



KRAEMER

Spun in
Nazareth,
Pennsylvania

EXPERIENCE



INTERMEDIATE

YARN

Bear Creek

99% Wool
1% Nylon

7 Skeins any color



Super Bulky

Finished Size
Approximately 48" x 60"

GAUGE

8 sts = 4" / 10 cm
Gauge not necessarily
important



U.S. 15 / 10 mm
29" or larger
U.S. 13 / 9 mm
29" or larger
Circular Needle

KRAEMER YARNS

Bear Creek



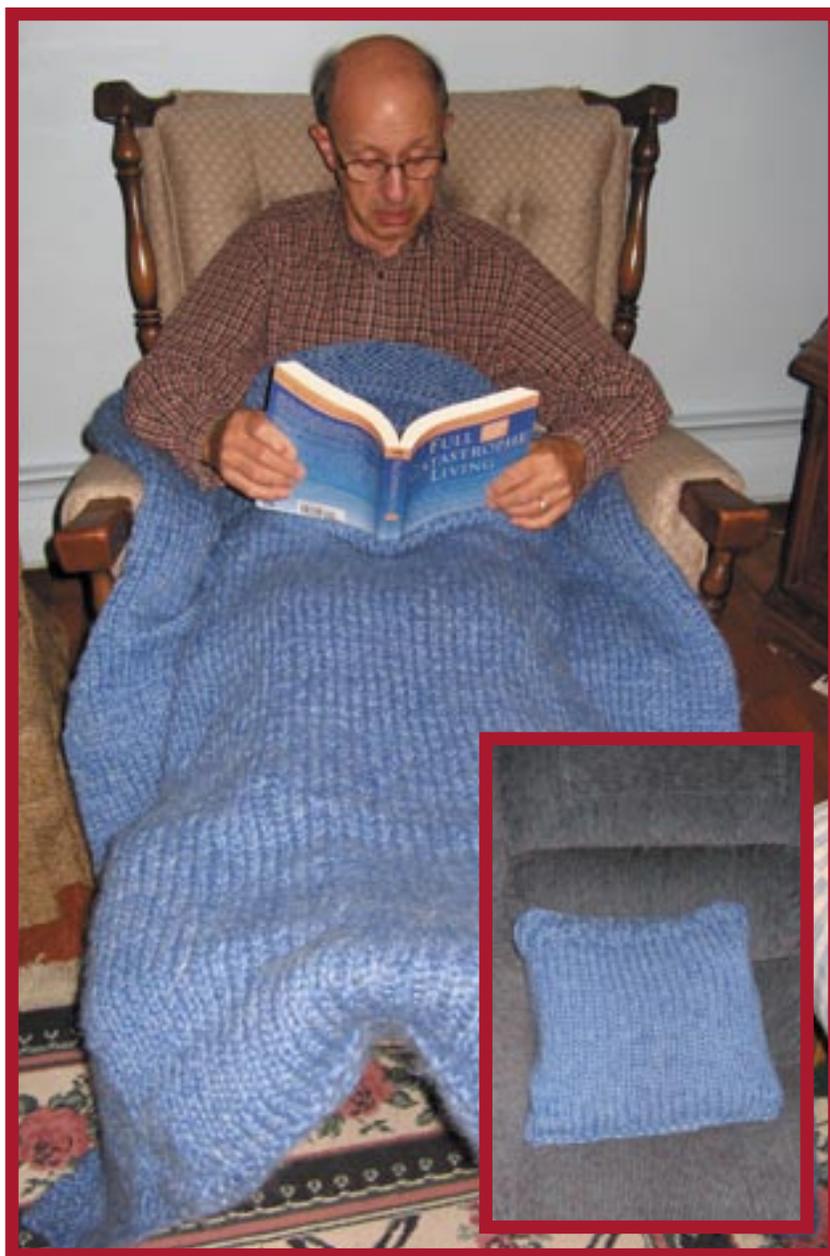
BULKY



Bear's Den Afghan / Pillow

Designed Exclusively for Kraemer Yarns

by Clara Masessa



Keep this extra warm afghan within easy reach by using it as a pillow on your chair or sofa. When needed just open it up and you have an instant afghan. If your feet need a little extra warmth just put them into the afghan's pocket and they will be warm as toast. What a wonderful way to enjoy a cold and snowy day, bundled up in your Bear's Den with your knitting in hand. Let it Snow, let it Snow, let it Snow!!!

Bear's Den Afghan / Pillow

Special Abbreviations:

Wrap – Yarn to back, slip 1 stitch from left needle to right needle pw, bring yarn to front and slip stitch back to left needle.

ytf – yarn to front

pw – purlwise

mkr – marker

Materials:

You will need 3 markers (split ring or safety pin type) two markers of the same color and one marker in a different color. For the sake of this pattern I am using two pink markers and one blue marker, and I will refer to them by color.

Size 15 Circular Needle with at least a 29" cable

Size 13 or 15 Circular Needle 24" or longer to hold front side of the pocket while casting off the backside.

7 Skeins Bear Creek Yarn

Gauge: 8 stitches equals 4 inches

MAKE EXTRA SURE TO BRING YARN TO FRONT when pattern tells you to ytf. If you do Not do this, your pocket will NOT be open and you will be Unable to turn your afghan into a pillow. While doing the double knitted pocket (or tube section) on this afghan it is wise to frequently pull both sides of the pocket outward to make sure the two sides are not attached to each other. (I learned this the hard way – wise is the person who learns from someone else's mistakes)

Double Knitting – The method of double knitting used in this afghan is the Knit/Slip method. In this method you work one stitch and slip the second stitch. On the return row you work the stitch previously slipped and slip the stitch previously worked. This method allows you to knit tubular using straight needles. Each time across a row you are only knitting half of the stitches. You knit the second half on the return row, so you need to work two rows in order to make one complete circle.

The part that gets a little more complicated on this pattern is that you are only double knitting the center section of the bottom part (first 16 inches) of the afghan. This means that when you start the Knit/Round rows you are knitting normally. When you get to the double knitted center (or tube section), you are only knitting 1/2 a row (front side of the tube). We will then turn and work the other 1/2 of the double knitted section (back side of the tube). We then turn again and work 1/2 of the double knitted section (front side again), and then finish the normal stitches to the end of the row. We now have 1 row of normally knitted stitches (on either side of the tube section) and 1 1/2 rows of double knitted tube section. When we do the normal Rows we are then completing the second row of normal stitches and the second half of the second row of the double knitted section. Don't panic here. It is easier than you think. You just need to pay attention. Your colored markers will help you

keep track of the Row/Rounds

Cast on 126 stitches

Row/Round

1a - K31, pm

1b - [using two markers of opposite colors joined together and placing needle through the pink colored mkr], this will indicate your first time across the double knitted section (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw) 32 times, wrap, turn

1c - pm [remaining pink marker], (P1, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, wrap, turn, sl mkr back

1d - place needle through the blue marker [this indicates second time across the double knitted section] (P1, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, K31

Row 2

K 31, sl mkr (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, K31

Row/Round

3a - K31

3b - sl mkr placing needle through the pink colored mkr, (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr wrap, turn

3c - sl mkr (P1, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, wrap, turn,

3d - sl mkr back placing needle through the blue marker (P1, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, K31

Row/Round

Repeat Row 2

Row/Round

5a - K31

5b - sl mkr, putting needle through the pink mkr, (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr wrap, turn

5c - sl mkr back (P1, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, wrap, turn

5d - sl mkr back placing needle through blue mkr, (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, K 31

At this point you will want to pull both sides of the pocket outward to make sure the two sides are not attached to each other. If the sides are attached you will have to remove sts back to the point they are joined together. Make sure to do this after each a/b/c/d row/round. This step is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. If the sides are attached your pocket will NOT function and your afghan will NOT fold into a pillow.

Row/Round

K4, P27, sl mkr, (P1, sl 1 pw) 32 times, sl mkr, P 27, K4

Repeat row/rounds 5&6 until work measures 16 inches from cast on edge, ending with row/round 6

Intermediate Rows – These rows will make the ribbing at the top of the pocket and will finally bind off the top of the pocket. After these rows your knitting will really speed up since you will no longer be doing any double knitting. Yea! Yea!!! So stick with it the hard part is almost over.

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Intermediate Row/Round

1a - K31

1b - sl mkr placing needle through pink mkr, (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw)

32 times, sl mkr wrap, turn

1c - sl mkr back (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw, P1, sl 1 pw) 16 times, sl mkr, wrap, turn

1d - sl mkr back placing needle through blue mkr, (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw) 32 times, K 31

Intermediate Row/Round 2

K4, P27 (K1, ytf, sl 1 pw, P1 sl 1 pw) 16 times, sl mkr, P27, K4

Repeat last two intermediate row/rounds three times

Repeat Intermediate Row/Round 1 one more time

Next Row - K4, P27, sl mkr, K1, ytf sl 1 pw to spare needle, P1, pass 1st K stitch over the P stitch as in binding off, sl next st pw to same spare needle, K1, pass previous P stitch over this stitch as in binding off, continue in this manner to next mkr. This will bind off the stitches on this side of the pocket, and leave the stitches on the front side on the spare needle to be worked on the next row. Remove mkr, P1, pass previous st over this P stitch as in binding off, P to last 4 sts, K4
You should now be able to see the pocket.

Next Row - K31, K32 sts from the spare needle, K31 (total 94 sts)

Afghan Rows

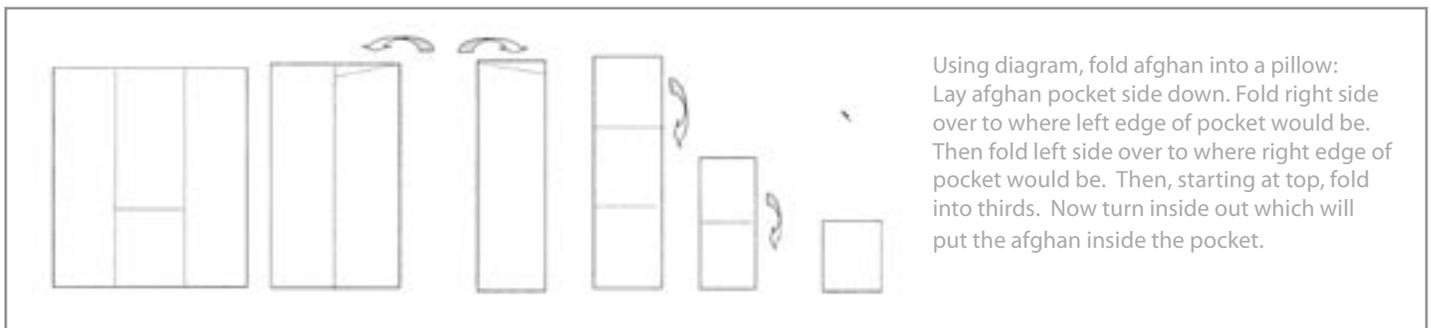
Row 1 K4, P 86, K4

Row 2 K across

Repeat Afghan Rows 1 & 2 for 58 inches, ending row 2

K across next 4 rows

Bind Off across knitwise



Using diagram, fold afghan into a pillow:
Lay afghan pocket side down. Fold right side over to where left edge of pocket would be. Then fold left side over to where right edge of pocket would be. Then, starting at top, fold into thirds. Now turn inside out which will put the afghan inside the pocket.

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COMMONLY USED KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin	M1	make one (increase 1 stitch)	ssk	slip 1, slip1, knit 2 slipped stitches together
BO	bind off	MC	main color	st st	stockinette (stocking) stitch (1 row K, 1 row P)
CC	contrasting color	P	purl	st(s)	stitch(es)
CN	cable needle	p2sso	pass 2 slipped stitches over	tbl	through back of loop
CO	cast on, cast off	P2tog	purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)	tog	together
cont	continue	patt rep(s)	pattern repeat(s)	WS	wrong side
dec(s)	decrease(s)/decreasing	patt(s)	pattern(s)	wyib	with yarn in back
dpn	double-pointed needles	PM	place marker	wyif	with yarn in front
g st	garter stitch (K every row)	psso	pass slipped stitch over	yo	yarn over
inc(s)	increase(s)/increasing	pwise	purlwise	yon	yarn over needle
K	knit	rem	remain(ing)	()	repeat instructions in parentheses number of times indicated
K1, s1, psso	knit one, slip one, pass slipped stitch over	rep	repeat	*	repeat instructions following asterisk as indicated or until end of row
K2tog	knit 2 together	RH	right hand	[]	instructions in square brackets refer to larger sizes
K2tog tbl	knit 2 together through back loop	rnd(s)	round(s)		
knwise	knitwise	RS	right side		
LH	left hand	sl	slip		