

#SeasonAlong Temperature Projects

Crochet Blanket and Knit Scarf

By Mikey and Marly Bird



THE PROBLEM

Temperatures blankets and scarves can be unpractical in the finished size. They can be huge as people assume all 365 days are needed.

Switch your thinking up to not be so overwhelming.

SOLUTION

Create a temperature project that is leading you to Christmas or a certain special date to capture the weather in real-time or use a different year's temperatures to speed ahead. The striping will be unique to your chosen region and environmental conditions.

SUGGESTED START DATE

Use 110 days as your goal. Depending on your schedule, you can follow through pretty quickly. September 1st to Dec 20 or Dec 22 to get it done before Christmas.

For the blanket, each day represents 1 day. For the knit scarf, Marly has a set number of rows in a sequence as knitting is more compact and requires more rows. You'll see Marly's sequence later on in this downloadable pdf.



MOTHER NATURE DECIDES

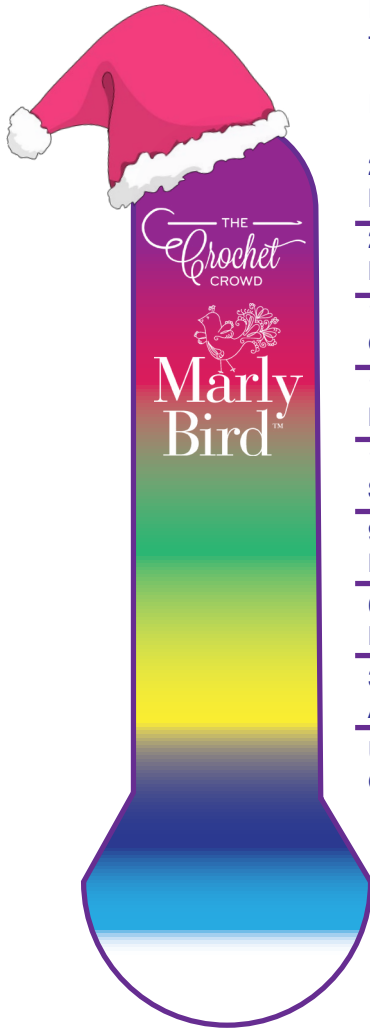
If you are like us, where it's hard to let 'outside forces' pick your colors, it's difficult to let things flow as they are meant to. We have a natural instinct to always have balance and uniformity of number of rows and colour line ups. Mother Nature has balance and predictability. It will create a natural gradient looking project.

Your neighbour a few towns over may have different temperatures than you, giving you a difference between their blanket or scarf compared to yours. Everyone's project may be different, depending on yarn colours and number of rows per colour will vary.

It's very unique and very giftable as a one-of-a-kind.



Example of Living in Nova Scotia, Canada



Celsius
Ranges -30 to 40 degrees

Fahrenheit
Ranges -20 to 120 degrees

Decide yarn and 9 colors. You can be creative and not follow a typical weather color too. You decide.

Mikey's Example is below. Each increment is 3 degrees.

24 Degrees and Over
Deep Violet ↑ Ensure this colour is used at least 7 times.

21 to 23 degrees
Purple

18 to 20
Claret

15 to 17
Dark Pink

12 to 14
Sunflower

9 to 11
Forest

6 to 8
Royal Blue

3 to 5
Azure

Up to 2 Degrees
Cream ↓ Ensure this number - goes below at least 7 times.

Let Mother Nature tell you what is next. You may see hot waves and cold waves and everything in between. Your afghan will be unique to you.

I have found this concept to be exceptionally addictive and motivational to see what Mother Nature has in store for me.

Steps To See Your Area

Use Website called Accuweather.com or to go further in history use wunderground.com.

Accuweather: Search Your Region, City or Town.

Then click Monthly in upper menu. You will be able to look back to last year to see what the temperature range was to make your scale. Mikey used September 1 to December 20th, 2021.

Wunderground.com: Type in location and click history and select dates in drop down menu.

Example of Someone Living in Denver, Colorado



Decide yarn and 9 colors. You can be creative and not follow a typical weather color too. You decide.

Marly's Example is below. Each increment is 8 degrees.

84 and Over
Color A

Ensure this colour is used at least 7 times.

76 to 83
Color B

68 to 75
Color C

This is Denver, Colorado matching Marly's home state.

60 to 67
Color D

Marly was married on December 22, 2011 and wanted to start her date on Sept 1 to December 22 to match.

52 to 59
Color E

44 to 51
Color F

36 - 43
Color G

28 to 35
Color H

Up to 27 Degrees
Color I

Ensure this number - goes below at least 7 times.

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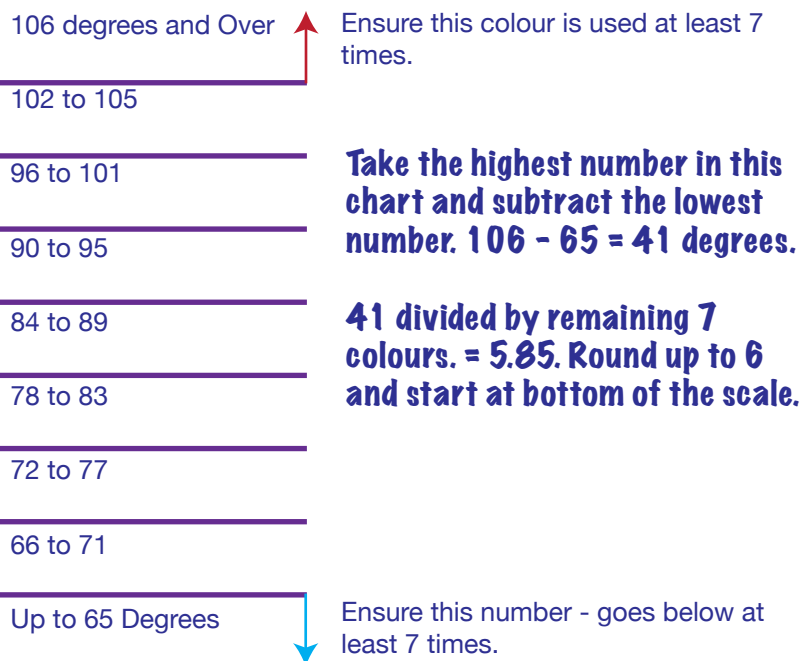
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Example of Someone Living in Pheonix Arizona



Shown in Fahrenheit. September 1 to Dec 20, 2021.
Examine the weather from Accuweather from last year.



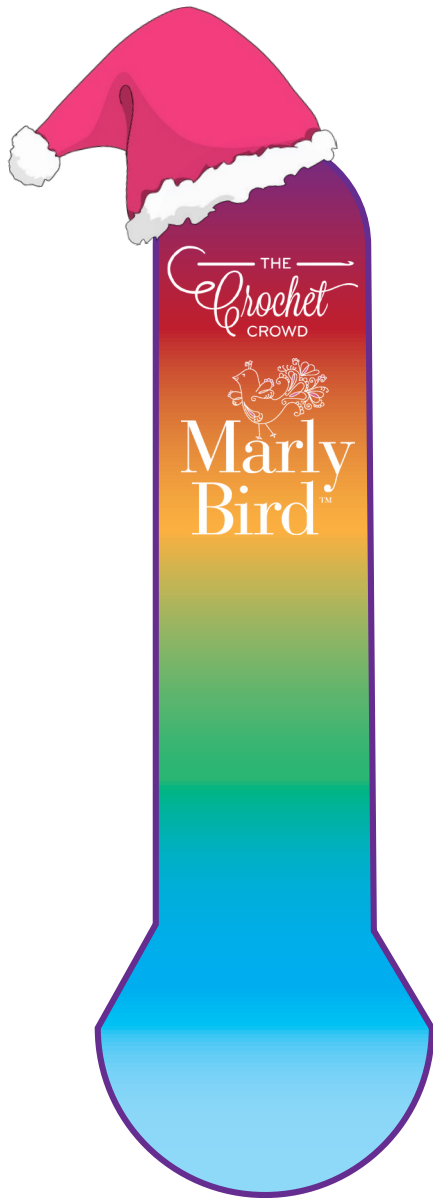
Even warmer temperatures can have a temperature blanket. Your scale is unique to your area and decided by you.

Many people assume living in a warmer climate is all red or purple, but just adapt the scale to your average weather because what is cold for you, may be really warm for someone who lives in a colder climate.

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Fahrenheit
Ranges -20 to 120 degrees

Create Your Own Temperature Scale



Add as many colors as you wish.

Celcius
Ranges -30 to 40 degrees

Fahrenheit
Ranges -20 to 120 degrees

Set Your Own Temps Here

Month _____

Record Temp





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Month _____

Record Temp





Crochet Study of Temperature Blanket

Designed by [Mikey](#)

GAUGE 13 sc and 14 rows = 4 ins [10 cm]

Blanket Approx 50" [127 cm] wide x 50" [127 cm] long.

HOOK 5.5 mm / I/9

Caron One Pound, 454g / 16 oz, 742 meters / 812 yards

A - Deep Violet
B - Purple
C - Claret
D - Dark Pink
E - Sunflower
F - Forest
G - Royalty
H - Azure
I - Cream

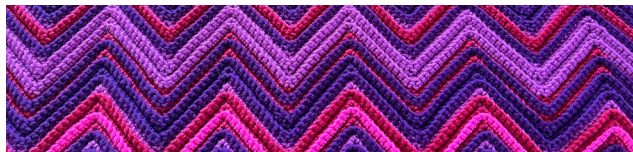
Amount of yarn per colour will depend on the weather.

ABBREVIATIONS

Beg = Beginning
Rep = Repeat
RS = Right side
Sc = Single crochet
Scblo = Single crochet back loop only
St(s) = Stitch(es)

NOTES

- This afghan has 9 chevron waves across. Each multiple of 27 chains creates one chevron that is approximately 5.5" [14 cm].
- Each 30 days equals approximately 10" [25.5 cm]. If you want longer, either add more to the beginning and ending or just add another month(s) of temperatures into the blanket.
- To change the width, **multiples are 27 chs + 2.**



BLANKET

With the hottest temp, ch 245. (multiples of 27 chs + 2)

1st row: (RS). 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook. *1 sc in each of next 12 ch. Skip each of next 2 ch. 1 sc in each of next 12 sc. 3 sc in next ch. Rep from * 7 times more. 1 sc in each of next 12 ch. Skip each of next 2 ch. 1 sc in each of next 12 ch. 2 sc in last ch. Turn. 9 chevron peaks.

2nd row: Ch 1. 2 scblo in first st. *1 scblo in each of next 12 sts. Skip each of next 2 sts. 1 scblo in each of next 12 sts. 3 scblo in next st. Rep from * 7 times more. 1 scblo in each of next 12 sts. Skip each of next 2 sts. 1 scblo in each of next 12 sts. 2 scblo in last st. Turn.

Rep 2nd row 18 more times before beginning daily temperatures.

Daily Temperatures Notes

- Continue to repeat 2nd row and change colours following the temperature you have recorded. Some days may be in the same colour from day to day. I wouldn't fasten off if you are going to continue the same colour. If you are doing this in real-time, you may want to let a few days go by.
- You can see the temps and plan if working from a previous year to speed ahead.
- Cycle from September 1st to December 20th.
- One Dec 20th is finished. Complete another 20 rows with the coldest temperature.

When complete, fasten off and weave in ends.



Capricious Temperature Knit Scarf

Designed by [Marly Bird](#)

The idea is that instead of using an entire calendar year to make a blanket or scarf, we are shortening up the time frame and the project.

I'm partnering up with The Crochet Crowd for this project. Mikey is doing a crochet blanket and I am doing a knit scarf/cowl.

For the knit scarf, use 112 days as the stitch repeat will balance - Sept. 1 to Dec 22. The knitter/crocheter can choose any date they wish for their days!

Knit sample used the time from Sept. 1 - Dec 22, 2001 because that was when I got married (*anniversary is Dec 22, 2001*). Location is Denver, CO.

Use the temperatures for the location you wish to plot out your colors.

Sample Color Breakdown with 9 colors:

See Colorado Temperature Worksheet for Marly's color breakdown.

The main body of the piece uses a Tuck Stitch (see [Video Tutorials](#)) pattern called Blister Stitch. You will alternate working 2 rows for one day and 4 rows for the next in order to maintain the color pattern.

The 5 setup rows at the beginning, as well as Row 1 of Blister Stitch, are worked in Day-1 color.

Row 1: Day 1

Rows 2-5: Day 2

Rows 6 & 7: Day 3

Rows 8-11: Day 4

Rows 12 & 13: Day 5

Rows 14-17: Day 6 **And so on.**

The 5 final rows are worked in the same color as the last Blister Stitch pattern row.

You can use any needles, any yarn, and any colors. Not to mention, you can make it as colorful as you wish by sectioning off the temperatures and colors as needed.



MATERIALS

Yarn - Any yarn in enough colors for your chosen temperature sections.

Sample used 9 various colors of **O'Go Colorama** (100% acrylic, 228 yds / 208 m, 6½ oz / 180 g, CYCA# 5 bulky).

4 - O'Gos and separated out the individual colors within the colorways to get what I needed.

NEEDLES

Any size appropriate for the yarn you are using.

Sample used size US 10 [6mm].

NOTIONS Yarn needle, removable stitch markers, crochet hook (for fringes, optional).

MEASUREMENTS Sample measures 8½" [21.5 cm] wide and 56" [142 cm] long not including fringe

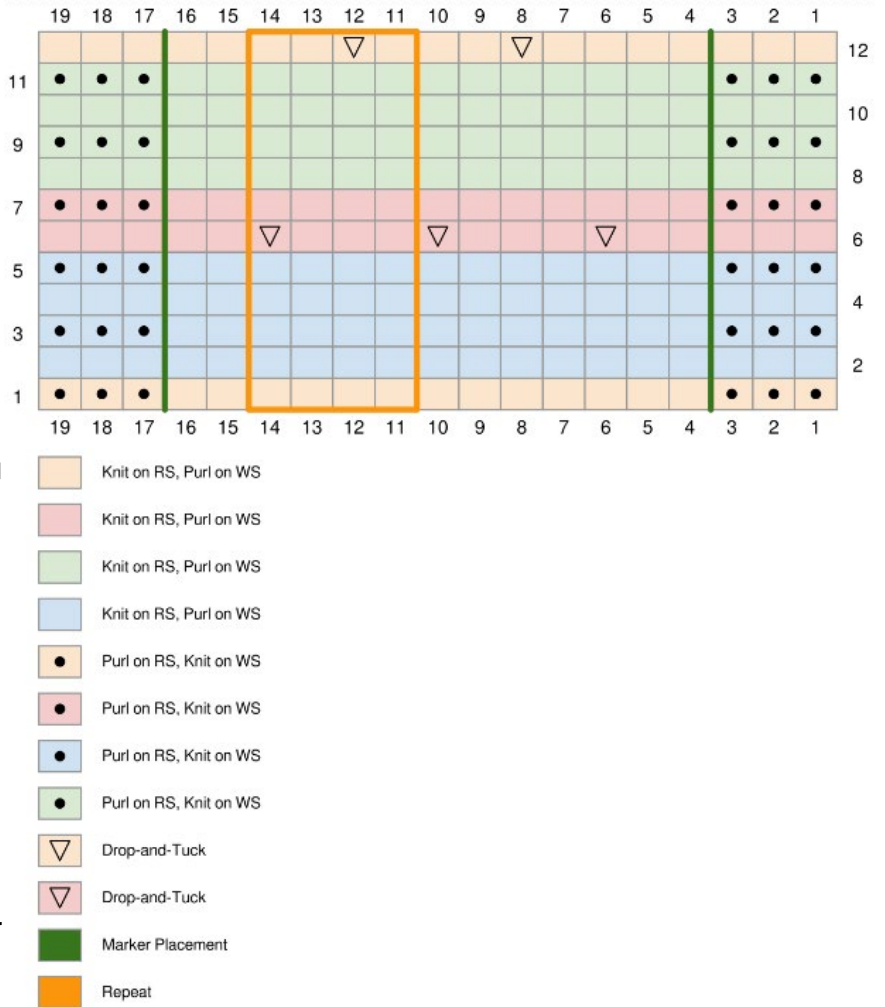
GAUGE 12 sts = 4" [10 cm] in Blister Check Stitch

NOTES

- The pattern includes 3 stitches at the beginning and end which are kept in garter st.
- If you wish to increase the garter side stitch count, do that at any multiple but keep both sides the same number.
- The overall stitch multiple of the **Blister Check stitch is 4+1**, this has already been accounted for in the overall cast on number. Therefore, if you wish to alter the stitch count: **For bulkier yarns**, cast on fewer stitches in multiple of 4. **For skinnier yarns**, cast on some more in multiple of 4.
- If you change the stitch count, keep the stitches outside the markers the same. Only the stitches in the body the pattern changed adding or removing stitch multiples.

ABBREVIATIONS

K - Knit
 P - Purl
 RS - Right Side
 St(s) - Stitch(es)
 WS - Wrong Side



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SPECIAL STITCHES

M1 (Make 1 Increase): With tip of left-hand needle, pick up the horizontal strand between sts from front to back. Knit this strand through the back leg, twisting it into a loop in the process.

Drop and Tuck: Drop next st off the needle, knit this st 5 rows below while allowing the 4 sts above it (from the last 4 rows worked) to unravel (see Video Tutorials).

SCARF

With your Day-1 color, cast on 25 sts (to change count see note).

GARTER STITCH EDGE

Setup Rows 1-4: Knit.

Setup Row 5 (RS): K3, place marker, M1, knit to last 3 sts, M1, place marker, k3 — 2 sts increased, 27 sts total on sample.

BLISTER STITCH BEGINS

Row 1 (WS): K3, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k3.

Change colors to the next day in your sequence.

Row 2 (RS): Knit.

Row 3: K3, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, k3.

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: K3, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, k3.

Change colors to the next day in your sequence.

Row 6 (RS): K3, slip marker, k2, * Drop-and-Tuck next st, k3; repeat from * to last 3 sts before marker, Drop-and-Tuck next st, k2, slip marker, K3.

Row 7: K3, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, k3.

Change colors to the next day in your sequence.

Row 8 (RS): Knit.

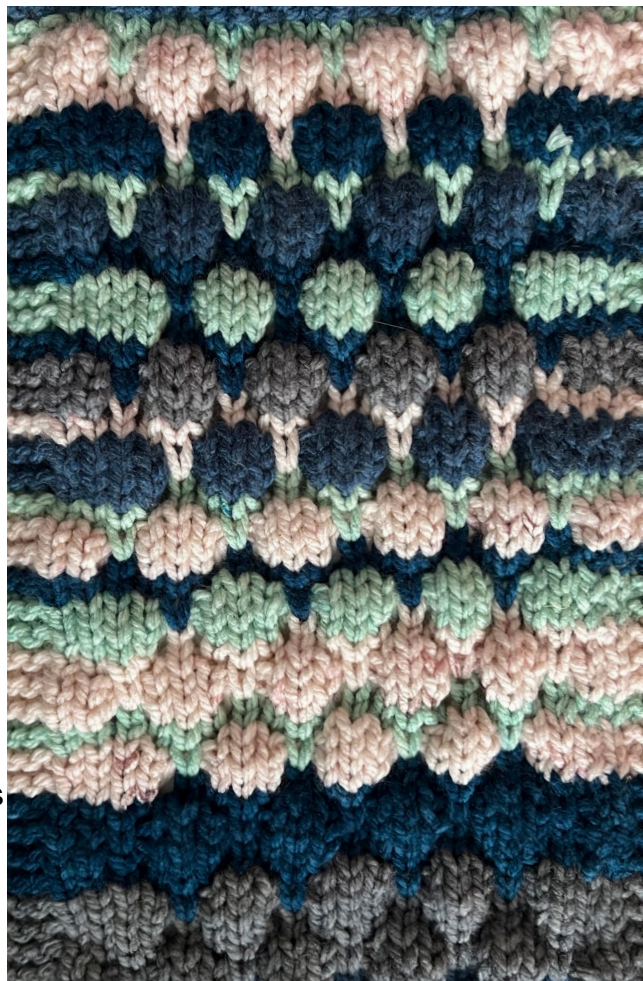
Row 9: K3, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, k3.

Row 10: Knit.

Row 11: K3, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, k3.

Change colors to the next day in your sequence.

Row 12 (RS): K3, slip marker, k4, * Drop-and-Tuck next st, k3 repeat from * to last st before mark-



er, k1, slip marker, k3.

Row 13 (WS): K3, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k3.

Note: Row 13 is really just row 1. To eliminate confusion, made a row 13 in the written directions. However, on the chart there is not a row 13 and that is because it is row 1.

Repeat rows 2-13 until you have worked through your chosen dates, or to desired length (the sample is 56" [142 cm] long), ending after a Row 12 of Blister Stitch.

Note: For matching short-edges, work this last Row 12 in the same color as the first color of the Scarf.

GARTER STITCH EDGE

Final Row 1 (decrease row, WS): K3, slip marker, p2tog, purl to last 2 sts before next marker, p2tog, slip marker, k3 - 2 sts decreased, 25 sts remain on sample.

Final Rows 2-5: Knit.

Bind off all sts knitwise.

OPTIONAL FINISHING

Create a Fringe for every other stitch at short end of the Scarf as follows:

Cut five 12" [30.5 cm] strands of yarn in desired colors.

Hold the five strands together and fold at center. Use crochet hook to pull folded center of Fringe through edge st of Scarf, then pull ends of Fringe through the resulting loop, and pull until tight.

Trim evenly after all Fringes are attached.

Scarf - Weave in all loose ends.

