




Knit a Square



Make a Difference



During the month of February we will be collecting **8-inch knitted squares**. Each square will be sent to South Africa to be used in making a blanket to keep an orphaned or abandoned child warm through the Knit a Square non-profit organization.

**Learn to knit a square
or just knit together
Bring your own needles if you
have them**

- ⇒ Saturday, February 4, 1 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday February 7, 10 am and 4 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday February 21, 10 am and 7 pm

**Squares may also be knit on your own
and dropped off at either circulation
desk by February 29.**

Experienced knitters and novices alike, young and old are invited to participate! Squares should be made using acrylic, wool or wool blend yarns with size US10 needles. Please leave a length of one and a quarter yards (45 inches) of your yarn attached to your work after you have cast off.

Detailed directions are available at both the Adult and Children circulation desks.

Want to help and don't knit: We will also be collecting yarn donations or change at both circulation desks that will help in covering the postal expenses to mail the squares to South Africa.

Knitting instructions

FOR ONE 8"/20 cms SQUARE, you will need:

Yarn from a 100 gram (3.5 oz) ball of yarn or scraps of yarn or wool

Worsted weight yarn

Size US10 or 6mm needles

A yarn sewing needle.



1. [Cast on](#) 32 stitches

(try to make your stitches neither too loose nor too tight to help ensure uniform squares)

2. Row 1: [knit](#)

3. Row 2: knit. These two rows form the 'garter' stitch knitting pattern for your square

4. Continue knitting as per these two rows until you have knitted a square

5. To ensure you square is 8"/20cm either use a tape measure or form a triangle by folding one corner of your square over to meet the opposite corner as shown - if all sides are equal - then you have a square!



6. [Cast off](#)

7. Use your yarn sewing needle to sew in all the yarn ends using a darning method

VERY IMPORTANT

Leave a one metre (one and a quarter yards) length of your yarn attached to your work after you have cast off. This will be used to join the squares together.