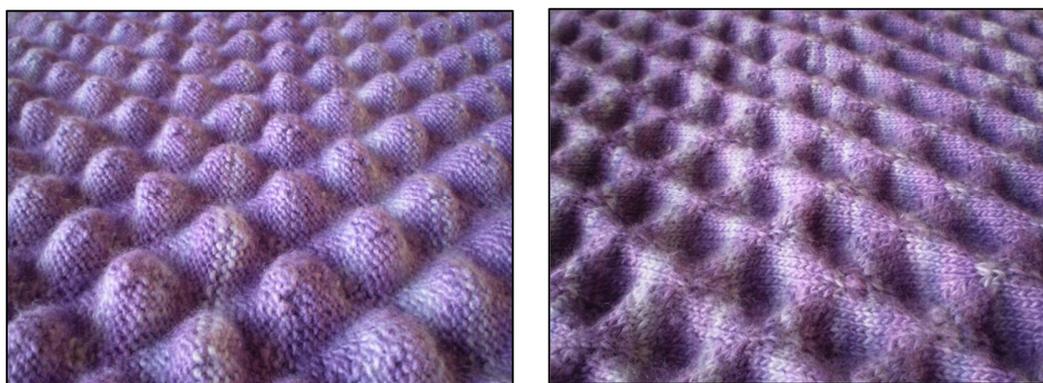# Bubbles

I was playing around with pairs of increases and decreases worked across a row to give a chevron pattern when I tried swapping the increases and decreases over for a while. This was the result – a heavily textured fabric that looks like bubble wrap on one side and egg boxes on the other!

I used this pattern to knit a baby blanket with SWTC's Karaoke yarn (100m / 50g, shade 313). My blanket measures about 58 cm × 76 cm (23" × 30") and used 370g of yarn.

Tension

10 sts and 13 rows = 5cm / 2"², worked in stocking stitch on 4.5mm / US size 7 needles.

Using the cable method cast on 148 sts. I worked back and forth on a long circular needle to accommodate the large number of stitches.

Knit 1 row.

Work 10 rows in the first two row pattern:

Row 1:   K2, *kf&b, K5, SSK, K2tog, K5, kf&b, repeat from * to
          last 2 sts, K2.
Row 2:   K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Now work 10 rows in the second two row pattern:

Row 1:   K2, *K2tog, K5, (kf&b) twice, K5, SSK, repeat from * to
          last 2 sts, K2.
Row 2:   K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

That's pretty much it. Continue repeating these 20 rows until your
blanket is big enough; I worked 250 rows all together.
When you've had enough just knit 2 rows and cast off.

The blanket will need blocking to make the edges lie flat. I pinned
mine out dry and then sprayed just the edges as I didn't want to
risk flattening the bubbles by over enthusiastic blocking!

Abbreviaitons

st / sts   stitch / stitches
K   knit
P   purl
kf&b   knit into the front and the back of the stitch
SSK   slip, slip, knit (see below)
K2tog   knit two stitches together

slip, slip, knit

Slip 2 stitches knitwise (or knitwise followed by purlwise) one at a time,
insert tip of left needle into stitches from above, put yarn round right needle
and knit both stitches together.