

# The Toshstrology Blanket

*Knit & Crochet versions*

by Erika Krueger & Leanne Spinazola



Join us for year of hand-dyed astrological knitting and/or crocheting!!! The Toshstrology blanket is designed to be worked one month and one skein at a time using our 2016 limited edition Madelinetosh colors inspired by the zodiac! This pattern will be updated periodically throughout the year with progress photos as we add colors.

## Materials:

- Both Knit and Crochet versions:
  - 12 skeins of Madelinetosh Tosh DK – we're making our blankets using 1 skein each of our Jimmy Beans Wool 2016 Toshstrology limited edition colors. If you don't believe in astrology (or just want to use different colors!) you can make this blanket with 2700 yards of any DK weight yarn in as many or as few colors as you'd like!
  - Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Knit version:
  - US 7 (4.5mm) needles – we recommend a long (47"-60") circular
  - Stitch markers
- Crochet version:
  - US I (5.5mm) Hook

## Gauge – Knit Version:

- Approximately 18 stitches per 4"; 34 rows per 4" in chevron pattern unblocked

## Gauge – Crochet Version:

- Approximately 20 stitches per 4"; 6 rows per 4" in chevron pattern unblocked

## Finished Measurements – Knit Version:

- Approximately 49 inches wide and 72 inches long

## Finished Measurements – Crochet Version:

- Approximately 45 inches wide and 55 inches long

## Knitting Pattern Instructions

### Knitting Abbreviations:

st(s) – stitch(es)

k – knit

ssk – slip slip knit

yo – yarn over

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together

s2kp – Centered Double Decrease: slip 2 stitches together as if to knit, knit the next stitch, and pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch

### Knitting Directions:

CO 241 sts

*For a wider blanket that isn't quite as tall, you can cast on an additional 24 stitches*

**Row 1:** K1, ssk, k9, yo, \*k1, yo, k10, s2kp, k10, yo\*, repeat from \* until last 13 sts, k1, yo, k9, k2tog, k1

**Row 2:** purl all stitches, purling the YOs through the back loop as you come to them

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until your stripe measures about 6" tall, ending on a Row 2. If you are knitting a wider blanket, you can knit until you run out of yarn, being sure to still end on a Row 2.

Add the next color by attaching your yarn to the side opposite where you ended your last row. Knit Rows 1 and 2 as for the previous color (until stripe measures 6" tall), ending with a Row 2. Switching

sides for attaching colors will give you a completely reversible blanket with a bit of texture. If you prefer a non-reversible blanket with stockinette done on one side throughout, simply attach your yarn where you left off at the last color and knit Rows 1 and 2.

*If you use stitch markers, you may want to remove them on the final Row 2 before reversing so it's easy to add them back in per repeat.*

Continue knitting with each color as directed above until 12<sup>th</sup> color. After last Row 2 in 12<sup>th</sup> colorway, bind off all stitches. Weave in ends and block as desired.

Wrap up in your zodiac-tastic blanket and be warm!



## Crochet Pattern Instructions

### Crochet Abbreviations:

st(s) – stitch(s)

ch – chain

dc – double crochet

dcXtog – double crochet X number of stitches together

### Crochet Directions:

Ch 211, turn

**Row 1** (setup row): Dc in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook, dc2tog over next 2 ch, dc in next 5 ch, \*2dc in next ch, ch1, 2dc in same ch, dc in next 5 ch, dc5tog over next 5 ch, dc in next 5 ch; repeat from \*11 more times (total of 12 dc5tog points created), 2dc in next ch, ch1, 2dc in same ch, dc in next 5ch, dc3tog over last 3 ch, turn (209 stitches)

**Row 2** (stitch pattern): Ch 2, dc2tog over next 2 dc, dc in next 5 dc, \*2dc in ch space, ch1, 2dc in same ch space, dc in next 5 dc, dc5tog over next 5 dc, dc in next 5 dc; repeat from \*11 more times, 2dc in next ch space, ch1, 2dc in same ch space, dc in next 5 dc, dc3tog over last 3 dc, turn

\*Note that you will not crochet into the turn chain (the ch 2 at beginning of each row) of the previous row at the end of each current row

Work Row 2 six more times for a total of 8 rows (including Row 1) in the first color. If you have enough yarn to do another full row, do it! Just be sure to do the same number of rows for each color for consistency.

Attach next color and crochet Row 2 eight times.

Continue adding colors until the final/12<sup>th</sup> color. After last stitch of 7<sup>th</sup> repeat of Row 1, cut yarn and pull through last stitch. Weave in ends and block as desired.

Wrap up in your zodiac-tastic blanket and be warm!

