

Paint Horse Blanket #1



This is a cozy, easy blanket made from simple stockinette squares in a beautiful self-stripping **Noro ITO** yarn. Each square grows out of the one before. You simply pick up edge stitches and complete the square.

Many (but not all) of the edges will need to be sewn together using your yarn and a darning needle.

You can make the blanket as large or small as you want, from a throw to a California king sized bedspread.

Once you grasp the (simple!) concept, you can use any yarn you like and adjust the stitch count based on how you knit the yarn up into a square. All you need is the ratio of stitches to rows that results in a square. So easy, so adaptable to any yarn you fall in love with + full of opportunities for interesting color work + stash-busting!

You will need:

- **Noro Ito** yarn in one or two colorways. 1 ball is plenty to begin. You can adapt any other chunky yarn to this pattern.
- Size 10 circular needle
- Darning needle

Instructions:

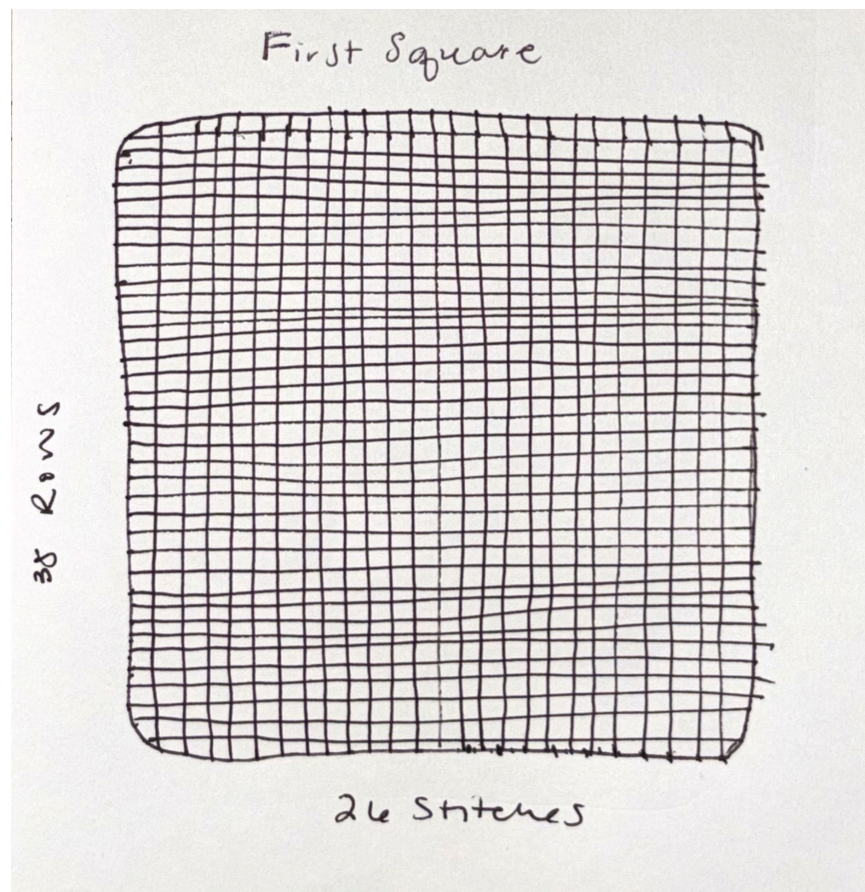
Cast on 26 stitches

Row 1 Knit, turn

Row 2 Purl

Alternate knit and purl rows (Stockinette) for 38 rows. You should have a square. Note that it may look rectangular because of the natural curl of the edges. You can stretch it wide on the needle to make sure it is pretty close to square.

Cast off.



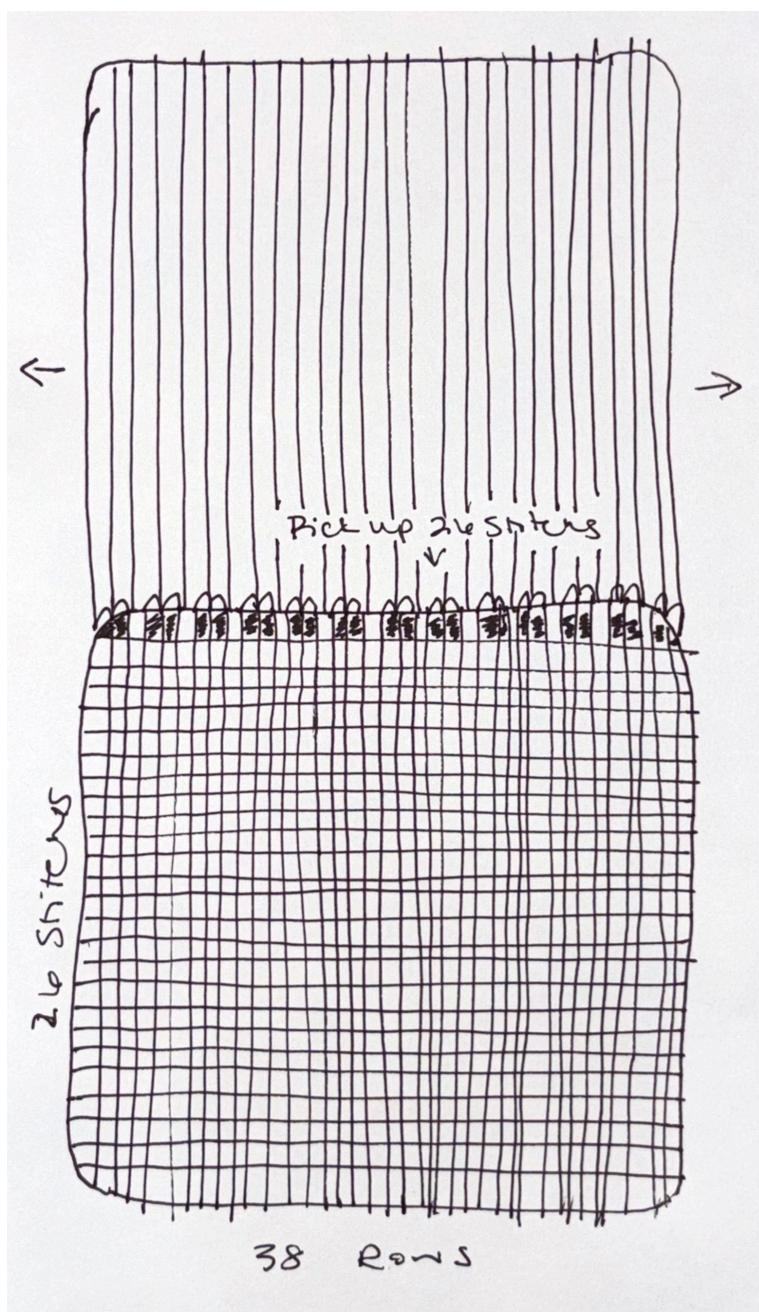
Flip your square and pick up 26 stitches from the long edge of your 38 rows as per diagram: Pick up two then skip a row, then 2 then skip a row ending with 2 pick ups. Before beginning in your second direction (second square), make sure you have 26 stitches! Try to be very consistent.

*picking up stitches from an edge isn't an exact science! Find 26 loops that are somewhat evenly spaced.

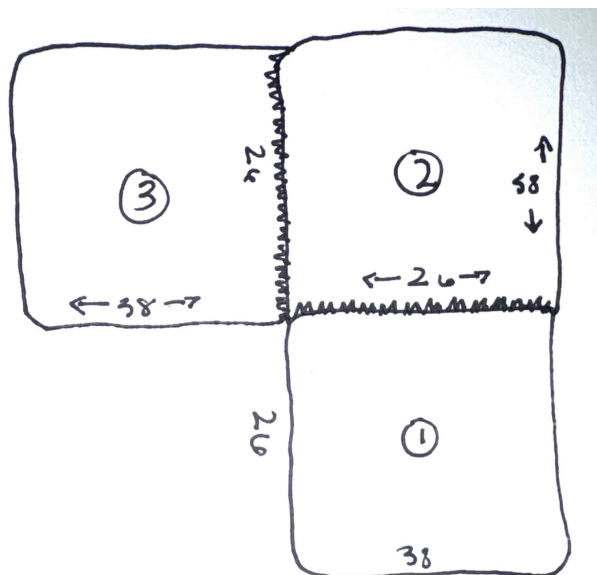
Now with the stitches you picked up on the knit side (smooth v's / knitted side) knit row 1.

Purl row 2

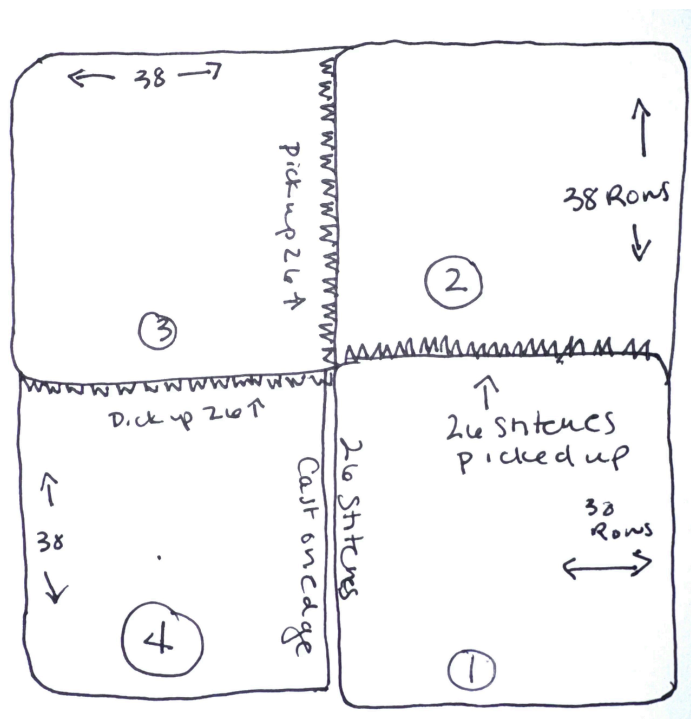
Alternate until you are at 38 rows. Cast off.



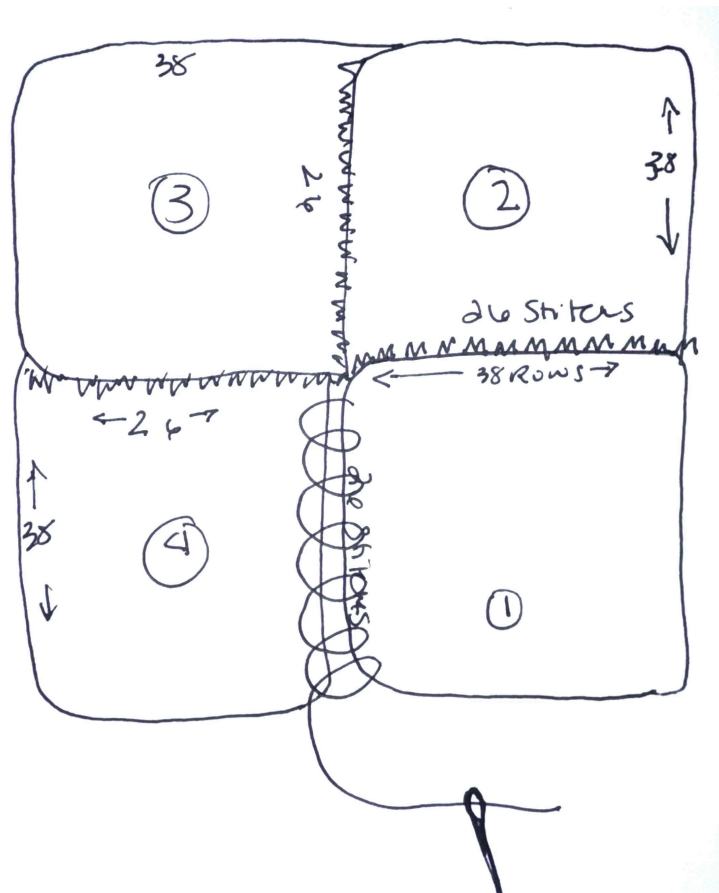
From the second square, pick either side to pick up 26 stitches from the edge (see the little arrows in the above illustration.) In this case, to demonstrate the growth of the blanket, we are picking up 26 stitches from the left edge of the second square.



Pick up 26 stitches from the 38 row edge of square 3, and knit 38 rows. Cast off.



There is now an open edge between squares 4 and 1. Use your yarn and a darning needle to sew the edges together.



From now on, choose any side with 38 rows to pick up 26 stitches and make a new square! Sew up any open edges as you go.

When the blanket is the size that you like, cast off and sew in your ends using the darning needle.

This is how it looks at 6 squares:

