

MITERED-SQUARE RUG

design by KATY RYAN

Thick cotton yarn is worked in mitered garter stitch squares that build one upon the other in Katy Ryan's colorful rug. The yarn is doubled for a gauge of just over three stitches per inch, making this a surprisingly quick way to add a little color and comfort to a room.

Finished Size About 18" (45.5 cm) wide and 30" (76 cm) long.

Yarn Lion Brand Kitchen Cotton (100% cotton; 236 yd [215 m]/5 oz [142 g]): #123 seaspray (aqua), 2 balls; #112 poppy (red), #135 cinnamon (light brown), #158 banana (yellow), #186 maze (gold), #106 pastel (blue), and #181 sage (dark green), 1 ball each.

Needles Size 10½ (6.5 mm): straight. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Tapestry needle.

Gauge 13 sts and 26 rows = 4" (10 cm) in garter st with yarn doubled. The Basic Square measures 6" (15 cm) square.

Notes

Use two strands of yarn held together throughout. If only one color is specified, use two strands of that color. If two colors are specified, as in red/gold, use one strand each of the two colors.

Work squares in sequence shown in illustration on page 3, following color order given for each square.

Stitch Guide

Basic Square:

With yarn doubled and using the backward loop method (see Glossary), CO 41 sts.

Row 1: (WS) Knit.

Row 2: Sl 1 with yarn in front (wyf), k18, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pssso, k19—2 sts dec'd.

Row 3 and all odd-numbered rows: Sl 1 wyf, knit to end.

Row 4: Sl 1 wyif, k17, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pssso, k18—2 sts dec'd.

Cont as established, slipping the first st of every row wyf, and working a double dec in center 3 sts every RS row until 3 sts rem, ending with a RS row—38 rows completed. *Next row:* Sl 1, p2tog, pssso—1 st rem; 39 rows completed. Cut yarn and draw through rem st to fasten off.

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Square 1: With two strands of aqua, CO 41 sts. Work as for Basic Square, working the number of rows indicated with each color as foll: 1 aqua, [2 red, 2 aqua] 5 times, 4 light brown, 2 yellow, 2 light brown, 2 aqua, 2 red, 6 aqua.

Square 2: Hold Square 1 with RS facing and CO edge along bottom and left sides. With two strands of red, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 1 (1 st in each edge st), then CO 21 sts using the backward loop method—41 sts total. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 1 red, [2 light brown, 2 red] 2 times, 2 aqua, 2 red, 4 gold, [2 light brown, 2 aqua] 2 times, 6 red/gold, 2 aqua, 6 light brown.

Square 3: Hold strip with Squares 1 and 2 with RS facing, Square 2 at the top, and the CO edge of Square 2 along the left side. With two strands of gold, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 2, then CO 21 sts using the backward loop method—41 sts total. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 3 gold, [2 red, 2 aqua] 2 times, 2 red, 6 red/gold, 2 red, 4 aqua, 4 yellow, 4 red, 6 aqua.

Square 4: Hold strip with RS facing, Square 3 at the top, and the CO edge of Square 3 along the left side. With two strands of aqua, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 3, then CO 21 sts using the backward loop method—41 sts total. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 1 aqua, 2 light brown, 2 aqua, 2 red, 2 aqua, 2 light brown, 4 aqua, 6 red, 4 yellow, 2 light brown, 2 aqua, 10 light brown.

Square 5: Hold strip with RS facing, Square 4 at the top, and the CO edge of Square 4 along the left side. With two strands of red, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 4, then CO 21 sts using the backward loop method—41 sts total. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 1 red, [2 light brown, 2 red] 2 times, 2 blue, 2 red, 4 gold, [2 light brown, 2 aqua] 2 times, 6 red/gold, 2 aqua, 6 light brown.

Square 6: With two strands of gold, CO 21 sts using the backward loop method. Hold piece with RS facing and Square 1 at the bottom. Pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 1—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 3 gold, 2 red, 2 aqua, 2 red, 2 blue, 2 red, 6 red/gold, 2 red, 4 aqua, 2 gold, 2 yellow, 4 red, 6 aqua.

Square 7: With RS facing and two strands of aqua, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 6, pick up 1 st in corner, then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 2—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 1 aqua, 2 red, 2 aqua, 2 light brown, 2 aqua, [2 dark green, 2 aqua] 2 times, 4 red, 4 gold, 2 light brown, 2 aqua, 10 light brown.

Square 8: With RS facing and two strands of red, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 7, pick up 1 st in corner, then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 3—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 1 red, 2 gold, 2 red, 6 gold, 2 red, 2 gold, 2 light brown, 2 gold, 2 blue, 2 aqua, 2 yellow, 2 aqua, [2 red, 2 gold] 2 times, end 4 more rows gold.

Square 9: With RS facing and two strands of red, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 8, pick up 1 st in corner, then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 4—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square according to the color order for Square 2.

Square 10: With RS facing and two strands of red, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 9, pick up 1 st in corner, then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 5—41 sts. Work



as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 3 aqua, 2 red, 6 aqua, [2 dark green, 2 aqua] 2 times, 4 light brown, 2 gold, 2 red, 2 light brown, 2 red, 2 aqua, 2 gold, 4 aqua.

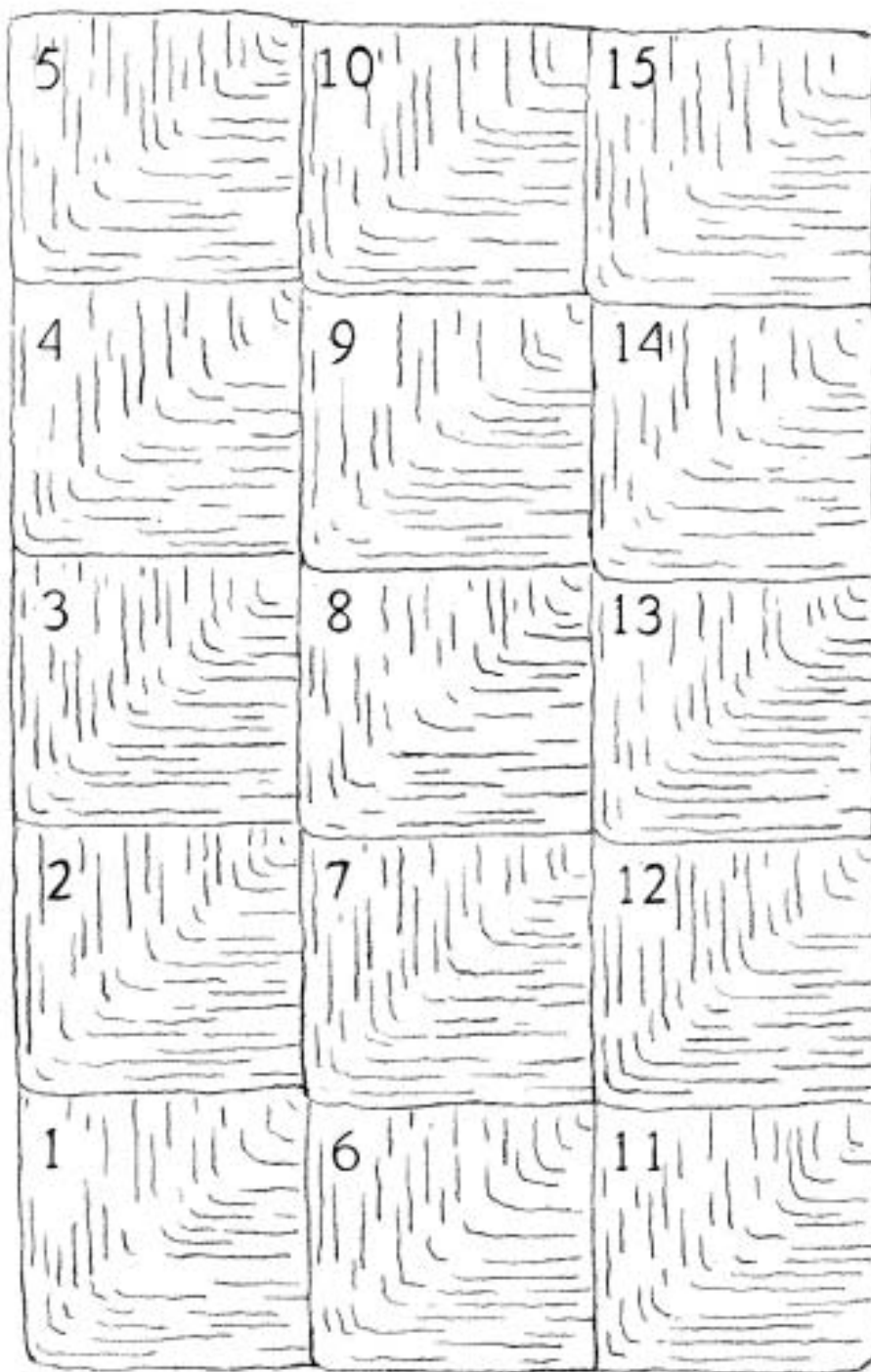
Square 11: With two strands of red, CO 21 sts using the backward loop method. Hold piece with RS facing and Squares 1 and 6 at the bottom. Pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 6—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square according to the color order for Square 2.

Square 12: With RS facing and two strands of aqua, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 11, pick up 1 st in corner, then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 7—41 sts.

Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 1 aqua, [2 red, 2 aqua, 2 red, 2 blue] 2 times, 2 red, 2 aqua, 4 light brown, 2 yellow, 2 light brown, 2 aqua, 2 red, 6 aqua.

Square 13: With RS facing and two strands of aqua, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 12, pick up 1 st in corner, then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 8—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 3 aqua, 2 red, 6 aqua, [2 dark green, 2 aqua] 2 times, 4 light brown, 2 gold, 2 light brown, 2 red, 2 aqua, 2 gold, 6 aqua.

Square 14: With RS facing and two strands of gold, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 13, pick up 1 st in corner,



then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 9—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 3 gold, [2 aqua, 2 red] 2 times, 2 aqua, 6 red/gold, 6 aqua, 4 gold, 4 light brown, 6 aqua.

Square 15: With RS facing and two strands of aqua, pick up and knit 20 sts along top edge of Square 14, pick up 1 st in corner, then pick up and knit 20 sts along right side of Square 10—41 sts. Work as for Basic Square in the foll color order: 1 aqua, 2 red, 2 aqua, 2 light brown, [2 aqua, 2 dark green] 2 times, 2 aqua, 4

red/gold, 4 gold, 2 light brown, 2 aqua, 10 light brown.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends. ∞

KATY RYAN lives in Maine where she enjoys the feel of a handknitted rug under her feet as she washes dishes.



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