## WAVING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

This afghan is intended to be knitted in 3 colors/stripes, of patriotic red white and blue worsted weight yarn. Use Size 9-10 needles, app. 29" circular. Gauge isn't important, except that it is preferred to keep the fabric loose and comfortable and not too tight.

Finished Size: $40 \times 60$
The Pattern:
Cast on 162 stitches with red yarn.
Set-up Row: K4, K2 tog, K3, YO, K1, YO, K3, *K2 tog twice, K3, YO, K1, YO, K3, repeat from * across to last 6 stitches, K2 tog, K4.

Row 1: K4, purl across to last 4 stitches, K4.
Row 2: Knit across.

Row 3: K4, K2 tog, K3, YO, K1, YO, K3, *K2 tog twice, K3, YO, K1, YO, K3; repeat from * across to last 6 stitches, K2 tog, K4.

Repeat Rows 1-3 a total of four times with red yarn. Attach white yarn, cut red yarn, and repeat Rows 13 four times with white yarn. Attach blue yarn, cut white yarn, and repeat Rows 1-3 four times with blue.

Continue this pattern, alternating colors to make red, white and blue stripes, until appropriate length is reached, ending by working Row2.

Bind off in pattern. Weave in ends.

Cast on 3 stitches.
Row 1: $\quad$ Knit 1, kfb, knit 1.
Row 2: Knit 1, kfb, knit 2.
Row 3: Knit 2, YO, knit to end of row.
Row 4: Knit 2, YO, knit to end of row.
Continue until each side equals approximately 36 inches. Then begin decreasing.

Decrease Row 1: Knit 1, knit 2 tog, YO, knit 2 tog, knit to end of row.
Decrease Row 2: Knit 1, knit 2 tog, YO, knit 2 tog, knit to end of row.
Continue until 3 stitches remain. Bind off.

