

# Kay's Argosy Baby Blanket

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A very special Thank You goes to Kay Gardiner of Mason Dixon Knitting ([www.masondixonknitting.com](http://www.masondixonknitting.com)) for coming up with the idea of expanding the Argosy scarf design into a larger format. Since featuring it in several of her blog postings, she's had several requests for the pattern. Here it is with only a few minor changes from the original scarf grid. The grid is larger—more stockinette stitches between the columns of YO's and decreases and more rows between the right side purl ridges. The rhythm is still there and it's just as easy to memorize the pattern as you get going.

While knitting up her blanket, Kay came up with a neat formula that is great to use especially if another yarn and gauge is substituted:

*When you're at the halfway point with your yarn, that's the point where you need to start the decreasing part. For example, if you have 10 skeins, while working with the 5th skein, work the first decreasing part toward the end of that skein.*

If you are adjusting the pattern into a more rectangular shape, this formula won't quite work.

## Materials:

- Rowan Denim 100% cotton color: Ecru #324  
50 gms/93 mtrs.  
11 skeins
- US #6 (4 mm) needles
- Tapestry needle

## Gauge (after machine washing and drying):

18 sts x 32 rows in stockinette st  
(Gauge before washing is not available) See Note 4.

**Finished size:** 45 inches long by 36 inches wide  
(refer to schematic drawing)

## Abbreviations:

K = Knit  
P = Purl  
St = stitch  
SSK = slip, slip, knit these 2 sts together  
K2tog = knit 2 sts together  
CO = cast on  
RS = right side  
WS = wrong side

## PATTERN NOTES

**Note 1:** When casting on, always use the Knitted-On Cast On method. Note that this is different from the original Argosy pattern published on Knitty.com.

**Note 2:** A schematic is included. If a chart is desired, please email me ([vyvneel\[at\]sbcglobal\[dot\]net](mailto:vyvneel[at]sbcglobal[dot]net)). It's hard to get it to print clearly on letter size paper.

**Note 3:** Odd-numbered rows are RS rows & even-numbered rows are WS rows.

**Note 4:** This yarn is meant to shrink after washing. It is highly recommended that you work up a large swatch and machine wash and dry it to check the gauge listed above. The overall measurements of the blanket are not crucial but gauge is important for amount of yarn called for.

**Note 5:** Kay edged the finished blanket in her own patented © stitch technique. Refer to the Finishing section of the pattern for details on how to "Cro-Kay"-- no crochet hooks required!



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## WRITTEN DIRECTIONS:

CO 15 sts.

**Row 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16:** K1, p13, k1.

**Row 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 & 15:** K1, yo, k2tog, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 17:** K1, yo, k2tog, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (29 sts).

**Row 18:** [K1, p13] 2 times, k1, CO 14 sts (43 sts).

**Row 19 & 20:** [K1, p13] 3 times, K1.

**Row 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 & 33:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 2 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 & 34:** [K1, p13] 2 times, k1.

**Row 35:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 2 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (57 sts).

**Row 36:** [K1, p13] 4 times, k1, CO 14 sts (71 sts).

**Row 37 & 38:** [K1, p13] 5 times, K1.

**Row 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49 & 51:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 4 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50 & 52:** [K1, p13] 4 times, k1.

**Row 53:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 4 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (85 sts).

**Row 54:** [K1, p13] 6 times, k1, CO 14 sts (99 sts).

**Row 55 & 56:** [K1, p13] 7 times, K1.

**Row 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67 & 69:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 6 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68 & 70:** [K1, p13] 6 times, k1.

**Row 71:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 6 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (113 sts).

**Row 72:** [K1, p13] 8 times, k1, CO 14 sts (127 sts).

**Row 73 & 74:** [K1, p13] 9 times, K1.

**Row 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85 & 87:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 8 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86 & 88:** [K1, p13] 8 times, k1.

**Row 89:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 8 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (141 sts).

**Row 90:** [K1, p13] 10 times, k1, CO 14 sts (155 sts).

**Row 91 & 92:** [K1, p13] 11 times, K1.

**Row 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103 & 105:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 10 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104 & 106:** [K1, p13] 10 times, k1.

**Row 107:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 10 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (169 sts).

**Row 108:** [K1, p13] 12 times, k1, CO 14 sts (183 sts).

**Row 109 & 110:** [K1, p13] 13 times, K1.

**Row 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121 & 123:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 12 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122 & 124:** [K1, p13] 12 times, k1.

**Row 125:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 12 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (197 sts).

**Row 126:** [K1, p13] 14 times, k1, CO 14 sts (211 sts).

**Row 127 & 128:** [K1, p13] 15 times, K1.

**Row 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139 & 141:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 14 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140 & 142:** [K1, p13] 14 times, k1.

**Row 143:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 14 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1, CO 14 sts (225 sts).

**Row 144:** [K1, p13] 16 times, k1, CO 14 sts (239 sts).

**Row 145 & 146:** [K1, p13] 17 times, K1.

**Row 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159 & 161:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 16 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162 & 163:** [K1, p13] 17 times, k1.

**Row 164:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog, [p13, k1] 16 times (225 sts).

**Row 165:** [K2tog, slip st back to left needle] 14 times, k2tog, yo, k10, ssk, yo, [k1, yo, k2tog, k9, ssk, yo] 14 times, k1 (211 sts).

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**Row 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180 & 181:** [K1, p13] 15 times, k1.

**Row 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177 & 179:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 14 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 182:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog, [p13, k1] 14 times (197 sts).

**Row 183:** [K2tog, slip st back to left needle] 14 times, k2tog, yo, k10, ssk, yo, [k1, yo, k2tog, k9, ssk, yo] 12 times, k1 (183 sts).

**Row 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198 & 199:** [K1, p13] 13 times, k1.

**Row 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195 & 197:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 12 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 200:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog, [p13, k1] 12 times (169 sts).

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**Row 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213 & 215:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 10 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

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**Row 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234 & 235:** [K1, p13] 9 times, k1.

**Row 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231 & 233:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 8 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 236:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog, [p13, k1] 8 times (113 sts).

**Row 237:** [K2tog, slip st back to left needle] 14 times, k2tog, yo, k10, ssk, yo, [k1, yo, k2tog, k9, ssk, yo] 6 times, k1 (99 sts).

**Row 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252 & 253:** [K1, p13] 7 times, k1.

**Row 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249 & 251:** K1, yo, k2tog, [k9, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog] 6 times, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 254:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog, [p13, k1] 6 times (85 sts).

**Row 255:** [K2tog, slip st back to left needle] 14 times, k2tog, yo, k10, ssk, yo, [k1, yo, k2tog, k9, ssk, yo] 4 times, k1 (71 sts).

**Row 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270 & 271:** [K1, p13] 5 times, k1.

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**Row 272:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog, [p13, k1] 4 times (57 sts).

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**Row 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288 & 289:** [K1, p13] 3 times, k1.

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**Row 290:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog, [p13, k1] 2 times (29 sts).

**Row 291:** [K2tog, slip st back to left needle] 14 times, k2tog, yo, k10, ssk, yo, k1 (15 sts).

**Row 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306 & 307:** K1, p13, k1.

**Row 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303 & 305:** K1, yo, k2tog, k9, ssk, yo, k1.

**Row 308:** [P2tog, slip st back to left needle] 13 times, p2tog. Break yarn, draw through last st and pull tight.

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## Finishing:

On Kay's version, she decided to add an edging to help keep it from curling up (see photo at right). Here's the **Cro-Kay** technique she came up with, straight from the MDK blog:

*"After I bound off the blanket, I added an edging that mimics single crochet, but uses knitting needles instead of a hook. (Here's how it's done: Choose a stitch on the edge of the blanket. Any stitch. Pick up a stitch in that stitch, \*pick up a stitch in the next stitch, bind off one stitch. Repeat from \* ALL THE WAY AROUND THE BLANKET.)"*

If you choose to omit the edging there is the chance that you may not need the 1<sup>th</sup> skein as suggested in list of Materials. Consider this when making your yarn purchase in case you decide to return any extra yarn purchased or if you're working from your own stash.

If you do a search within their website for the word *Argosy*, look for the entry titled "Sending up the Bat Signal" for more pictures and wit to spare. Here's the website address again: [www.masondixonknitting.com](http://www.masondixonknitting.com)

I would also add that for most of my experience knitting this design series, the curling along the edges will block down with no problem. As far as blocking goes, I didn't find it essential to pin the blanket out to any specific dimensions. Block it the way you like best. I use an upright steamer and just lay the blanket on my bed and steam away, giving a little pressure at the corners with the steamer nozzle.

If you have any problems or find errors with the instructions please notify me and I'll try to get them worked out as soon as I can.

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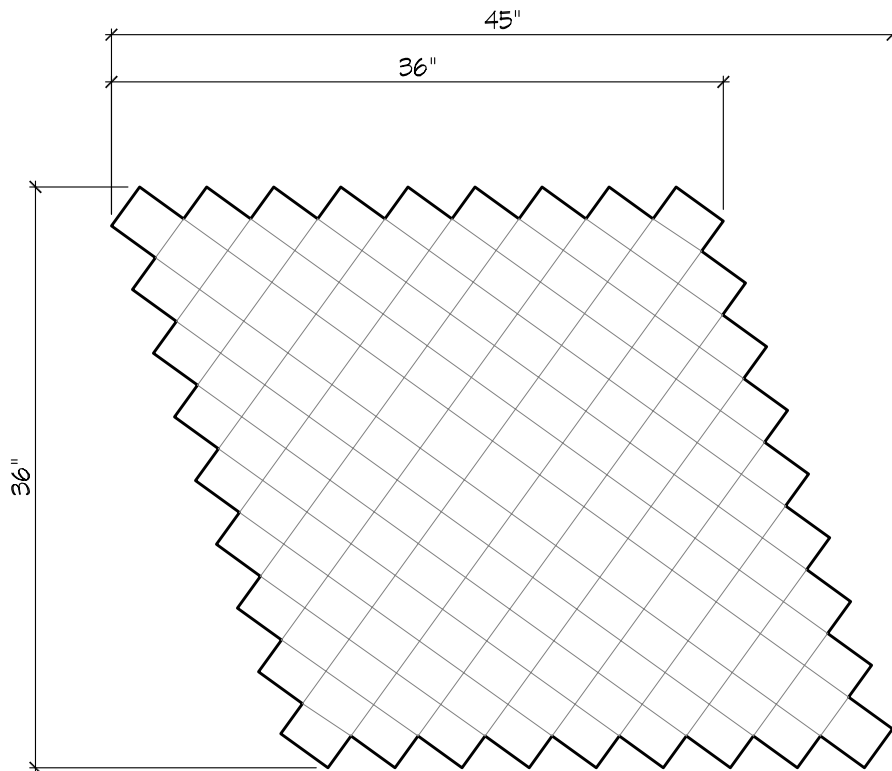
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