

## Afghan Squares 3

*Take 48 squares like this...*



### The Afghan

Many different designs could be made from the same 48 identical squares. 12 possibilities are given overleaf. Try others of your own before you make the final decision.

### The Materials

Each square takes approximately

Aran: 35 metres main & 21 metres contrast or

Double Knitting: 40 metres main & 25 metres contrast

This means you will need approximately 1650 metres of Aran in the main colour and 1000 metres contrast, or 2000 metres of Double Knitting in the main colour and 1200 metres contrast. The weight of yarn will depend on the yarn chosen.

Any other type of yarn may be used instead. Extra yarn is needed if a border is to be added.

### The Needles

The squares can easily be adjusted so the exact tension is unimportant. The knitting should be firm but soft. Try 4 or 4.5 mm for Aran, and 3.75 or 4 mm for Double Knitting. Choose needles to give a texture you like.

### The Measurements

Each square is approximately 8" (20 cm) square. The overall size of the afghan is 48" (120 cm) by 64" (160 cm)

### The Square

Using the main colour

1st row: Make a slip knot and knit into it twice (once in the front, once in the back).

2nd row: Knit the first stitch, knit twice into the second.

3rd row: Knit the first two stitches, knit twice into the last.

4th row: Knit to the end, knitting twice in the last stitch.

Repeat 4th row until you have 25 stitches, if using Aran, or 31 stitches if using Double Knitting.

Change to second colour and continue until there are 49 (Aran) or 61 (DK) stitches.

Change to the first colour. Knit one row.

Next row: Knit to last two stitches, knit two together.

Repeat this row until you have two stitches. Knit two together and fasten off.

At the first colour change the square is half of its finished width. If you are using a different yarn, or want to change the size of the square, do more, or fewer rows to here until it is the size you want. Count the number of ridges and work the same number the 'stripe'.



### The Design

Decide on the arrangement for your squares. Place two squares right sides together and oversew using main colour. Do not pull tight or the squares will not lie flat. Take care to match the corners carefully. Stitch squares into strips then stitch the strips together.

### The Border (Optional)

Use your calculator to divide the number of stitches at the widest point of the square by 1.4. Pick up this number of stitches from the edge of each square along one edge of the afghan. Knit as many rows as you want, increasing in the last stitch of every row. Cast off loosely. Repeat for the other three sides. Stitch the corners.

