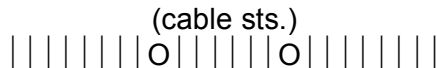# Homespun Cable Afghan

Yarn: Homespun – 9 skeins
Tension: T8
Panels: 7 (5 center panels and 2 edge panels)
               One skein will make 1 center panel.
               More is required for edge panels. I
               joined yarn in the center of a cable by
               unknitting edge sts. until I got to the
               center of the cable sts. Then I hand
               knit the stitches back using the new
               skein of yarn. That way the edge
               stitches are intact for latching together
               the panels.
Approx. Width: 54" x 64" (excluding fringe)

Center Panels: Double e-wrap cast on 12 needles
each side of 0 (24 sts.) Pull needles out to HP.

(cable sts.)
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Row 1:   Knit 1 row. Hang weights.
Row 2:   Transfer 4th st. each side of 0 to 5th st. each side of 0. Put empty needles
               out of work; knit 1 row.
Row 3:   Knit 1 row. Put 4th needle each side of 0 to HP.
Row 4:   Knit 1 row. Drop loop on 4th needle each side of 0 and push needles to
               out of work position. Pull center 6 sts. down to increase size of those
               stitches. Using two 3-eyed transfer tools, cross center 6 stitches to form
               cable. (I always put right-hand stitches to left side, the left-hand stitches
               to right side. You can do whatever you want, but be consistent.)
*Rows 5-10:   Knit.
Row 11:   Repeat row 3
Row 12:   Repeat row 4.* Repeat from * to *, crossing cables every 8 rows.
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Cable on rows: 4	148
12	136
20	164
28	172
36	180
44	188
52	196
60	204
68	212
76	220
84	228
92	236
100	244
108	252
116	260
124	268
132	276
140	284

Knit to Row 286. Pick up bar on 5th st. each side of 0 and put on 4th st. each side of 0.
Knit to Row 288. Put st. on needle 12 each side of 0 on a safety pin (edge stitch).
Skipping st. on safety pin, latch tool bind off around 2 gate pegs.
Make 5 panels as described above.

Right panel:

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        (cable sts.)   (cable sts.)
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Double e-wrap cast on needles 19 – 0 – 12
Row 1:   Knit 1 row.
Row 2:   Transfer 4th st. each side of 0 to 5th st. each side of 0 and st. on 13th needle on left side only. Put empty needles out of work; knit 1 row.
Row 3:   Knit 1 row. Put 4th needle each side of 0 and 13th needle on left side back into work.
Row 4:   Knit 1 row. Drop loop on 4th needle each side of 0 and 13th needle and push needles to out of work position. Pull center 6 sts. down to increase size of those stitches. Do the same for 6 edge stitches on left side. Using two 3-eyed transfer tools, cross center 6 stitches to form cable. Also cross 6 edge stitches to form cable making sure that all cables cross in the same direction.

Left panel:

Same as right panel, but reversed. Also, cables will need to be crossed one row later (Row 5, 13, etc.) in order to cross edge stitches. I set my row counter back one row so I could follow my chart for cables. My even rows ended with carriage on left. (Cables need to be crossed on opposite side of the carriage.)

Join panels by dropping the edge stitch on two panels, taking 2 loops through two loops, until the panel is joined. To join Panel 1 to Panel 2, make sure to begin with 2 loops from Panel 2, then 2 loops from Panel 1. To join Panel 2 to Panel 3, pick up 2 loops from Panel 2, then 2 loops from Panel 3, etc. See diagram below. (This keeps afghan from biasing.)

<pre>
Panel 1-X   X-Panel 3-X   X-Panel 5-X   X -Panel 7
        X-Panel 2-X   X-Panel 4-X   X-Panel 6-X
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Fringe:

Tension 10

Hold the right bottom edge of afghan to machine, right side facing you. Hang 1 st. on each of 2 needles right of 0. Pull needles to hold. Go to the left of 0 the number of needles that you want for the length of the fringe and pull out only these two needles to hold (I pulled needles 9 & 10). COR, knit 1 row. Take sts. off the 2 needles on the left and e-wrap them back on needles (on this row only). Pull all 4 needles to HP and knit 2 rows.* Pick up next two sts. on afghan and hang on top of 2 needles on right side of 0. Pull all needles to HP and knit 2 rows.* Continue pulling needles to HP until you can get weights on. Repeat from * to * until you reach the other end of the afghan. BO 2 sts. on the right and drop the 2 sts. on the left off the machine. Gently rip out the sts. that you dropped, pull out the loops. DO NOT CUT LOOPS. This yarn will fray. Lightly steam.