Diamond Blanket

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Materials:
-Lion Brand Homespun (185 yds per skein), 3 skeins MC and 3 skeins CC
-size 9 needles (5.5 mm), or size to obtain desired gauge.
-wool needle to sew in ends and/or crochet hook to fasten squares together
Gauge: 10 sts and 16 rows = 4" [10 cm] in St st
Size: approx. 54" by 54"

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Begin Increases
With MC, cast on 1 st.
Row 1: Knit in front, back, and front of st – 3 sts.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: Kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, Kf&b, k1 – 5 sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Repeat rows 3 and 4 5 times more – 15 sts.

Change to CC. Carry MC by twisting behind new color every RS row.
Row 15: Kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, Kf&b, k1 – 17 sts.
Row 16: Purl.

Change to MC. Carry CC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 17: Kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, Kf&b, k1 – 19 sts.
Row 18: Purl.
Repeat rows 17 and 18 5 times more – 29 sts.

Change to CC. Carry MC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 29: Kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, Kf&b, k1 – 31 sts.
Row 30: Purl.
Repeat rows 19 and 20 1 time more – 33 sts.

Change to MC. Carry CC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 33: Kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, Kf&b, k1 – 35 sts.
Row 34 : Purl.
Repeat rows 17 and 18 4 times more – 43 sts.

Change to CC. Carry MC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 43: Kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, Kf&b, k1 – 45 sts.
Row 44: Purl.
Repeat rows 19 and 20 2 times more – 49 sts.

Change to MC. Carry CC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 49: Kf&b, knit to last 2 sts, Kf&b, k1 – 51 sts.
Row 50: Purl.
Repeat rows 17 and 18 3 times more – 57 sts.

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Begin Decreases
Change to CC. Carry MC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 57: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 55 sts.
Row 58: Purl.
Repeat rows 19 and 20 3 times more – 49 sts.

Change to MC. Carry CC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 65: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 47 sts.
Row 66: Purl.
Repeat rows 17 and 18 2 times more – 43 sts.

Change to CC. Carry MC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 71: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1– 41 sts.
Row 72: Purl.
Repeat rows 19 and 20 4 times more – 33 sts.

Change to MC. Carry CC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 81: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 31 sts.
Row 82: Purl.
Repeat rows 17 and 18 1 time more – 29 sts.

Change to CC. Carry MC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 85: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 27 sts.
Row 86: Purl.
Repeat rows 19 and 20 5 times more – 17 sts.

Change to MC. Carry CC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 97: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 15 sts.
Row 98: Purl.

Change to CC. Carry MC up the side of the work as described above.
Row 99: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 13 sts.
Row 100: Purl.
Repeat rows 19 and 20 6 times more – 1 st.

Bind off.

Repeat instructions 8 times more for a total of 9 squares—or make as many squares as needed for desired blanket size.

Finishing
Arrange squares as shown in picture or as desired, and sew or crochet together. Weave in ends, admire as needed.

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