

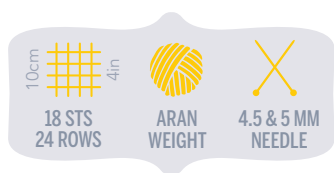
# CHECK MATE

It's hip to be square with **Rosee Woodland's** checked blanket and cushion!





# BEDROOM SET



## MATERIALS

- Yarn
  - 2 balls each of Hayfield Bonus Aran in Black (shade 965) and Croft Grey (shade 813)
  - 2 balls of Hayfield Bonus Aran Tweed in Magpie (shade 749) This is enough to make the blanket and the cushion cover. If you only want to make the blanket you only need two balls of Magpie and Black and one in Croft Grey. If you only want to make the cushion cover you'll need one ball of each yarn
- Needles
  - 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) circular knitting needles, at least 100cm or 40in long
  - 1 pair 5mm (UK 6, US 8) straight knitting needles

## YARN DETAIL

- Hayfield Bonus Aran
  - sirdar.co.uk
  - Aran weight
  - 20% wool, 80% acrylic
  - 400g/840m (918yds)
  - Machine wash at 40°C
  - £10
- Hayfield Bonus Aran Tweed
  - sirdar.co.uk
  - Aran weight
  - 6% viscose, 20% wool, 74% acrylic
  - 400g/840m (918yds)
  - Machine wash at 40°C
  - £12

## TENSION

- 18 sts and 24 rows to 10cm or 4in over st st using 5mm needles

## FINISHED SIZES

- Blanket: 75cm x 95cm (29½ x 37in)
- Cushion: 50cm x 50cm (19¾ x 19¾ in)

- Find abbreviations at [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)

A bedroom set that's definitely for him as well as her, these big chequerboard squares are real style pleasers. In a winter warming chunky aran weight yarn and a hint of on-trend tweed, let's all go mono.

## BLANKET

Make 20 squares in Black, 31 squares in Magpie and 12 squares in Croft Grey.

## BLANKET SQUARES

Using 5mm needles, cast on 36 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl

Repeat the last two rows 23 more times or until you have made a 20cm square, ending with a WS row.

Cast off. Seam together blanket following diagram, making sure stitches are running across the short edges and the rows are running down long edges:

## BLANKET EDGING

Using Croft Grey and 4.5mm circular needle, pick up and knit 2 stitches for every 3 rows down the long sides, and pick up and knit 1 stitch per stitch across the short sides of the blanket, making sure that you pick up and knit the same number of stitches for the two short sides, and the same number of stitches for the two long sides. As you work, place a stitch marker immediately before and after every corner stitch. When you have finished you should have four corner stitches, each with a stitch marker either side of it.

Continue working in the round.

**Row 1:** Purl

**Row 2:** Knit to marker, \*m1, slm, k1, slm, m1, knit to next marker; rep from \* to end of the round, ending m1, slm, k1, slm, m1. You should have increased 8 sts across the round. Repeat last two rounds twice more. Cast off purlwise, weave in ends and join in corner.

## CUSHION

Make 18 squares in Black, 24 squares in Magpie and 8 squares in Croft Grey.

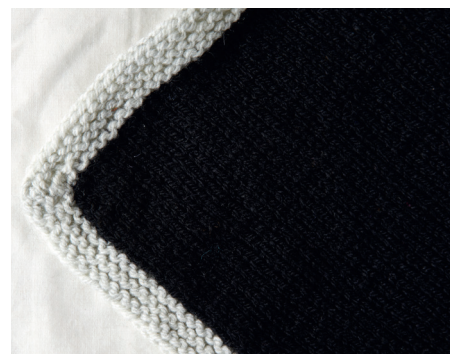
## CUSHION SQUARES

Using 5mm needles, cast on 18 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit

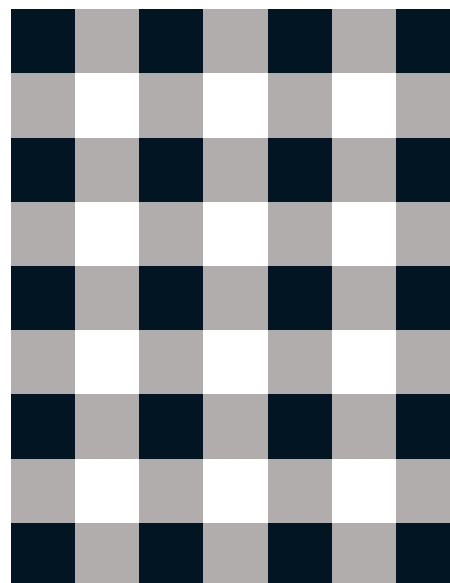
**Row 2 (WS):** Purl

Repeat the last two rows 11 more times or until you have made a 10cm square, ending with a WS row. Cast off.

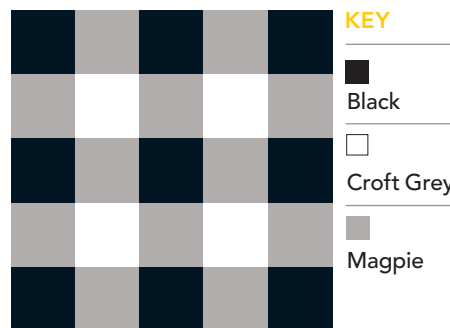


To achieve uber-neat edging cast off purlwise, weave in ends and slip stitch closed

## BLANKET DIAGRAM



## CUSHION DIAGRAM



Seam together pieces following diagram to make an identical front and back.

## TO MAKE UP

Using Magpie, with right-sides facing, and matching where colours change, seam three edges of the cushion front and back together, turn right sides out, insert cushion pad and slip stitch shut. 🧵