

Choose Your Own Adventure -- Block

This is part pattern, part game! I wanted to design something that had the element of chance in it, but didn't know exactly how to go about it. For weeks I turned this idea around in my head before stumbling upon the idea of randomly chosen lace "tiles" that fill in a chart. The result is something interactive, totally unique, and engaging! You can use the same completed lace chart and make an entire blanket, or generate a new chart for each square! Add more rows to make it larger, or stop sooner for smaller squares! Mirror the tiles for a more symmetrical look, or just let them be all willy-nilly if you're truly brazen. It's up to you, this is *your* adventure!



Yarn -- TBD Amount -- TBD Needles -- TBD Gauge -- TBD
(I used Knit Picks *Wool of the Andes Bulky* and size US 10/10.5 needles)

Pattern

Using the Disappearing Cast On method, cast on 12 stitches.

(What, you're not familiar with the disappearing cast on? Go check it out right here:
<http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2007/02/casting-on-from-middle-disappearing.html>)

This is, without a doubt, the trickiest part of the whole dang thing. In fact, I almost gave up on this idea completely when I was struggling with this cast on. But don't be afraid! Make like a nail and press on!

Row 1: *Knit 3 stitches, PM. Repeat from * 3 more times. (12 sts)

Row 2 (and all even rows): *Knit one, YO, knit to one stitch before marker, YO, knit one. Repeat from * 3 more times. (20 sts, 8 stitches increased)

Row 3-29: Work chart (see *Guidelines* below)

Row 30: *Purl one, YO, purl to one stitch before marker, YO, purl one. Repeat from * 3 more times.

Row 31: Knit all sts

Row 32: Same as Row 30

Bind off *loose-like*, for goodness sake.

Guidelines

Game Setup

This is the arts and crafts part of the show. Contained in this pattern are three pages of lace “tiles”, weird little boxes with hieroglyphics in them. Get some scissors (*not your mom’s fabric scissors!*) and carefully cut out each block along the double lines. Each page should have 7 rows and 4 columns of tiles. (Check to make sure you’re not accidentally cutting up last year’s tax documents)

Fold each rectangle a few times and place them into a container of some kind. I recommend a magical pouch or a fabulous hat, but a plain ol’, ordinary bowl will do if you have literally zero imagination. Oh look, now you’re ready to play!

Da Rules

What game would be complete without a few rules to bring you down? Beginning with Row 3, you will fill in the empty chart using tiles you draw from your magical pouch, tiles that you *just cut out* with scissors that were not your mom’s good fabric scissors. How you choose to fill in the tiles is up to you! Here are some variations... but don’t let these stop you from being creative and making up your *own* rules!

Willy Nilly

Pick a tile from the bag, and copy it into your chart starting at the **right** side. Repeat until you run out of spaces (just knit the last 1 or 3 stitches). Work newly-generated lace row! (this will result in 4 identical, but totally random looking quadrants. Maybe windmill/swirly designs? *Magical* swirly designs?!)

Mirror Mirror

Pick a tile from the bag, and copy it into your chart starting at the **right** side. Copy the mirror image into the tiles exactly opposite, starting at the **left** side. For instance, if you drew a *knit 1*, you would write in a **K** (or simply a dot) in the space all the way on the right, as well as the space all the way on the left. If you drew a *YO, / (yarn over, K2Tog)*, you would write in the symbols for **YO, K2Tog** on the right, and **SSK, YO** on the left. Keep filling in the chart this way until you run out of spaces (just knit the last 1 or 3 stitches). Work newly-generated lace row! (Naturally, the right side should be a mirror image of the left side, resulting in a symmetrical chart for each quadrant.)

Type A

Pick, like 5 or 6 tiles. Arrange them however the heck you want to. Write it down and work the row, you bloody control freak.

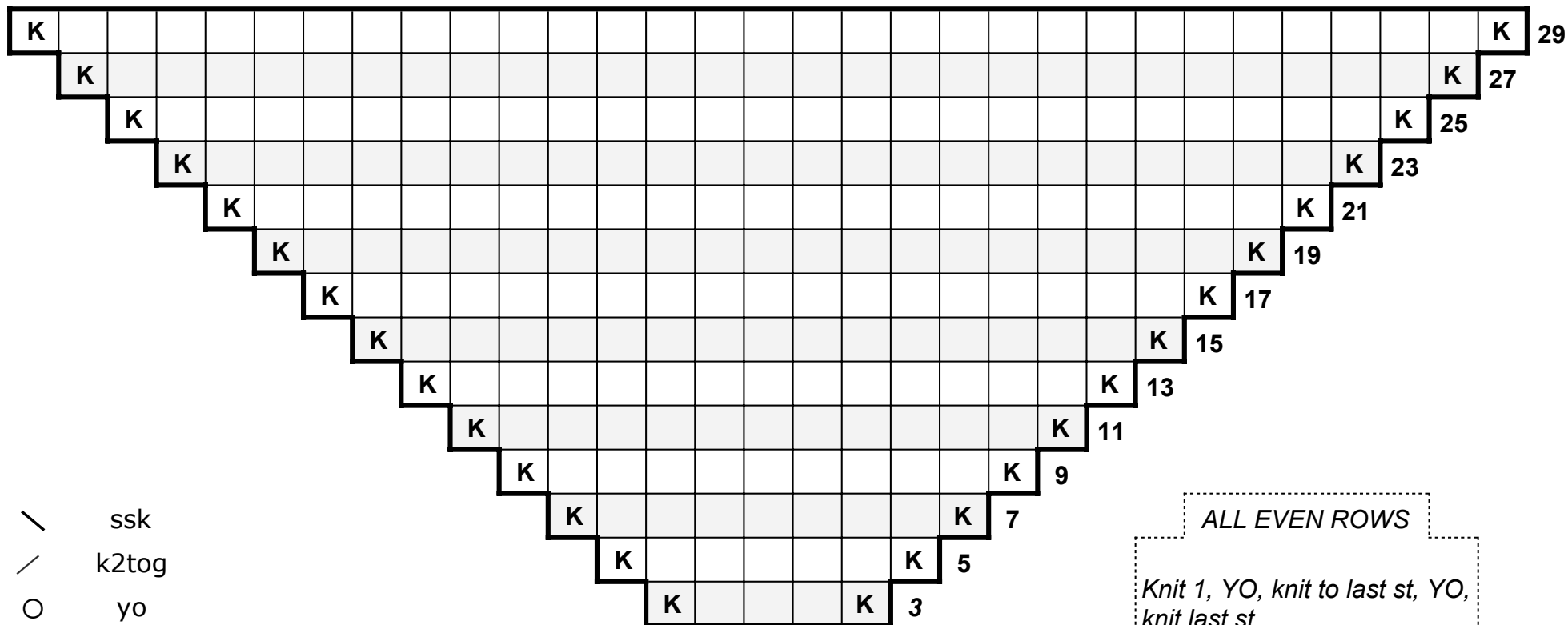
This Pattern Is Stupid, I Bet I Could Do Better Just Filling In The Chart Myself

Knock yourself out.

YARN

NOTES

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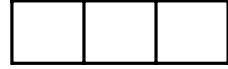


- ∖ ssk
- / k2tog
- yo
- sl 2 tog-k1-p2sso
- K knit

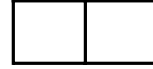
ALL EVEN ROWS
Knit 1, YO, knit to last st, YO, knit last st.



KNIT 5



KNIT 3



KNIT 2



KNIT 1



KNIT 5



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KNIT 3



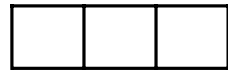
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KNIT 1



KNIT 5



KNIT 3



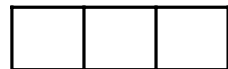
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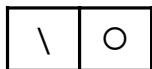
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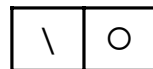
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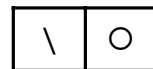
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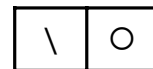
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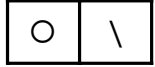
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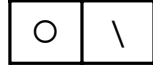
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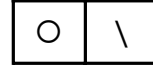
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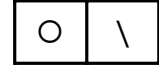
YO, SSK



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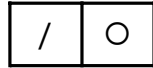
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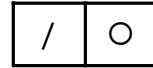
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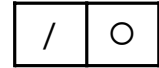
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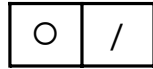
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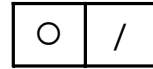
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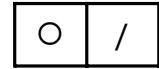
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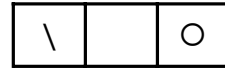
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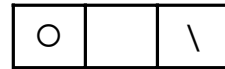
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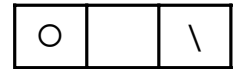
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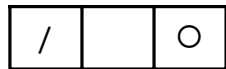
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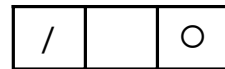
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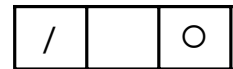
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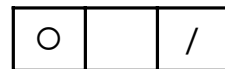
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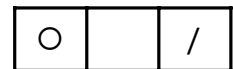
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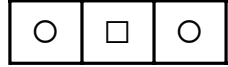
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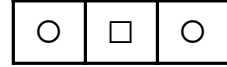
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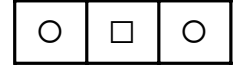
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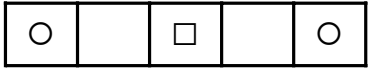
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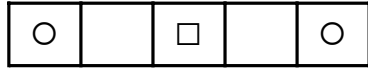
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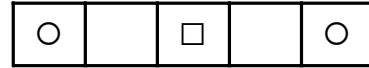
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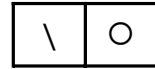
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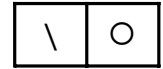
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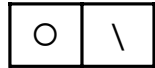
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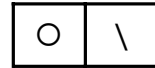
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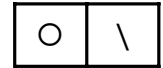
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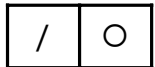
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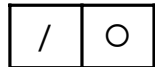
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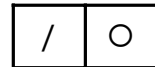
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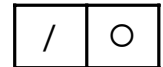
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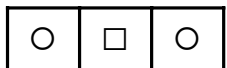
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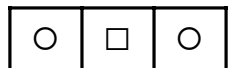
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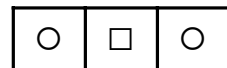
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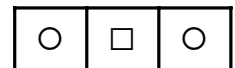
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