



Assembling knitted squares into rugs for Kogo

Desired size about 1.1 – 1.2 m width by 0.75- 0.8m depth - needs to be big enough to tuck into side of mattress. If short on all or either side, you can increase width with crocheted or knitted edge.

For medium size squares 7 x 5 is generally sufficient
For small squares 8 x 6 squares
For large squares 6 x 4 or 5 x 4

The packs will be generally put together for you. You will generally find a few extra squares in the pack as spares.

We try to assemble all wool or synthetic but sometimes it is difficult to tell the type of yarn by feel so you may find a few stray yarn types in the pack. **Our aim is to ensure the rug will look attractive as well as being warm for the recipient.**

Hints for assembly

Lay out squares to get an idea of best pattern – ideal setup is to have a place where you can leave the squares laid out as you work on them. If not, pin into strips.

Sew in strips and then assemble strips. It is best to use a mattress stitch with both ends of the sewing yarn firmly anchored. Knotted ends are likely to pull through and the whole seam will disappear.

Make sure the seam is on the back, ideally you shouldn't see joining yarn from the front. Reinforce the joining of corners of squares as this is where most pressure occurs.

If the size of squares varies, anchor both ends of the square and then ease the squares to fit.

Edge of rug

We normally crochet around the edge of the rug in contrasting colour(s) – this has the dual purpose of strengthening the rug edge and finishing the appearance of the rug. A minimum of 2 rows of double crochet is needed but we often do 3 or 4 rows especially if the rug is on the small size. It makes a real difference to the final rug appearance.

If you don't crochet don't worry, we can cover that operation for you.

Some of our group do a knitted edge by picking up the stitches and knitting 4 or 5 rows in garter stitch.

Pressing completed rug

The appearance of the completed rug made with woollen squares improves after a steam press – synthetic yarns generally don't improve. We can press the final product for you.

Thank you for your assistance with the task of converting squares knitted by fellow volunteers into beautiful rugs. Your help is much appreciated