

The following pattern is from 'The Little Girl's Knitting and Crochet Book', edited by Flora Klickmann, published in 1915.

A Dolly's Bedspread

'Cast on an uneven number of stitches, to get a piece of work the width you need for your bedspread. I can't tell you how many, because beds vary in size. Some are much wider than others. But the easiest way is to knit a small piece of plain knitting first of all, and see how many stitches go to the inch. Then measure your bed and see how many inches the bedspread must be. If it takes 8 stitches on your needles to make a piece of knitting 1 inch wide, then you will need to cast on about 80 stitches if you want your bedspread 10 inches wide, because 10 times 8 makes 80, doesn't it? As the number must be uneven if the pattern is to come right, you would cast on 81 stitches.

If you feel that the edging is a little too difficult, then you can do the spread without an edging. It is quite pretty this way though, of course, it looks still more handsome if it has the pointed border. If you do not intend to make a border, then you would need to make the bedspread 3 inches wider than it needs to be if you are going to add of a border later. The border is about an inch and a half wide, which makes 3 inches if you reckon both sides of the bedspread.

After you have cast on your stitches, knit 8 rows plain. The pattern is knit like this: Slip the first stitch, knit 4. Then bring the thread over to the front of the work and knit 2 stitches together; bring the thread over again and knit 2 stitches together; keep on like this, bringing the thread over and knitting 2 stitches together, till you have only 4 stitches left on the needle. Knit these plain.

Every row is worked like this. When the bedspread is nearly long enough, knit 10 rows plain and then cast off. This makes a very pretty spread as it is. But if you would like to make the lace to go round the edge, this is the way it is worked.

The Edging for the Bedspread

Cast on 14 stitches. Then knit the first row plain.

2nd Row—Slip the first stitch, knit 1, bring the thread over to the front of the work, knit 2 stitches together, thread over, knit 1, * thread over and knit 2 stitches together. Repeat from * three times (making four times in all), knit 1.

3rd Row—Slip 1, knit 1, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times (making 4 times in all), knit 2, thread over, knit 2 stitches together, knit 1.

4th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, thread over, knit 2 stitches together, thread over, knit 2 plain, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 1.

5th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 3, thread over and knit 2 together, knit 1.

6th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, thread over and knit 2 together, thread over, knit 3, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 1.

7th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 4, thread over and knit 2 together, knit 1.

8th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, thread over and knit 2 together, thread over, knit 4, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times knit 1.

9th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 5, thread over and knit 2 together, knit 1.

10th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, thread over, knit 2 together, thread over knit 5, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 1.

11th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 6, thread over and knit 2 together, knit 1.

12th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, thread over and knit 2 together, thread over, knit 6, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from 3 times knit 1.

13th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, * thread over and knit 2 together. Repeat from * 3 times, knit 7, thread over and knit 2 together, knit 1.

14th Row—Slip 1, knit 1, thread over and knit 2 together, thread over, knit the rest of the row plain.

15th Row—Cast off 7 stitches, knit 10, thread over and knit 2 together, knit 1. Repeat from 2nd row.'