

The Toshstrology Blanket

Knit & Crochet versions

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Join us for a 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.

**Note: This first version of the pattern does not include the finishing directions for either blanket, but the stars will align for an update soon and the complete version of the pattern will be available in the near future!*

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 (4.0mm) 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

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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 217 sts

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 yo's through the back loop as you come to them

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the last full row you can complete with this skein, ending on a Row 2.

**Additional instructions coming soon!*



Crochet Pattern Instructions

Crochet Abbreviations:

st(s) – stitch(s)

ch – chain

hdc – half double crochet

dc – double crochet

dcXtog – double crochet X number of stitches together

Crochet Directions:

Ch 211, turn

Row 1 (setup row): Dc in 3rd 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 five more times for a total of 7 rows (including Row 1) in the first color.

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