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celebrate the people, things and issues that inspire and challenge you

ABOUT SQUARE SHARE

In 2018, Kate Davies and Felicity Ford got together to design a collaborative blanket celebrating 30 diverse creative women in individual colourwork squares which were knitted by Melanie Patton. The process of creating the blanket was educative (as we researched the lives and achievements of the women we wished to celebrate and shared their stories with each other), self-interrogatory (as we reflected on our feminism and questioned its intersectionality), dialogic (as we collaborated with each other and challenged each other's ideas and processes), respectful (as we involved some of the (living) subjects of the squares in our creative process and thought very carefully about complex issues of representation) and uplifting (as we created work with the core intention of raising up and celebrating a wide and diverse range of creative people).

With the help of other colleagues (Tom Barr, Frauke Urban, Jane Hunter, Claire Leach and Sam Kilday) we completed work on our blanket for International Women's Day, 2019.

You can find out more about our blanket, its design, and those it celebrates at

balanceforbetterblanket.com

We now share the basic blanket square pattern and blank chart with you in the hope that you'll take the project forward in your own way: creating and sharing your own squares about the people, things and issues that inspire and challenge you.

This pattern—which is for *non-commercial use only*—is freely shared for everybody's benefit in the spirit of respectful and inclusive collaboration. Please make and share your squares in the same spirit!

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YARN

Use any yarn that you prefer. Yarn used for squares depicted was Kate Davies Designs Milarrochy Tweed (70% Wool; 30% Mohair; 100m / 109yds per 25g ball)

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

Gauge-size needle(s) of your preferred type for working small circumferences

Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Squares can be worked at any gauge.

Gauge used for the depicted squares was 28 sts and 36 rounds to 10cm / 4in over stranded colourwork pattern using gauge-size needle(s)

One square to measure: 25.5x25.5cm / 10x10in after blocking. Work a single square for gauge swatch.

Use 3.25mm / U.S. 3 needle as a starting point for swatching.

Select your chosen yarn and needles; design your square by colouring in the blank chart, and have fun!

INSTRUCTIONS

To make one square:

Cast on 192 stitches , place marker, and join for working in the round.

Knit 1 round.

Purl 1 round.

Knit 1 round.

Purl 1 round. 4 garter stitch rounds worked

Commence working from chart as follows:

Changing shades and working decreases where indicated, repeating chart 4 times across the round, work chart rounds 1-37. 8 stitches remain

Break yarn, thread through remaining stitches, draw yarn down through the centre of the gathered stitches and fasten off to reverse of square.

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