

**Project Linus Blanket  
based on the Graceful Shawl**

Original shawl designed by Karen Yaksick and Medrith Glover in "Shawls and Scarves" from XRX-Inc Publications

**Materials and Equipment: Needles:** Circular 24 or 30 inch US size 10.5.

**Yarn:** A variety of yarns in various weights in contrasting but harmonizing colors – 1 ½ to 2 pounds depending on size desired. Various harmonizing scraps long enough for 2 whole rows (8 times the length or your row).

**Pattern stitches:** The entire blanket is worked in garter stitch, beginning each row by leaving a 6" to 8" tail and ending with 6" to 8" before cutting yarn. Make a cardboard template to measure each row with so you don't find them getting longer or shorter because you just measured it with the previous end. This makes the fringe. Tie the new yarn to the previous end with a square knot as you start each row.

**Gauge:** 4 Sts. = 1 inch

**Instruction Details:**

Cast on: Baby size – 26" x 30" – 104 Sts.

Child size - 36" x 48 – 144 Sts.

Pre-teen – teen 48" x 60" – 196 Sts.

Tie the ends of two skeins together and leaving a 10 to 12 inch end cast on the required number of stitches using a long-tail cast on. (This makes sure your short end doesn't run out before you get all the stitches on.)

Cut both threads leaving your desired fringe length.

Working in garter stitch starting each row by leaving your fringe end free and ending the row in the same manner cutting the yarn at the end of every row. Change colors whenever you want to, accenting with a heavy yarn about every 12 ridges. If you have a yarn you think is too fine, double strand it with something else.

Knit until the piece measures the longer dimension of the size selected. Bind off loosely and cut yarn leaving it long enough to match the fringe.

**Finishing:** Be sure each strand is secured with a knot next to the knit and if you want to keep the soft yarns like Homespun from becoming too fuzzy, tie a knot at the end of each strand of the fringe.