

Hi, I hope everyone is well and keeping busy! Here are some knitting thoughts for today!

In addition to JOANN's offering free Curbside Pick-Up of orders (buy on joann.com, select Buy Online, Pick-Up In-Store, then call the store when you arrive), **Close Knit Yarns** in Midland Park is also doing the same thing if you'd rather stay local! They are taking orders by phone at 201-891-3319 or email, [closeknit@closeknityarns.com](mailto:closeknit@closeknityarns.com) where they will offer curbside pick up or free next-day local delivery. They ask you to please leave a message on what you need.

Jimmy Beans Wool is another good online place, and I saw they're offering free shipping on all orders through the end of March! [www.jimmybeanswool.com](http://www.jimmybeanswool.com)

Here's a beautiful baby blanket pattern provided by one of the members of our monthly Library knitting group that's been very popular! Guaranteed to be a big hit!

### Seed Stitch Squares Baby Blanket

This blanket pattern was designed to be a bit more challenging for the beginner, yet still easy enough to finish quickly. It delivers an adorable coverlet for boy or girl.

**Size:** Approx. Finished Size: 28" x 32".

**Materials:** 4 - 100g balls of Encore Worsted. Shown in blue and baby print.

**Needles:** 24" circular size 13, or size needed to obtain gauge.

**Gauge:** Approx. 2½ sts = 1" over pattern.

Use yarn doubled throughout.

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Using 2 strands of yarn held together loosely cast on 71 sts.

Work in seed stitch for 6 rows as follows:

**Row 1:** P1, \*(k1, p1), repeat from \* across row.

Repeat Row 1 for seed stitch pattern.

Begin working in pattern as follows: Keep first and last 5 stitches in seed stitch.

**Row 1:** (RS) P1, k1, p1, k1, p1, \*(k13, p1, k1, p1), repeat from \* 2 more times, k13, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1.

**Row 2:** P1, k1, p1, k1, p1, \*(p13, p1, k1, p1), repeat from \* 2 more times, p13, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1.

**Rows 3-17:** Repeat rows 1 and 2 -7 more times, then row 1 once more.

**Row 18-20:** P1, \*(k1, p1), repeat from \* across row.

Repeat rows 1-20 -- 4 more times. Work 3 more rows of seed stitch by working Rows 18-20 again. Bind off loosely in seed stitch pattern. Weave in all ends.

Here's what an in-process blanket looks like, in case you haven't seen it yet. I'm using one strand of Lion Brand (in acqua) and one of popsicle blue Bernat Baby Sport.



The Plymouth Encore Worsted yarn recommended in the pattern is on sale at LoveCrafts, [www.lovecrafts.com](http://www.lovecrafts.com). It's also available at yarn.com.

Lastly, when you take a break from your knitting or crocheting projects, here's a nice article from 3/19's NY Times on the benefits of walking. I really liked it and I hope you do too! <https://bit.ly/2JcdQfB>