

Pockets and Wraps Knitted on the Diagonal

Early loss babies are delicate and need a soft thin yarn, like 2, 3 or 4ply, in white or pale shades please.

Tip: So that the piece ends up being a right-angle square, use needles a size larger than is normal for you for the weight of wool you're using. This allows for more give along the row and you won't end up with a diamond shape, i.e. 3ply with 3mm needles.

How to Make Your Diagonal Square

Cast on 3 stitches.

Increases...

Next Row: K1, increase in next stitch (by knitting into the front and back of the stitch), Knit to end of row.

Repeat this row (every row Knit) until sides reach required length depending what you want to make.



Decreases...

Next Row: K1, Knit 2 together, Knit to end of row.

Repeat this row until 3 stitches remain.

Next Row, Knit 3 together, cut yarn and pull through.

The Diagonal Triangle

Cast on 3 stitches and increase as above.

When triangle is the size you require for a wrap or pocket (shown later), cast off loosely.

1: Angel Pocket for Tiniest Babies

Please knit a 4"-6" square as above, and a right-angle triangle with 4"-6" sides too.

Attach the square to the triangle using a decorative stitch or crotchet. Continue this decoration along all 4 sides and across the long edge of the triangle. You could sew lace or braid to join the edge if you prefer.



Thread 2 pieces of narrow ribbon or corded wool through the top edge of the triangle to gather-up and tie in a bow.

The motifs are optional.

Tip: when you finish working the square, instead of cutting the yarn, your next row will be: cast on 3 stitches and continue the triangle as before. The triangle stays attached and less ends to darn in!



Babies under 26 weeks gestation have fragile, sticky skin, so we add linings to these pockets.

We are happy to do this for you, just send them to Cuddles.

2: Wrap

This is a square blanket with a small triangular hood in one corner. It needs to drape nicely, so use any yarn and needles to make a floppy fabric.

Please knit a square as before, but with sides measuring 12" (30cm).

Then knit a triangle with only 3" sides (7cm), to form the hood.

Tip: when you finish working the large square, instead of cutting your yarn, your next row will be: cast on 3 stitches and continue the triangle as before. The triangle stays attached and and less ends to darn in!

Attach the small triangle (hood) to the large square in one corner. This can be sewn or crocheted together.



If you would like to add a pretty edge around the blanket and hood, please do, the one pictured is crochet.

Maybe add a pompom or bow or simply leave the hood plain, whatever you like.