

Using Red cast on 41 sts

Knit 4 rows

Change to pattern:

Row 1: using red k.

Row 2: k 3 red, (p 2 yellow, p 1 blue, p 2 yellow, p 1 red) to last 8 sts, p 2 yellow, p 1 blue, p 2 yellow, k 3 red

Row 3: k 3 red, (k 2 yellow, k 1 blue, k 2 yellow, k 1 red) to last 8 sts, k 2 yellow, k 1 blue, k 2 yellow, k 3 red

Row 4: k 3 red, carrying yellow wool loosely across behind stitches of this row, (p 5 blue, p 1 red) to last 8 sts, p 5 blue, k 3 red.

Row 5: k 3 red, (k 2 yellow, k 1 blue, k 2 yellow, k 1 red) to last 8 sts, k 2 yellow, k 1 blue, k 2 yellow, k 3 red.

Row 6: k 3 red, (p 2 yellow, p 1 blue, p 2 yellow, p 1 red) to last 8 sts, p 2 yellow, p 1 blue, p 2 yellow, k 3 red

Row 7: using red and carrying blue and yellow loosely across behind work k to end.

Rows 8-49: repeat rows 2-7 five times.

Break off yellow and blue wool and continue in red.

Knit 3 rows.

Cast off.



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Sew in all loose ends and using a warm iron and damp cloth, press lightly on the wrong side of the work, pulling work into shape as you press. Once pressed the individual stitches will come together more as the wool shrinks slightly.



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