

WELCOME BLANKET

2000 MILES OF WARM WELCOME



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WELCOME BLANKET CONCEPT

The proposed border wall between the US and Mexico is 1,989 miles. Imagine that distance re-conceptualized and re-contextualized: Instead of a concrete line **to keep people out**, what if lines of yarn became 3,500,640 yards of individual blankets **to welcome people in**?

Join us and **make a welcome blanket for a new immigrant** to the United States. Let's build a project of inclusion together!

HOW IT WORKS

1. Make a blanket (or 2, or 3!) Make it something you would like to receive, and about 40"X 40"
2. Write a Welcome Note!
3. Get blanket/note (by November 4) to:
Welcome Blanket
c/o Smart Museum of Art
5550 S Greenwood Ave
Chicago, IL 60637
4. Visit the Welcome Blanket Show starting July 2017 in person or online (WelcomeBlanket.org)!
5. Keep in touch & spread the word! After the show the blankets and notes will be distributed to refugee resettlement agencies. (Sign up on website for updates).

PATTERN

"Come Together Blanket" (40"X40" LAP blanket)

Materials: Universal Yarn Deluxe Bulky Superwash (100% Superwash Wool; 106 yd/97m per 3.5oz/100g)

MC: Red #936, CC: Cream #934, 6 skeins each

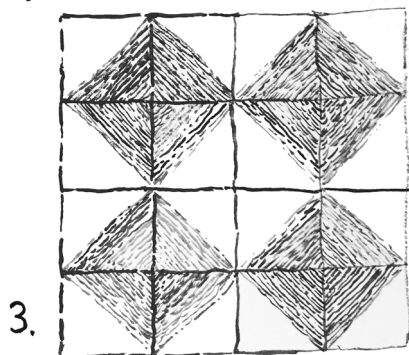
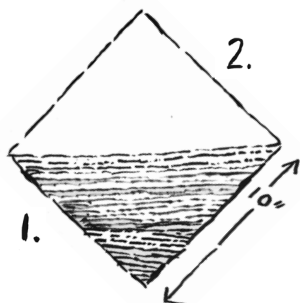
Needles: US 11/8 mm straight or size needed to achieve gauge

Notions: tapestry needle

Gauge: 12 sts and 24 rows = 4" in Garter Stitch

Make 16 squares:

1. With MC, CO 2sts
Row 1: K1, inc 1 (with backward loop), k to end.
Rep Row 1, to 46 sts (or 10" measured along right edge).
2. Break Yarn / join CC.
Next Row: K1, k2tog, k to end.
Rep last row until 2 sts remain.
Next Row: K2tog. Fasten off.
3. Finishing: Arrange Squares and whipstitch together
Neatly weave in loose ends.



WELCOME NOTE TEMPLATE

Your beautiful work and efforts are part of a larger public project and may be exhibited and used for publication. Assume all information will be published, unless otherwise noted. Please only include contact information you are comfortable with sharing. Anonymous is OK.

DEAR RECEIVER OF THIS BLANKET:
THIS BLANKET WAS MADE BY

NAME:

CITY, STATE:

HERE'S A STORY MEANINGFUL TO MY FAMILY'S HISTORY ABOUT
IMMIGRATION, MIGRATION, AND/OR RELOCATION:

MY WORDS OF WELCOME AND ADVICE ABOUT LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES:

BLANKET INFO:
DIMENSIONS:
YARDS USED:
CARE INSTRUCTIONS:
☐ MACHINE WASH COLD
☐ HAND WASH
☐ TUMBLE DRY LOW
☐ DRY FLAT

If you wish to share your contact info please do so on the back. It's an opportunity for the person who receives blanket to thank you. (We will not publish it- it's on the back!)

DOZENS OF SQUARE ASSEMBLY
VARIATIONS,
NOTE TEMPLATE OPTIONS,
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