

Mitered Hybrid Dishcloth

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A quick and fun cloth to knit, mixing garter and stockinette strips in a mitered square.

Materials

Yarn

Worsted-weight cotton; approximately 44 g or 75 yds, without hanging loop

Needles

US 6 (4.25 mm), or preferred size for knitting cotton [See *Pattern Notes*.]

Optional (for hanging loop): US 5 (3.75 mm) double-pointed needle, for I-cord, **or** crochet hook size US F-5 (3.75 mm)

Supplies

Stitch markers, yarn needle

Finished Dimensions

Approx. 9" x9" before washing, 8½"x8½" after washing. [See *Pattern Notes*.]

Gauge

Gauge is not critical

Abbreviations

Approx.: approximately; **CO:** cast on; **dpn:** double pointed ndl; **g:** gram; **K:** knit; **K3tog:** Knit 3 sts together [*decreases 3 sts to 1 st with a right-leaning decrease - see Pattern Notes*]; **LH:** left-hand; **mm:** millimeter(s); **ndl:** needle; **oz:** ounce(s); **P:** purl; **pm:** place marker; **RH:** right-hand; **rm:** remove marker; **RS:** right side; **st(s):** stitch(es); **tog:** together; **WS:** wrong side; **yd(s):** yard(s)

Pattern Notes

- If straight needles are used for the dishcloth, short (9") needles will do well. However, the stitches will be a bit crowded on the short needles for the first few rows – good motivation to dive in and get those first dozen rows or so done right away!
- Gauge is not critical for this project, but if you tend to knit very tightly, you may find it more comfortable to use needles one size larger than specified.
- Cotton yarn has very little elasticity, so working the k3tog decrease can be difficult to complete. To make it easier to get your needle into all 3 sts, first insert the point of the RH ndl purl-wise into the 3 sts on the LH ndl and “stretch” them out a bit, then remove the RH ndl and immediately insert it knit-wise into the 3 stretched-out sts and knit them together. When knitting back on the WS row, keep a tight tension as you knit (or purl) through the center sts. You may find the center sts to be slightly distorted or stretched out; this will correct itself after working 1 or 2 subsequent rows and/or when the finished cloth is washed.
- Have fun and try mixing colors! This makes a good stash buster for odd cotton remnants. This also looks great in variegated cotton yarns.



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DIRECTIONS

With larger ndls, CO 39 sts, **pm**, CO 42 sts. [81 sts]

Row 1 (RS): K39, k3tog; **rm**, k1, **pm**; knit to end. [79 sts]

Row 2 (WS): Knit.

Row 3: Knit to 3 sts before marker, k3tog; **rm**, k1, **pm**; knit to end. [77 sts]

Rows 4-11: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 four times. [69 sts after working Row 11]

Row 12: Purl.

Rows 13-23: Repeat Row 3 once, then repeat Rows 2 and 3 five times. [57 sts after working Row 23]

Row 24: Purl.

Rows 25-72: Repeat Rows 13-24 four times, checking your stitch counts as follows:

- After Row 36: 45 sts
- After Row 48: 33 sts
- After Row 60: 21 sts
- After Row 72: 9 sts

Rows 73-77: Repeat Row 3 once, then repeat Rows 2 and 3 two times. [3 sts]

Finishing

If you are **not** going to add a hanging loop to the dishcloth: K3tog; cut yarn, pull through rem st.

To make a hanging loop for the dishcloth, use **one** of the following techniques (or any other method desired):

- **Knitted I-cord:** Change to smaller needle and tightly knit three-stitch I-cord for 1½" (or desired length). Cut yarn, leaving a tail for sewing the end of the I-cord to the dishcloth.
- **Crocheted chain:** Change to crochet hook and transfer rem 3 sts to crochet hook. Yarn over hook and pull loop through all 3 sts, then continue making a chain for 1½" (or desired length). Cut yarn, leaving a tail for sewing the end of the chain to the dishcloth.

Weave in any ends.

[Optional] If you wish to block the cloth, wash it in hot water to shrink it and "square" the shape while it is still wet.



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