

The Cloud Blanket

A soft, substantial throw with simple rib texture.
Designed by Knitcue. Knit flat, from end to end.



The Cloud Blanket in charcoal wool.

AT A GLANCE

Skill: confident beginner • Stitch: 2 x 2 rib • Cast on: 128 stitches

Yarn: Wool and the Gang Crazy Sexy Wool, super bulky / super chunky

Needles: US 17 / 12 mm circular needles, used back and forth

Target size: approx. 51 x 60 in / 130 x 152 cm at the estimated rib gauge.

Yarn quantity: 10 balls, including an allowance for binding off and variation.

Before you begin

MATERIALS

Crazy Sexy Wool: 80 m (approximately 87 yd) per 200 g ball. Standard colours are 100% wool; Funfetti colours are 95% wool / 5% viscose.

Yarn quantity: 10 balls = 800 m / approximately 875 yd for the 60 in / 152 cm blanket. Includes an allowance for binding off and variation; actual consumption will vary.

US 17 / 12 mm circular needle: 40 in / 100 cm or longer, used back and forth. Use the size needed for a soft, stable rib fabric. The maker recommends a 10–25 mm / US 15–50 needle range.

Tools: tapestry needle, scissors and tape measure. Stitch markers and pins or clips are optional.

GAUGE & FINISHED SIZE

Manufacturer reference: 8 stitches and 10 rows per 10 cm (approximately 4 in) in stockinette on US 17 / 12 mm needles.

Estimated design target: 10 stitches per 4 in in lightly opened 2 x 2 rib. This has not been measured from a finished sample. It assumes about 20% width contraction from the rounded stockinette reference. Rib row gauge is not specified; work to measured length.

At the estimated rib gauge, $128 \div 2.5 = 51.2$ in wide (about 130 cm). Work to 60 in long (about 152 cm). At the maker's stockinette reference, $128 \div 8 \times 10 = 160$ cm / about 63 in before rib contraction. Actual width depends on tension and how much the rib is opened.

If matching the target size matters, check your own rib gauge. Measure the fabric without stretching it; do not force the blanket to the target width when blocking.

Yarn requirements vary with tension, finished dimensions and needle size. For the 128-stitch blanket worked to 60 in / 152 cm, purchase 10 balls. Reserve enough yarn to bind off the full row. Adjust the quantity if you change the width or length.

Make your blanket

Abbreviations: K = knit; P = purl; RS = right side; WS = wrong side.

Move the yarn between the needle tips when switching between knit and purl.

1 / CAST ON

Using the long-tail cast on, cast on 128 stitches with a relaxed tension. This is a multiple of 4. Do not join in the round; turn to work flat.

2 / WORK THE TWO-ROW REPEAT

Row 1 (RS): *K2, P2; repeat from * to the end. 128 stitches.

Row 2 (WS): *K2, P2; repeat from * to the end. 128 stitches.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the blanket measures approximately 60 in / 152 cm from the cast-on edge, or your preferred length. End after a WS row. Measure the fabric laid flat without stretching. There is no fixed total row count.

Join a new ball as needed, leaving tails long enough to weave in securely. Avoid relying on knots. Reserve enough yarn to bind off the full row.

3 / BIND OFF & FINISH

Bind off in pattern: knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches as you bind off. Keep the edge relaxed so it does not pull in. Cut the yarn, pull the tail through the final stitch and weave in all ends.

Hand wash gently in cold water, no warmer than 30°C. Do not wring. Press out excess water in towels and lay flat to dry. Smooth the rib gently without forcing it to a fixed width.

MAKING IT YOUR OWN

For another width, use your own rib gauge to calculate the cast-on count, then round to a multiple of 4. For another length, continue the two-row repeat to the desired measurement. Changes to size, gauge or yarn will change yarn requirements.

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This PDF contains the complete pattern and can be used on its own. The Cloud Blanket is also included in Knitcue, currently in development, with row tracking and step-by-step pattern instructions. In the app, repeat the body rows and stop by measured length.

<https://waitlist.knitcue.com/originals/cloud-blanket>