

Making your own blanket



If you are making up your own blankets, what you knit and use is up to you but 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. The choice of colour and stitch is yours, but ideally use one which lays flat, again the preferred choices are garter stitch and moss stitch. Avoid stocking stitch and rib as the edges will curl.

The patterns on the Perfect Squares for Blankets page in the Knitting Patterns on our web site make a perfect 6-inch square.

Lay all your squares out on a flat surface, (e.g. a spare bed). Then when you are happy with your design, either take a photograph of your layout, to refer to as you stitch them together, or safety pin them together removing them as you go.

Use the long trailing ends to sew your squares together, using the stitch you are most comfortable with and gives the neatest seam, avoid bulky seams which could rub on delicate skin. Mattress stitch gives a very neat finish. If you need to use extra yarn to finish sewing up, use the same colour as your squares, not a total contrast.

You can crochet the squares together with single crochet stitch and then finish your blanket with 3 or 4 rows of double crochet or use the edging shown in the crochet section on our web site.

Alternatively use the Easy Knitted Edging for Blankets from the Blankets section on the web site.

