

*I bought the wrong yarn for the afghan I wanted to knit for my sister-in-law's birthday. Rather than admit my mistake and return it, I decided to take a chance and come up with something new. There is absolutely nothing complex about this throw - it is suitable for a beginner, quick enough for a weekend knit and not so interesting that it distracts from the television.*



## Happy Birthday Throw

### Materials:

5 balls of Wool Ease Thick & Quick  
(108 yards/98 meters)  
US Size 15 circular needle  
the circular needle is to  
accommodate the large number of  
stitches, a cable longer than 24"  
should work fine

Gauge: 2 stitches to 1 inch in stockinette

Finished Dimensions: 32" x 46"  
(does not including fringe)

### Instructions:

Cast on 64 stitches.

Knit 4 rows.

Begin pattern:

Row 1 (RS): K5, \*YO, K2tog, K2 repeat from \* to the last three stitches, K3

Row 2 (WS): K3, \*P2, YO, P2tog repeats from \* to the last 5 stitches, P2, K3

Repeat the two pattern rows above until the throw measures 46" (or length desired) from the cast on edge.

Knit 4 rows.

Bind off.

Fringe: Measure and cut 102 16" pieces of yarn. Attach 17 groups of three pieces along both the cast on and bound off edges.

Note: For a wider throw, add stitches in groups of 4.