

## Precious Baby Blanket

Knit this soft cuddly blanket while waiting for baby's arrival. This lacy pattern looks wonderful in any color, so choose a color that will coordinate with the nursery and start knitting.

## LW2907



Designed by Kim Guzman.
Blanket measures 35" x 35".
RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®: 4 balls 9700 Baby Pink.
Circular Knitting Needle: 5mm [US 8] - 24".
Yarn needle.
GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 28 rows = $4^{\prime \prime}$ in pattern. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

## Special Abbreviation

dec2 (decrease 2 sts) = slip 2 sts together knitwise, knit next st, pass the 2 slipped sts over the knit st.

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Cast on 145 sts. Do not join but work back and forth in rows. Lower Border-Row 1 (Right Side): K1, * p1, k1; repeat from * across.
Rows 2-7: Repeat Row 1. Lower Border completed.
Row 8: [K1, p1] 3 times, $p$ to last 6 sts, [p1, k1] 3 times.
Row 9: [K1, p1] 3 times, * K1, yo, k4, dec2, k4, yo; repeat from * to last 7 sts, k1, [p1, k1] 3 times.
Row 10: Repeat Row 8.
Row 11: [K1, p1] 3 times, k2, * yo, k3, dec2, k3, yo, k3; repeat from * to last 8 sts, k2, [p1, k1] 3 times.
Row 12: Repeat Row 8.
Row 13: [K1, p1] 3 times, k3, * yo, k2, dec2, k2, yo, k5; repeat from * to last 9 sts, $k 3,[p 1, k 1] 3$ times.
Row 14: Repeat Row 8.
Row 15: [K1, p1] 3 times, k4, * yo, k1, dec2, k1, yo, k7; repeat from * to last 10 sts, k4, [p1, k1] 3 times.
Row 16: Repeat Row 8.
Row 17: [K1, p1] 3 times, k5, * yo, dec2, yo, k9; repeat from * to last 11 sts, k5, [p1, k1] 3 times.
Row 18: Repeat Row 8.
Row 19: Repeat Row 8.
Row 20: [K1, p1] 3 times, $k$ to last 6 sts, $[\mathrm{p} 1, \mathrm{k} 1] 3$ times.
Row 21: Repeat Row 8.
Repeat Rows 8-21 fifteen times and then repeat Rows 8-18 once more. Repeat Rows 1-6 for Top Border. Bind off in pattern. Weave in all ends securely.

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®,
Art. E746 available in solid color 5 oz (142 g), 256 yd ( 234 m ); multi color 4 oz $(113 \mathrm{~g}), 204 \mathrm{yd}(187 \mathrm{~m})$ and smart print $3 \mathrm{oz}(85 \mathrm{~g}), 153 \mathrm{yd}(140 \mathrm{~m})$ balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: $\mathbf{K}=$ knit; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters; $\mathbf{P}=$ purl; st(s) = stitch(es); yo = yarn over; * $=$ repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

