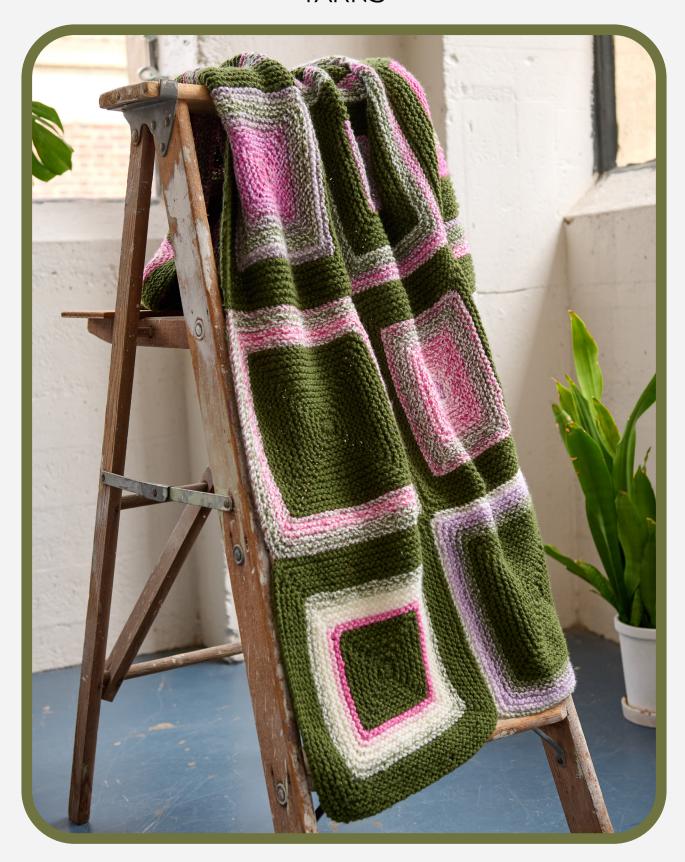# Shifting Squares Blanket

FREE KNIT PATTERN

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TYPE: Knit
DESIGNER: Tori Gurbisz for Premier Yarns®

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:
Length: 60"
Width: 48"

GAUGE:
15 sts x 30 4 rnds = 4" in Garter st
Each square should equal approx. 12"
Save time, check your gauge.

MATERIALS:
Premier® Yarns *Puzzle® Solids* (100% Acrylic; 7oz/200g, 328yds/300m)
• MC: 2162-05 Forest — 4 balls

Premier® Yarns *Puzzle®* (100% Acrylic; 7oz/200g, 328yds/300m)
• CC: 1050-33 Double Dutch — 4 balls

NEEDLES & NOTIONS:
• US Size 10 (6mm) 16" circular and set of dpns *or size needed to obtain gauge*
• Tapestry needle

SKILLS/TECHNIQUES USED IN THIS PATTERN:
• Knit stitch.
• Working small circumferences in the round.
• Changing colors.
• Kfb increases.
• Seaming with mattress stitch.

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PATTERN NOTES

This Blanket is made up of four different square motifs worked from the center out in the round, and then seamed together. Three full balls of each color were used in the sample, with little to no leftovers, an extra ball of each color has been added to the yarn requirements to allow for swatching and gauge variations.

BLANKET

Square One (make 5)

Note: Leave a long tail when casting on to close center of Square later. For all Squares, if needed, switch to circular needle as the circumference of Square increases. Place markers to indicate where the ends of dpns were for increase placement.

With MC and dpns, cast on 8 sts, pm and join to work in the round careful not to twist sts. Distribute sts evenly over 4 needles.

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: *Kfb; rep from * to end – 8 sts inc'd, 16 sts tot.

Rnd 3: Purl.

Rnd 4: *Kfb, knit to end of needle, kfb; rep from * 3 more times – 8 sts inc'd.

Rep Rnds 3-4, 4 more times and then with CC work Rnds 3-4, 7 times and finally with MC work Rnds 3-4, 7 times – 168 sts total.

Loosely bind off all sts purlwise.

Square Two (make 5)

With CC and dpns, cast on 8 sts, pm and join to work in the round careful not to twist sts. Distribute sts evenly over 4 needles.

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: *Kfb; rep from * to end – 8 sts inc'd, 16 sts tot.

Rnd 3: Purl.

Rnd 4: *Kfb, knit to end of needle, kfb; rep from * 3 more times – 8 sts inc'd.

Rep Rnds 3-4, 4 more times and then with MC work Rnds 3-4, 7 times and finally with CC work Rnds 3-4, 7 times – 168 sts total.

Loosely bind off all sts purlwise.

Square Three (make 5)

With MC and dpns, cast on 8 sts, pm and join to work in the round careful not to twist sts. Distribute sts evenly over 4 needles.

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: *Kfb; rep from * to end – 8 sts inc'd, 16 sts tot.

Rnd 3: Purl.

Rnd 4: *Kfb, knit to end of needle, kfb; rep from * 3 more times – 8 sts inc'd.

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SQUARE THREE CONT.

Rep Rnds 3-4, 11 more times and then with CC work Rnds 3-4, 7 times – 168 sts total.

Loosely bind off all sts purlwise.

Square Four *(make 5)*

With CC and dpns, cast on 8 sts, pm and join to work in the round careful not to twist sts. Distribute sts evenly over 4 needles.

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: *Kfb; rep from * to end – 8 sts inc'd, 16 sts tot.

Rnd 3: Purl.

Rnd 4: *Kfb, knit to end of needle, kfb; rep from * 3 more times – 8 sts inc'd.

Rep Rnds 3-4, 11 more times and then with MC work Rnds 3-4, 7 times – 168 sts total.

Loosely bind off all sts purlwise.

FINISHING

Using diagram as a guide, seam Squares together with mattress st. Using tail from cast on, thread tail though cast on sts of each Square and pull tight to close.

Weave in all ends.

MEET THE DESIGNER

Tori Gurbisz is a Creative Manager on the Premier Yarns team. Growing up, Tori always had her heart set on being a fashion designer. Discovering her knack for knitting rekindled that passion, even if it wasn't quite how she originally imagined it... still, she can't help but dream of the possibility of knitting a ball gown one day!

ABBREVIATIONS

CC	contrasting color
Garter st	in the rnd: knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd.
inc('d)	increase(d)
k	knit
kfb	knit into the front and back of the next st (1 st inc'd)
MC	main color
p	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tot	total

Square Two	Square Four	Square Three	Square One
Square One	Square Two	Square Four	Square Three
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