

JULIE'S PINKIE BLANKIE

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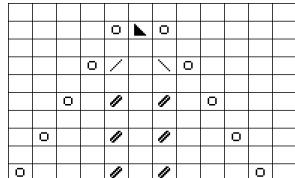
- k on ws 10 100-gr. 60-yard balls, Tahki Yarns' Baby, Color 4
- yo Size 17, 40-inch circular needle.
- ↗ p2tog Blocked, it makes a 53" x 44" blanket at the recommended yarn and needle sizes.
- ↙ k2tog Unblocked, it measures 42" x 38"
- ↘ ssk Cast on 73 stitches. Center panel wrong side rows are all purl stitches. Work the
- ↖ sk2p rest of the piece according to the chart, next page.

At the top of the piece, you'll work 10 rows, or 5 garter stitch ridges, and then cast off, right side facing, by purling your bind-off row. (purl 2, pass second stitch over first, purl another stitch, pass second stitch over, etc.)

Pinkie blankie was my security blanket until I was about 6 or 7 years old. Family lore says the bully Richard Jason, the meanest kid on Glen Road, stole away with pinkie blankie and threw it into Glen creek, where it floated away. That could have been a fabricated story (so to speak). My mother was very good at inventing little useful fictions, and I did carry that blanket for an awfully long time.

Anyway, this new pinkie blankie is even more of a comfort, first knit for a buddy who needed it. It uses the same cherry leaf lace pattern made popular by the Cherry Leaf Shawl in Victorian Lace Today, but squared up to make easy lace rectangles. It looks great and knits very quickly in super bulky, but you may want to bring down the yarn and needle size to make a receiving blanket, or add repeats to make a stole, or a lace knitter's flag. Go with smaller yarn and needles and a machine-washable yarn to make a kid-sized security blanket. This one is sized for adults who find themselves in need. It's a good size to lay over your lap and legs.

This is a terrifically satisfying first lace project, if you've been toying with the idea of making lace some time...



Any way you choose, do take the time to block it out when the knitting is done, because it will grow then, and the pattern will pop out as it should, and the fabric will then drape beautifully.

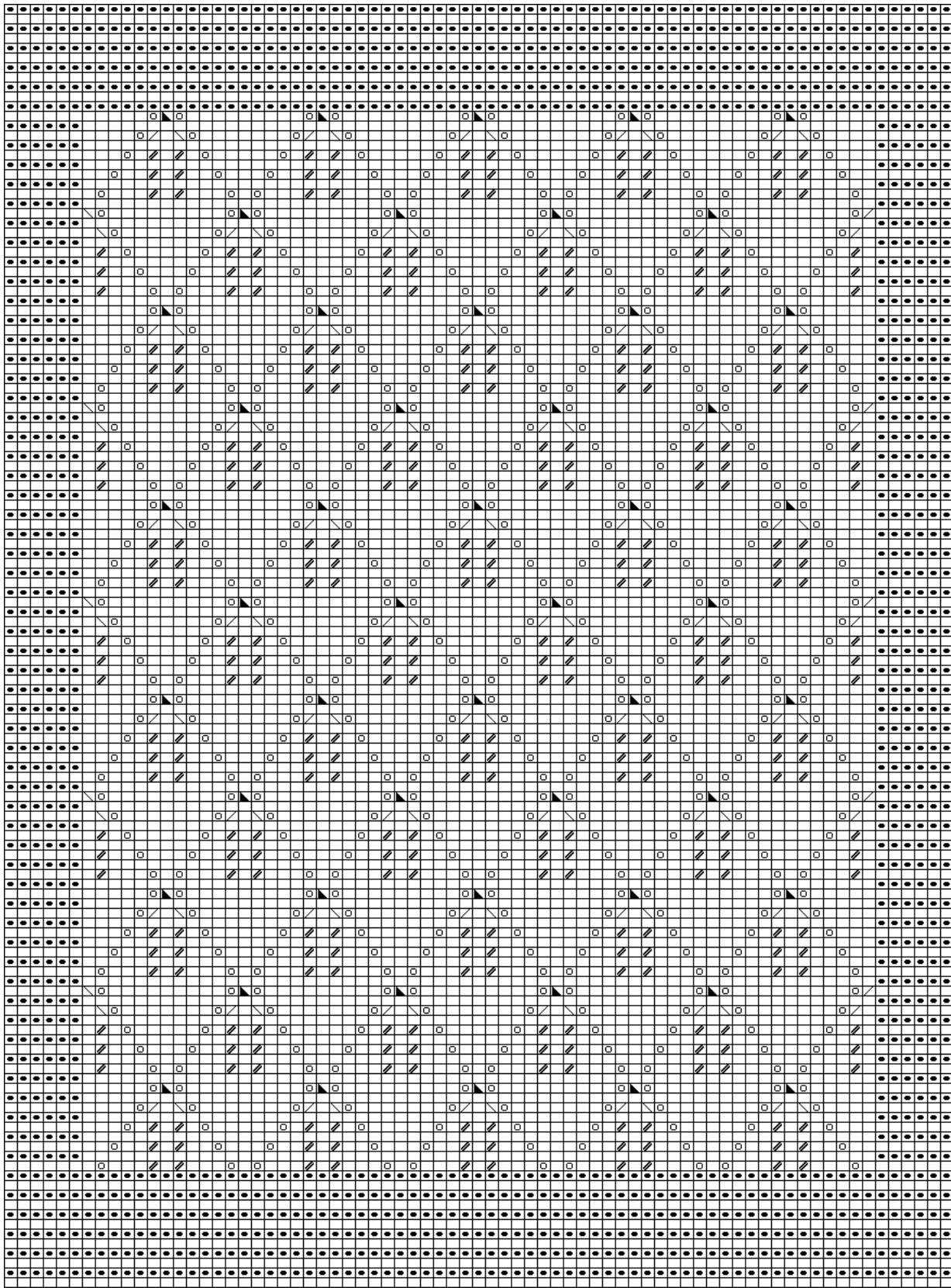
The 12-stitch, 10-row repeat, left, is easy to learn and varies only a bit where the cherry leaf points meet up with the garter stitch edges.



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Cast on here, knit up from this row.