



# OH MY SHEEP

## A Baby Blanket

**A KNITS N KNACKS PATTERN  
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**Materials:**

**-Bernat Softee Chunky, #5 weight, the great big 431 yard ball in the light grey, I didn't use the full ball for the size I made.**

**1 ball, in black of the same yarn. I also used one of the huge balls for the boarder so I am not sure how much I used. But I THINK if you did the boarder and middle all in the same color you would still only need one ball.**

**-Fluffy white yarn in bulky weight #5**

**-9mm 32" circulars**

**-Scissors, darning needle, stitch marker & Lg Clothes pins(optional).**

**Gauge:**

**In a stockinette swatch I gauged 9sts in a 4" square. Just looking at my notes I realized I did not write down the row gauge...oops!**

**In this gauge the finished blanket should be approx 35" wide.**

**I wanted to make a quick but cute baby blanket with sheep but couldn't find what I wanted! So what to do, but make up my own pattern. This is a FREE pattern because I did not take the time to write out all the steps in full! It is more of an outline and my personal notes and charts of what I did, NOT suited for a beginner!  
Enjoy and happy knitting!**

**~Athena**

**The blanket is worked by knitting the sheep in with a combined intarsia, fair isle method and the head and legs are added after using duplicate stitch.**

**I find it easier to use lengths of the white yarn, for each sheep, wrapped around clothes pins to keep them manageable and not get tangled. (Pictured left)**

**Chart Notes:**

**The grey yarn is worked with the fair isle method, bringing the unused grey yarn behind the sheep. The sheep yarn uses a mix type of intarsia method. The sheep yarn is wrapped around the working grey yarn every other row to help avoid gaps. This is indicated by the little loop on the chart. Do the wrap after the stitch that it is marked on is worked.**

**Work ONLY to and from the THICK black line for the first 4 sheep and to/from the end on the last repeat.**

**The boarder is a moss/seed stitch pattern worked for 4 sts on either side of the main blanket. If using a different boarder color cast on with that.**

**Cast on 75 sts.**

**On next row, work in moss st pattern increasing one st on either end of the row by either knitting or purling in the back loop as needed. You will now have 77 sts.**

**Do the same for the next row working in pattern and increasing one more on either end. 79 sts**

**Work TWO more rows in seed st pattern for a total of 4 rows worked. Turn and you will now be working on your RIGHT side.**

**Knit the first 4 sts in the seed st pattern and the remaining row until the last 4 sts in stockinette. (knit all sts on the front side, purl all on the back). Knit the last four sts in seed.**

**If you are knitting the boarders in a different color you will now need to have two separate balls for each side.**



**When it comes to changing colors on the border, wrap the yarns as above, pull tight and continue with color needed.**

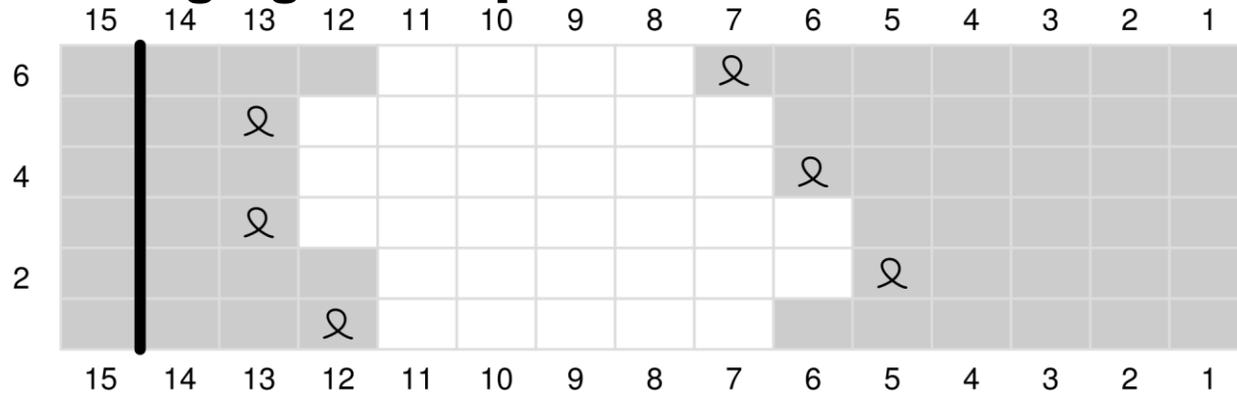
**Work three more stockinette rows, so you have 4 total, ending after a wrong side row.**

**You will now start using the sheep charts. The ones you use while knitting do NOT show the head and feet!**

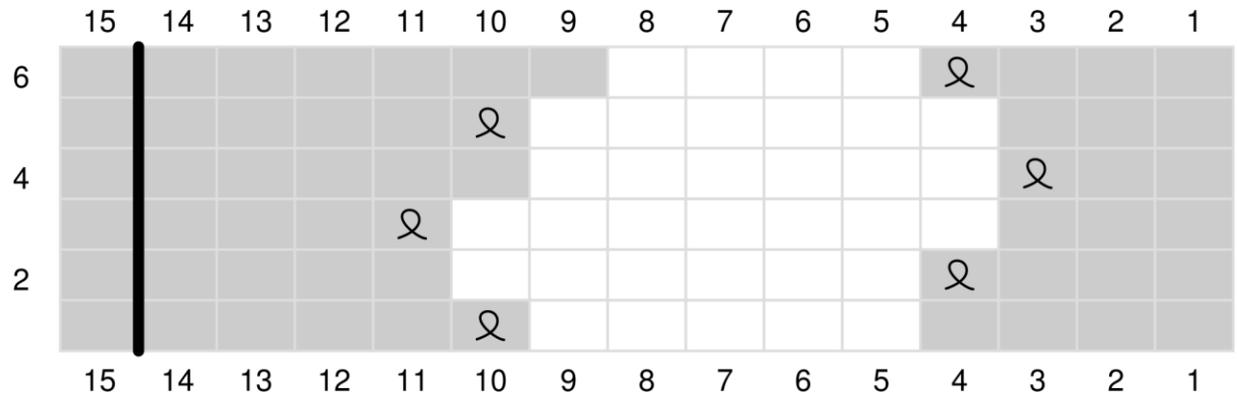
**I have included charts for sheep looking right and left. You may mix and match them anyway you want in your blanket. Or only have sheep looking all one way through out, it's up to you!**

**Remember as you add sheep, EACH will be from a new mini ball of yarn. There are 5 sheep per row in my version.**

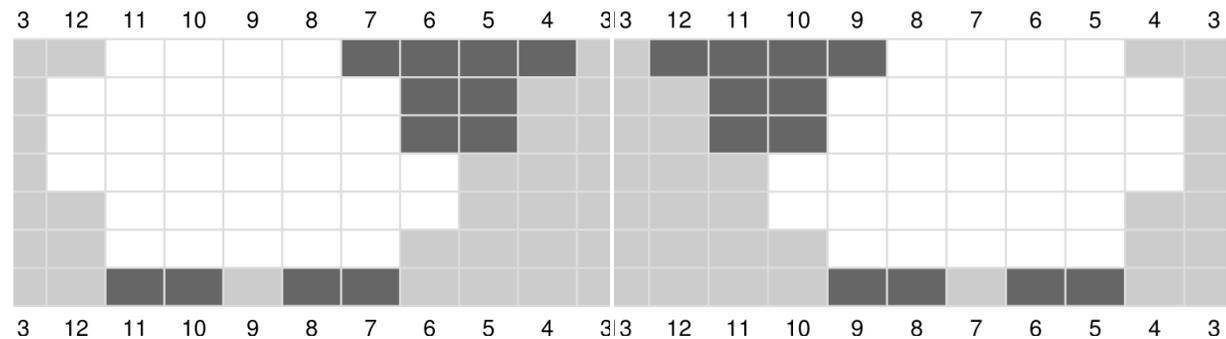
## Looking right sheep



## Looking left sheep



## Duplicate sts



So after the 4 boarder sts the chart is worked 5 times across the row.

Work the charts for the first 4 repeats **ONLY** to the big thick line! (On the wrong side work them starting after the thick line)

On the last repeat of the chart (1<sup>st</sup> repeat on wrong side), work to and from the last square.

(Man I hope this makes sense! Possibly in the future I will write the pattern out in FULL.... till then, you get my "notes"..... but its freeeeeeeee)

See the next page for pics on how I do those funky wraps!

After completing the 6 rows of charted sheep, work 10 rows in stockinette before beginning the next row or sheep.

**AND** through all this you should still have been working the 4 edge sts on each side in seed st!!

**A note on tension, make sure your white sts are spread out on your right needle, as below, before working your next grey st, or you will end up with a bunch of bobble sheep. I THINK I took the pic to also show when you do the next grey st cross it OVER the white not under.**



**Wrapping: After working the grey st you will now wrap your white yarn around it as pictured right.**



**After wrapping, pull the white yarn snug down around the grey before continuing (Bottom pic right).**

**Work it this way also on the purl/wrong side of your work. Remember to always carry the grey yarn on the back side of the blanket.**



**After your last row of sheep, do three more rows in stockinette.**

**Work 2 rows of seed st edging, on the next 2 rows decrease one st on each side. Bind off.**

**You can now work all your duplicate sts, I choose to work them (and weaving ends) as I was done each row of sheep so it wasn't a HUGE task all at the end of the blanket.**

**Because of the way this blanket it worked up I HIGHLY recommend putting a stretchy fabric backing on it. I really don't have a good way on how to do this (SORRY), I kinda just winged it myself and wasn't 100% happy with how it turned out. I will say that I used fleece and I did remember to snap a couple pics before I sewed it on. I used a sewing machine, I think next time I would do it by hand.**



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**Legal stuffs: As with ANY knit blanket, PLEASE do not leave a small baby/child unattended with it. There is a possible strangulation hazard if on of the strands gets pulled loose!**

