

# Loom Knit E-Wrap Panel-look Baby Afghan

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The body of this blanket is knitted on the loom, and the border is crocheted around the outside of the knitted strip.

This pattern is a variation on the simple e-wrap pattern. By skipping one peg at intervals, the blanket looks like vertical panels, but is in fact worked in one piece.

**Finished Size:** Approximately 22 inches wide by 35 inches long.

**Materials:** The largest (yellow) round loom with 41 pegs, yarn hook, 14 oz. of worsted weight yarn, size H crochet hook. In the blanket pictured above, I used 2 7-oz skeins of Red Heart Super Saver, one in Turqua and one in Spring Green.

Always use two strands of yarn. This is very pretty with two coordinating colors, or combinations of plain and variegated yarn.

**Preparation:** In order to identify which pegs to skip for the line between panels, count off as follows. Count off 10 pegs to the right of the anchor peg, then mark the 11<sup>th</sup> peg. The anchor peg is the one small peg on the outside of the loom that sticks out perpendicular to the loom pegs. I like to wrap a rubber band around the top of the marked pegs. If you have removable pegs, you can simply pull out this peg. Now count 9 pegs to the right of the skipped peg, and mark or remove the 10<sup>th</sup> peg. Count 9 more pegs to the right and mark or remove the 10<sup>th</sup> peg. You will have 3 marked or missing pegs, with 9 stitches between them, plus the first and last peg as turning pegs only. Now throughout this pattern, those marked or missing pegs will be skipped each row.

**Cast On:** Start by forming a slip knot and passing this over the first peg to the right of the anchor peg. Use the e-wrap to wrap the yarn around each peg except the marked pegs, moving toward the right. If you know how to do the e-wrap, skip to the next section. If not, follow the step by step below.

**E-Wrap Step by step:** From the first peg, hold the yarn and go behind the next peg to the right, wrap the yarn around the back of the peg, along the right side of that peg, around the front (the

outside of the loom) and left side, and then to the back of the peg again (inside the loom), crossing the yarn and moving to the next peg to the right of the peg just worked. This stitch creates what looks like a small cursive letter e if you look down onto the loom from above, with the top of the e on the outside of the loom.

This piece is worked back and forth on the round loom. Once the initial cast-on is done on each peg around, you will be at the last peg to the left of the anchor peg. Rather than continuing around in a circle, you stop here and work back in the opposite direction. When working back and forth on the round looms, the first peg and the last peg are merely turning pegs, they do not end up being stitches in the blanket. They will form a neat edge along the sides of the work that looks much like a cast-off or a single crochet row.

**1<sup>st</sup> row:** Push the prior row's stitches down on the pegs to make room for this row along the top of the pegs. Working back toward the left, e-wrap the next to the last peg. This will feel backwards from the cast-on row, because it is the opposite motion. Take the yarn first along the back of the peg, around the *left* side, then around the front and right side, and again to the back of the peg, then move on to the next peg toward the left. Notice that the last peg only has one yarn on it, while the other pegs will all have two yarns. This is expected. You will have two yarns on those turning pegs only every other row. Continue to e-wrap all except the marked pegs, going left until you get to the first peg again (the peg to the right of the anchor peg). Make sure to keep these stitches above the stitches from the previous row. Using the yarn hook, start slipping off the cast-on stitches over the current row stitches, starting with the first peg and working to the right and around until you get to the last peg, which will have only one yarn row and will not be slipped this time.

**2<sup>nd</sup> row:** Working toward the right now, pick up the yarn, which is wrapped around the 1st peg already, and e-wrap the 2nd peg and each peg around (except the marked ones) in the same manner as the cast-on row. Slip the row 1 stitches over the row 2 stitches.

Continue in this manner until the piece measures 30 inches long. End with a 1st row so that the yarn is at the last peg, not the first peg, and all prior row stitches have been slipped off.

**Cast off:** Note that you must keep all cast off stitches very loose or the top edge will be narrower than the bottom edge. E-wrap the next to the last peg. \*Slip the lower stitch over the stitch just wrapped. Take the stitch off that peg and move it one peg to the right. Slip the lower stitch over the top stitch on this peg. Move this stitch one peg to the left. E-wrap the next peg to the left. Repeat from \* around until you have only one stitch left (when you get to the marked pegs you will have to move the stitch *two* to the left). Take the final stitch off the loom and put your crochet hook into it.

#### **Border:**

**Round 1:** Ch 1. Work 3 sc into the corner. Work a round of sc evenly along all four edges of the knitted strip, working 3 sc into each corner. Join with a slip stitch into the initial sc of the round. Working evenly may mean you put 2 stitches in each stitch around, depending on your tension, but work enough so that the edges do not curl or wave. For me it works best to put two stitches into each stitch on the sides, but on each end work just one stitch into each stitch plus 4 or 5 extra spaced across (about 44 stitches across each end).

**Round 2:** Ch 1. Sc in the next stitch. \*Ch 1, skip 1 stitch, sc in the next stitch. Repeat from \* around, but at corners do not skip a stitch between the 3 stitches at each corner. Join with a slip stitch in the initial sc of this round.

**Round 3:** Slip stitch into the next ch-1 space. Ch1, sc in the same space. \*Ch 1, skip the next stitch, work 1 sc in the next ch-1 space. Repeat from \* around, but at the corners work an extra sc and ch1. Join with a slip stitch in the initial sc.

**Repeat round 3** until the blanket measures approximately 25 by 35, but on about every 3<sup>rd</sup> row add an additional sc and ch1 at each corner, enough to keep the corners from curling.

You may keep adding rounds if you want a larger blanket.

**Last Round:** This is optional but creates a pretty ridge along the outside.

Slip stitch into the next ch-1 space. \*Ch 3, skip the next stitch, slip stitch in next ch-1 space. Repeat from \* around. Join with a slip stitch in the initial slip stitch. Bind off and hide yarn tails.