

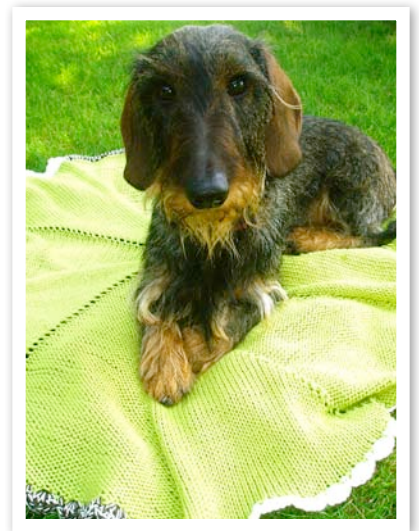
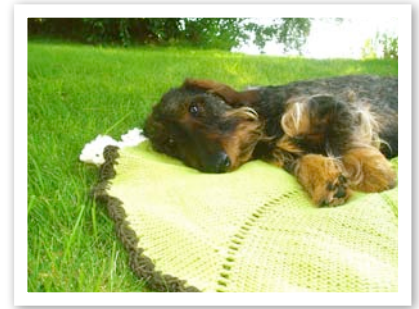


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Knitwear for little girls and boys
big girls and boys and even the dog.

Pokey's pinwheel blankie ... also known as the grasshopper pie blankie ... is a perfect summer-time inspiration in the Spud and Chloë "sweater" yarn for the body of the blankie and "fine" for the trim. The grasshopper pie blankie is reversible and about 32" in diameter. The original version is shown with 10 different trims ... 10 slices of grasshopper pie to sample! Take time to read through all of the instructions once before you start. Check that you have all the "ingredients" for a successful grasshopper pie! Pokey thinks his profile shot is his best look!

1. You need 3 skeins of Spud and Chloë "sweater" in grass and one skein of Spud and Chloë "fine" in popcorn and/or dachshund. There is a good amount left over if you use two colors for the trim. Should be enough to make a baby hat or socks. I'll be fiddling with that later!!!
2. US #9 (5.5 mm) double pointed needles, 16" and 24" circular needles of the same size. You might also wish to have a 32" circular needle if you think that there are too many stitches on the needle once you are on the homestretch. It is manageable with the 24" circular!
3. If you wish to make the crochet trim you will also need an "I" (5.5 mm) crochet hook.
4. The sample has a gauge of 4 sts to the inch ... so go ahead and make a gauge swatch in stockinette stitch to know that you will be on track.
5. Begin with two of the double pointed needles and cast on 10 sts.
6. Knit 3 sts on the first needle, 3 stitches on the second needle and 4 sts on the third needle.
7. Join on the round, being careful to have the bottom edge all nice and straight and continue as follows ... (k1, yo (yarnover), p1, yo)* ... 5 repeats * ... 20 sts. Be careful to keep the yarnovers in the right place especially since in the beginning you have so few stitches distributed over the three needles.
8. Work the next round in pattern ... (k2 (the stitch and the yarnover), p2 (the stitch and the yarnover))* ... 5 repeats * ... 20 sts.
9. Now you will repeat the yarnover row as follows ... (k2, yo, p2, yo)* ... 5 repeats * ... 30 sts. You may wish to place a marker (if you don't have one handy make a slip knot with a loop of yarn to hang on the needle) after the first stitch for the beginning of the round. If you place it before the first stitch it always ends up getting tangled up in the yarnover from the end of the round.
10. Work the next row in pattern ... (k3, p3)* ... 5 repeats ... 30 sts. Repeat the two rounds adding one more stitch per "slice" every other round.
11. You can continue working with the double pointed needles until things start getting too crowded. Switch to the 16" circular needle and continue working until things get crowded again and then switch to the 24" circular needle. Continue working through skeins one, two and three.
12. When joining a new skein you can actually splice the yarn, twist it together again and work carefully over those stitches. Keeps you from having to knot the ends and weave them away. "Sweater" is a three ply yarn with very soft fibers that will ply together beautifully.
13. At 40 sts per "slice" ... that is 400 sts total ... you need to make a decision on a crochet or knit trim.
14. When working the crochet trim you need to work it over stitches that have been bound off. Any of the knitted trims are worked on live stitches.
15. The edging is always worked with a double strand of "fine". There is plenty on a single skein of "fine" to get you all the way around in any of the chosen edgings.



Take your pick and let's go for the edging on the blanket!

For the crochet trim ... follow right below.

For the knitted trim options skip right ahead to number 17!

16. Crochet trim ...

- At 40 sts on each "slice" ... 400 sts total you will measure out the amount you need to leave for binding off. From the end of the skein, measure out 10 "wingspans" of yarn. One wingspan is taking the length of yarn between your outstretched arms. When you have 10 wingspans, make a slip knot at that point. Continue working the pinwheel slices until you reach the slip knot. Bind off all stitches. I happen to like being efficient about the use of yarn and will take it down to the wire! The edging trims it all and it really doesn't matter where you begin binding off.
- Slices one, two and three are scallop edges with a double strand of your chosen color. Using the "I" (5.5 mm) crochet hook work the edging as follows: 1 ss (slip stitch) into the first stitch to anchor the yarn ... [skip one stitch, 5 dc (double crochet) into the next stitch, skip one stitch, 1 sc (single crochet) into the following stitch]* ... repeat * all around the grasshopper pie. Fasten off with a slip stitch into the first slip stitch at the beginning of the round.



17. Knitted trims ...

- For any of the knitted edges, you actually do not need to bind off the stitches and basically end at any point along the round leaving about 5" to weave away at the end. It might sound funny to you ... but it doesn't really matter as the final edging will trim it all perfectly.
- Three i-cord variations and two lace trim options are given. The knitted trims are worked with a double strand of "fine" and the US #9 (5.5 mm) double pointed needles. The i-cord is attached to live stitches!
- **Knit stitch i-cord.** Cast on five stitches using a double pointed needle. Knit 4 stitches, LSD (left slant decrease = ssk = slip as if to knit, slip as if to purl, cross the left needle through both legs in the front of the right needle as if to purl, keeping both needles in the stitches knit two together) to attach the last stitch of the i-cord to the first live stitch of the grasshopper pie! Slide the stitches to the beginning of the double pointed needle, bring the yarn tightly to the beginning of the "row" and knit 4, LSD. Continue this way until all live stitches have been attached to the i-cord. The grasshopper pie blankie is reversible, it's good to be careful about making the edging look good on both sides!
- **Purl stitch i-cord.** It gives a lovely corrugated feeling to the trim, a bit more texture! Purl 4 stitches, LSD (purl two together) to attach the last stitch of the i-cord to the first live stitch of the grasshopper pie!. Slide the stitches to the beginning of the needle and start the next "row". Tug the yarn tight for the first stitch to prevent a gap on the other side of the i-cord trim. The grasshopper pie blankie is reversible, it's good to be careful about making the edging look good on both sides! You could vary the knit and purl i-cord on the slices.



- **Garter stitch i-cord.** Work the knit row attaching a stitch (see above for knitted i-cord), work the purl row without attaching it to a stitch. Again a more textured edging than just a knitted i-cord! The grasshopper pie blankie is reversible, it's good to be careful about making the edging look good on both sides!
- And now on to the two final slices. Two pretty lace trims that are not too girly and add a little more texture and flair. Worked similarly to the i-cord trim attaching it to the live stitches.



- ▶ **Lace trim one** ... using the double pointed needle and a double strand of "fine" .. cast on 5 sts.
- ▶ (1) knit 4, LSD (left slant decrease = ssk = slip as if to knit, slip as if to knit, cross the left needle through both legs in the front of the right needle as if to purl, keeping both needles in the stitches knit two together) to attach the trim to the first live stitch ... 5 sts in "fine". Turn.
- ▶ (2) K3, kfb (knit front and back into the next stitch), k1 ... 6 sts. Turn.
- ▶ (3) K5, LSD ... 6 sts. Turn.
- ▶ (4) K4, kfb, k1 ... 7 sts. Turn.
- ▶ (5) BO (bind off) 2 sts, one st left on the right needle, k3, LSD ... 5 sts. Turn.
- ▶ Repeat 2-5 until all live stitches have been attached. At the end all stitches are bound off in step (5). Fasten off and sew the beginning and ending edges of the lace trim together. Should it happen that you run out of live stitches to finish in step 5 ... don't panic ... bind off all stitches in step 3 or 5 and attach the two ends ... it will never be noticed on a galloping horse!



- ▶ **Lace trim two** ... using the double pointed needle and a double strand of "fine" ... cast on 5 sts.
- ▶ (1) knit 4, LSD (left slant decrease = ssk = slip as if to knit, slip as if to knit, cross the left needle through both legs in the front of the right needle as if to purl, keeping both needles in the stitches knit two together) to attach the trim to the first live stitch ... 5 sts in "fine". Turn.
- ▶ (2) K4, yo, k1 ... 6 sts. Turn.
- ▶ (3) K5, LSD ... 6 sts. Turn.
- ▶ (4) K5, yo, k1 ... 7 sts. Turn.
- ▶ (5) BO (bind off) 2 sts, one st left on the right needle, k3, LSD ... 5 sts. Turn.
- ▶ Repeat 2-5 until all live stitches have been attached. At the end all stitches are bound off in step (5). Fasten off and sew the beginning and ending edges of the lace trim together. Should it happen that you run out of live stitches to finish in step 5 ... don't panic ... bind off all stitches in step 3 or 5 and attach the two ends ... it will never be noticed on a galloping horse!



18. Put away all the little ends of yarn and you have yourself a grasshopper pie blankie! Share with a wee one!

This pinwheel blanket is an adaptation of many that are available from a variety of authors. There are many free versions available. Please be respectful of the use and distribution of the pattern. Always keep the sources intact and do not redistribute the pattern nor the finished project for resale.

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