

Hints and Tips for Knitting Squares to be made up into Blankets (by someone else)



Although you can use any yarn for squares, avoid hard or rough yarn and mohair (fluffy) style yarns, also pure wool is not suitable as it is more difficult to wash.

As most of these blankets will go to the elderly they need to be soft to the touch and washable. The ideal yarn is double knitting acrylic. For ease of combining your squares with others you can use any colour and any stitch which lays flat, again the preferred choices are garter stitch and moss stitch. Avoid stocking stitch and rib as the edges will curl.

Here are a few tips to make it easier for the person assembling the blankets:

- Use one of the patterns on the Perfect Squares for Blankets page in the Knitting Patterns section on our web site. They make a perfect 6-inch square.
- Leave a long tail when casting on and off, to sew them up with.
- Do not combine two yarns of different thicknesses in the same square.
- Check that the knitting is square before casting off as it is difficult to combine rectangles with squares.

