

# End-of-the-Cone Rainbow Blanket **EVELYNMCNABB**

This pattern was designed as a way of transforming those small amounts of coned yarn left over from other projects into cheerful, colorful blankets for Project Linus. Very little hands-on time or effort is required, making this an ideal charity project for the busy knitter! The sample pictured has the contrast colors arranged for a rainbow effect, making it gender neutral. Several shades of blues and greens for boys, or pinks and purples for girls would be very nice too!

## MACHINE

Brother 4.5mm punchcard or electronic with garter carriage. Level - Beginner.

## SIZE

68 X 85 cm/27 X 34 in. 178 sts X 370 rows.

## YARN

Small amounts of machine washable yarns in several colours. Yarns such as Bramwell fine 4 ply, Bramwell Roselan, Tamm 3 ply, or Tamm Sport work well. Choose yarns of similar weight and fibre content to combine in the same blanket. My sample was knit with Bramwell Fine 4 ply and tension 9. I chose a looser tension to build in more softness and drape. If using a DK yarn, knit at T10.. Finished weight, 200g.

The stitch pattern is divided up into two sections for colour selection.

### Section 1:

Row 1-10 of the pattern repeat requires approx 5g.

### Section 2:

Row 11-60 requires approx 28g.

## PATTERN NOTES

Stitch pattern is 24 sts X 60 rows. Punchcard machines, make card as shown, making holes for gray squares and leaving white squares unpunched.

**Electronic machines:** Download <endcone.pat> from Project Linus page at [www.knitwords.com](http://www.knitwords.com).

Collect and arrange yarns in a colour sequence that pleases you. I chose to do each Section 1 in the same colour throughout, however each could be done in a different colour, and 13 colours could be combined to create the blanket. The possibilities are endless! I do not use edge cams for most of my blankets and do not experience any trouble with the end stitches knitting off properly. Please feel free to add them if your particular g carriage seems to need them.

After the 'e' wrap cast-on, you will be knitting one row of stockinette. This row is needed so that when the pattern is finished, the g-carriage will end on the right, ready for binding off from right to left. If you prefer to bind off from left to right, omit the stockinette row.

**Punchcard:** To knit your 'e' wrap cast on and 1 row of stockinette, insert and lock a punchcard with a plain row (no holes) and proceed.

## BLANKET PATTERN

Punchcard machines:

89 n's each side of 0. K-carr, WY cast on, K3R. Ravel cord, K1R.

G-carr, MC, T9, 'e' wrap cast-on. Knit 1 row as in pattern notes for stockinette.

RC000, T9, begin pattern, K10R for Section 1.

RC010, CC, K50R for Section 2.

Continue knitting, changing colours every 10 rows, then 50 rows to RC370, ending with 10 rows of MC. Latch tool bind off loosely around 2 gate pegs.

## Electronic machines:

Knit as for punchcard machines with the following changes:

Program pattern as a repeat centred on 12-0-12.

After 'e' wrap cast-on, knit 1 row with memo or input button lit for stockinette row.

Continue as for punchcard machine.

## FINISHING


When the blanket is complete and off the machine, roll it lengthwise into a tube and stretch it to set stitches.

Weave in all yarn tails.



I have made dozens of similar g-carriage blankets with 100% acrylic yarns and this is my favourite way to soften and block them:

Machine wash, cold water, gentle cycle using a cap full of baby shampoo or other gentle soap. Tumble dry on regular heat cycle for 10-12 minutes, checking every 3 minutes to ensure the blanket isn't all bunched up as it tumbles. I just open the dryer door, take it out and give it a shake, then lay it back in the dryer and turn it on for another 3 minutes. The blanket will not be completely dry when it is removed after 12 minutes. Spread a bed sheet out on a table, or use a spare bed, and lay out the blanket nice and square, gently pulling it into shape. I do this at night and in the morning it is ready to go!

 After you have gone to all the trouble of washing the blanket before donating it, please let the recipient charity know it's been freshly laundered! They will surely appreciate that, as all donations must be laundered if in doubt.

*This pattern may be used for Project Linus and charity knitting. Please do not use for resale.*

