Using full cylinder (I used a 54) knit tubes of equal length.

Arrange colors so blocks are not adjacent to the same color.

I did them randomly to use up the end lots of various baby yarns from my stash, but you could easily arrange for a 9-patch or checkerboard pattern as well.

Knit 40 rounds of each color to make item of sufficient width or length. I used 8 repeats for a total of 320 rounds in each piece. Be sure to leave a very long tail at both ends in order to close as well as sew up seams.

Knit 8 long strips. (I used a solid one on each edge, but only because that is the yarn I was trying to use up.) If you use more than 8 repeats, you will need an additional strip for each added repeat.

Kitchener the ends closed; do not terminate yarn.

Arrange your panels being sure to check for color coordination.

Using tail yarns, sew sides of each panel together taking 2 "rungs from one side, then 2 from the other. Bury yarn ends.

Steam lightly.