

Openworked Diamonds



Gauge Swatch:

4st & 6 rows equal 1in in worsted weight yarn with a US 8 (5.00mm)

Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn
- US 8 5.00mm or needle to produce gauge.
- 4 different color stitch markers

Notes:

– This is gonna be the lace work month so let me give you a few tips & tricks.

- For every increase (yo) you will have to do a decrease to keep the same number of stitches. Realize that the decreases & increases may not be right next to each other. Sometimes they may be several stitches apart or you may do double or triple decreases to remove the “extra increases”. Though in this pattern you will do a double decrease but I have provided a video for you to follow & I promise once you do it once it is easy.

- When you ktbl on the YO you are “closing” the hole so that it does not show up. By twisting the stitch it closes the hole.

- I knit English style so my videos shows the English style.

Legend:

- **K** – knit
- **P** – purl
- **PM** – place marker
- **SM** – slip marker
- **YO** – YO {<https://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/yarn-over-english>}
- **ktbl** – Knit through the back loop {<https://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/knit-through-the-back-loop-english>}
- **k2tog** – knit 2 together {<https://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/knit-2-together-english>}
- **ssk** – slip slip knit {<https://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/slip-slip-knit-english>}
- **sk2p** – slip stitch as if to knit, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over **the double decrease I mentioned earlier** {<http://newstitchaday.com/slip-knit-two-pass->

double-decrease/**only thing on the video you will need to slip the stitch knitwise as per the instructions in step two of the video**

Instructions:

Cast on 36 stitches *I used long tail* {<https://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/long-tail-cast-on>}, *but feel free to use your own choice of cast on.*

I am going to show you how to do seed stitch which is my least favorite stitch.
{ <http://newstitchaday.com/seed-stitch/>}

Row 1 (RS): Slip first stitch purlwise with yarn in front, k1, p1,k1,p1, pm, *k1, p1* repeat * to * across to the last 5 stitches, pm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise

Row 2 (WS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, *p1, k1* repeat from * to * across to marker, sm, p1, k1, p1, k2.

From now on the first & last stitch will be treated as thus & no longer mentioned in the pattern:

RS: slip first stitch purlwise with yarn in front, complete pattern till last stitch.

With yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

WS: knit first stitch through the back loop, complete pattern till last stitch. Knit the last stitch as you normally would knit a stitch.

This will create a smooth edge that you will use to join the squares later.

Row 3 (RS): Slip first stitch purlwise with yarn in front, k1, p1,k1,p1, pm, *k1, p1* repeat * to * across to the last 5 stitches, pm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise

Row 4 (WS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, *p1, k1* repeat from * to * across to marker, sm, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 5 (RS): Slip first stitch purlwise with yarn in front, k1, p1,k1,p1, pm, *k1, p1* repeat * to * across to the last 5 stitches, pm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise

Row 6 (WS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, *p1, k1* repeat from * to * across to marker, sm, p1, k1, p1, k2.

NOTE: *This is the seed stitch bottom border. If you wanted you could continue this pattern & make a blanket, square, or anything. It is a pattern unto itself. I just hate the back & forth of the stitches. I prefer garter stitch (knit each row). We will continue the seed stitch up the sides & then do the top seed stitch border on the square.*

Row 7 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K3, k2tog, * yo, k1, yo, ssk, k5, k2tog; rep from * to last st, yo, k1, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 8 and all wrong side rows (WS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, p all the way across to the last five (5) stitches, sm, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Row 9 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K2, k2tog, * yo, k3, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, yo, k2, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 11 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K1, k2tog, * yo, k2tog, yo, k1, (yo, ssk) twice, k1, k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 13 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K2tog, * yo, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, yo, SK2P; rep from * to last 4 sts, yo, k2tog, yo, k2, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 15 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K1, yo, * ssk, k5, k2tog, yo, k1, yo; rep from * to last 5 sts, ssk, k3, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 17 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K2, yo, * ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k3, yo; rep from * to last 4 sts, ssk, k2, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 19 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K1, yo, ssk, yo, * ssk, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1, yo, ssk, yo; rep from * to last 3 sts, ssk, k1, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 21 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K1, yo, ssk, yo, * ssk, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1, yo, ssk, yo; rep from * to last 3 sts, ssk, k1, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 23 (RS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, K2, yo, ssk, yo, * SK2P, yo, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, yo; rep from * to last 2 sts, ssk, sm, k1, p1, k1, p1, with yarn in front slip the last stitch purlwise.

Row 24 (WS): Knit first stitch through the back loop, p1, k1, p1, k1, sm, p all the way across to the last five (5) stitches, sm, p1, k1, p1, k2.

Repeat rows seven (7) through twenty-four (24) 2 more times. This should give you approximately 8in (could be a bit shy or a bit longer). Then repeat rows one (1) through six (6) one more time. Then bind off using your choice of bind off. *I normally use a basic knitting bind off {<https://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/binding-off>} the first video for a square like this. Just do your best to keep your tension even.*

Side Note: stitch markers

If you choose you can put a marker at every pattern repeat that you do. In this square you will do two (2) repeats. I still use the green & orange marker to tell me which side is what & I try not to use those colors for any other markers in my project. I didn't put markers to show my repeats because the pattern is fairly simple & easy to read.

