

# *Rainbow in Pastels*

## *Baby Blanket*

**Mid-Gauge Machine  
(LK 150)**

Written for the mid-gauge machine but the technique can be done on any machine with any number of stripes and stripes of any width. Can also be knit in primary colors. No row counter required.

**Yarn:** Nordic (worsted weight)

**Tension:** 5 or 56

**Gauge:** Not important

**Amount:** 5 oz of each color except 7 oz of Blue

**Size:** 38" x 48"



'E' cast on 150 needles using **Blue**. Knit 2 rows.

### *Blue*

- Carriage at the right. Put all needles into hold ('D' position) opposite the carriage EXCEPT the 20 needles next to the carriage #56-#75 right. **Set the Russell levers to I & I (setting the carriage for short rowing)**. You have 20 needles in work.
- Knit 1 row. \* Pull the needle closest to the carriage to hold. You will have 19 needles left in work. Knit 2 rows. \*
- Repeat from \* to \* until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.



**1** Lower right corner of blanket from purl side

## *Mint Green*

- Start with a new color **Mint Green**. Carriage is at the right. Push 20 needles into work ('C' position) next to the Blue ones (#36 - #55 right). Knit 1 row.
- \*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*. Repeat from \*\* to \*\* until you have only 20 **Mint Green** needles in work on the right. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Yellow*

- Start with a new color **Yellow**. Carriage is at the right. Push 20 needles into work next to the **Mint Green** ones (#16 - #35 right). Knit 1 row. \*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*.
- Repeat from \*\* to\*\* using the **Yellow**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Pink*

- Start with a new color **Pink**. Carriage is at the right. Push 20 needles into work next to the **Yellow** ones (#5 left - #15 right). Knit 1 row. \*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*.
- Repeat from \*\* to\*\* using the **Pink** Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Lavender*

- Start with a new color **Lavender**. Carriage is at the right. Push 20 needles into work next to the **Pink** ones (#25 left - #6 left). Knit 1 row.

Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*.

- Repeat from \*\* to\*\* using the **Lavender**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Blue*

- Start with a new color **Blue**. Carriage is at the right. Push 20 needles into work next to the **Lavender** ones (#45 - #26 left). Knit 1 row. Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*.
- Repeat from \*\* to\*\* using the **Blue**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Mint Green*

- Start with a new color **Mint Green**. Carriage is at the right. Push 20 needles into work next to the **Blue** ones (#65- #46 left). Knit 1 row. Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*.
- Repeat from \*\* to\*\* using the **Mint Green**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Yellow*

- Start with a new color **Yellow**. Carriage is at the right. Push 10 needles into work next to the **Mint Green** ones (#75 - #66 left). This starts out narrow but you will end up with a 20-stitch ray of color. Knit 1 row.
- Carriage is at the left. Push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Repeat until you have 20 needles in work. Pull 1

needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*. Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*.

- Carriage at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Yellow** until the 20 needles in work are at the right edge of the machine. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all needles are in hold. Cut the yarn.

At this point you have an odd-looking piece of knit hanging from the machine. Lots of rows on the right-hand side and none on the left. You will now start to see the blanket develop into a rectangle as you knit the following rows.

## *Pink*

- Start with a new color **Pink**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work (**Yellow**). Knit 2 rows. Push the next needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 20 needles are in work.
- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Pink**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until all the **Yellow** needles have been put into work and now have **Pink** stitches on the needles. Needles #56 - #75 right are in work with **Pink** stitches. Pull all the **Pink** needles into hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Lavender*

- Start with a new color **Lavender**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work. Knit 2 rows. Push the next

needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 20 needles are in work.

- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Lavender**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until you

have needles #36 - #55 right in work with **Lavender** stitches. Pull all the **Lavender** needles to hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Blue*

- Start with a new color **Blue**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work. Knit 2 rows. Push the next needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 20 needles are in work.
- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Blue**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until you have needles #16 - #55 right in work with **Blue** stitches. Pull all the **Blue** needles to hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Mint Green*

- Start with a new color **Mint Green**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work. Knit 2 rows. Push the next needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 20 needles are in work.
- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Mint Green**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until you

have needles #5 left - #15 right in work with **Mint Green** stitches. Pull all the **Mint Green** needles to hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Yellow*

- Start with a new color **Yellow**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work. Knit 2 rows. Push the next needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 20 needles are in work.
- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Yellow**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until you have needles #25 left - #6 right in work with **Yellow** stitches. Pull all the **Yellow** needles to hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Pink*

- Start with a new color **Pink**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work. Knit 2 rows. Push the next needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 20 needles are in work.
- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Pink**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until you have needles #45 left - #26 left in work with **Pink** stitches. Pull all the **Pink** needles to hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Lavender*

- Start with a new color **Lavender**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work. Knit 2 rows. Push the next

needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 20 needles are in work.

- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Lavender**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until you have needles #65 left - #46 left in work with **Lavender** stitches. Pull all the **Lavender** needles to hold. Cut the yarn.

## *Blue*

- Start with a new color **Blue**. Carriage is at the left. Push the needle closest to the carriage to work. Knit 2 rows. Push the next needle into work opposite the carriage and knit 2 rows. Continue in this manner until 10 needles are in work.
- Carriage is at the left. \*\*\* Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage to hold and push 1 needle into work opposite the carriage. Knit 2 rows \*\*\*. Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* using the **Blue**. Continue pulling 1 needle to hold – next to the carriage and pushing 1 needle into work opposite the carriage - each time the carriage is at the left until you have needles #75 left - #66 left in work with **Blue** stitches. Pull all the **Blue** needles to hold. All needles are in hold.

Carriage at the left. Set the carriage to knit plain. Knit 1 row over all needles using **Blue**.

Bind off all needles.



*2 Upper right corner purl side*

# *Finishing*

I chose to finish the edges with crochet using Blue.

- Row 1      Single crochet around all edges
- Row 2      Half doubles around all edges
- Row 3      Half double, chain 1. Repeat around all edges
- Row 4      Backward crochet (crab stitch) into each stitch around all edges.

Hide all yarn tails and block gently.