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Ready? Set the Finish Line

project name _____

finish by _____

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED.

How long will you need for this? _____ **estimated minutes/hours**

- Yarn
- Needles and supplies
- Pattern

HERE'S THE WARM UP.

How long will you need for this?

_____ **minutes/hours/days**

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- Knit a gauge swatch (if you don't, plan ripping time if gauge doesn't work)
- Block and record gauge numbers
- Review pattern for size, other information

HERE'S THE STARTING LINE.

This is where you gather information for planning.

- Cast on for the chosen size
- Figure out how long it takes to do 2 rows/rounds _____ **minutes/hours**
- Figure out how long it takes to do a pattern repeat in rows/rounds _____ **minutes/hours**
- How many pattern row repeats do you need to do overall? _____

GETTING THE BLOCKS SET.

What is your best, most realistic estimate of how many hours of knitting this project will take?

Think big! _____

- Write into your calendar (electronic or other) each day you plan to work on this project and for how long.

FINISH LINE PLANNING

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- The secret here is to make sure you actually have time, and then use it!
- Make sure your calendar has all your other obligations accounted for.

- Print your calendar or a list or keep your calendar handy.
- Each day, note what you are supposed to be knitting, and stick to that.
- If you miss knitting as scheduled, you need to find that time elsewhere (usually in the future). Gulp.
- If you do extra knitting, you can take a break!
- **If you have other people in your life, it can be useful to share your knitting schedule with them, and ask them to respect it and help you stick to it!**

RUNNING THE RACE.

This is where you stick to your plan.

- You have your plan.
- You are executing.
- Make adjustments as needed, but stick to the plan.
- Check your gauge, your measurements.
- Restrict your social media time during knitting time.
- Record your progress with photos or by making notes.
- **Find a knitting buddy. It doesn't have to be another knitter, just someone who is can help by being interested.**

APPROACHING THE FINISH LINE.

Are there things that can be done as you go?

- Block pieces as you finish them.
- Work in ends.
- Read ahead and consider the finishing steps.
- Schedule time for blocking and drying.
- Start planning your next project (but don't start yet!).
- Check that your pieces are going to fit together.
- Adjust your schedule.

THE FINISH LINE.

Download the Finishing Plan!

- Make a list of everything left to do.
- Give a time estimate to each item on the list.
- Set aside quiet time for seaming and detail work.
- Check your calendar and make adjustments.
- Go buy anything you need.
- Keep at it even if it seems daunting, but take breaks.
- Plan your reward! Mine is always starting a new project.

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