

Quick Knit Dishcloths

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Dishcloths are quick and practical, but that doesn't mean that they can't be pretty too! Here are two dishcloth patterns that are easy to knit, yet attractive. The Loopy Dishcloth is dressed up by using dropped stitches, and the Eyelet Dishcloth is knitted in stockinette stitch with an eyelet border. These are great for gifts, craft sales, or simply for washing your own dishes.



KnittingBoard: Small gauge double sided knitting board with at least 22 pegs. The 10" Authentic Knitting Board at standard (1/2") setting was used in the sample.

Yarn: 53 yards(Loopy Dishcloth) OR 46 yards(Eyelet Dishcloth) of 100% cotton worsted weight yarn. Peaches & Creme was used in

sample.

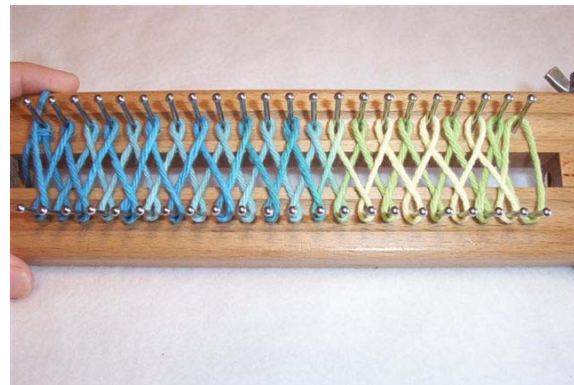
Notions: Tapestry Needle, Knitting tool, Crochet hook

Gauge: Not Important

Abbreviations: Cast on—CO, Bind off—BO, Stockinette stitch—St st

Pattern Notes:

To wrap in twisted stockinette, wrap the board as usual for the stockinette stitch, but go to the far side of each needle and wrap around the needle. This is like the figure 8 wrap. Wrap the end needles, on the opposite end from where you start, in the normal manner, do not wrap around them as you did the others. The picture shows how the board will look when properly wrapped for the twisted stockinette stitch.



To wrap the drop stitch, wrap the row in regular St st (not twisted stockinette), but wrap each peg 3 times when you come to it. Each peg will have 4 loops on it. Pick the bottom loop over the top 3. Remove the top loop off the peg and unravel the rest of the loops until you have 1 large loop. Replace this loop on the peg. Repeat for each peg of the drop stitch row. Gently pull down knitting.

Instructions

Loopy Dishcloth

Finished size: 7 ½ x 8 ¾

1. CO 22 stitches using the stockinette cast on.
2. Knit 5 rows in twisted stockinette stitch. (See Pattern Notes)
3. Knit 1 row in dropped stitch. (See Pattern Notes)
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 (2) more times.
5. Knit 6 rows in twisted stockinette stitch.
6. BO



Eyelet Dishcloth

Finished size: 7 ¼ x 8 ½

1. CO 21 stitches using the stockinette cast on.
2. Knit 2 rows in St st.
3. Before wrapping this row move the following loops: loop #3 to peg #4, loop #5 to Peg #6, loop #7 to peg #8, loop # 9 to peg #10, loop #11 to peg #12, loop #13 to peg #14, loop #15 to peg # 16, loop #17 to peg #18, and loop #19 to peg #20. Pegs 3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17, and 19 will be empty. Do this to both sides of the board. They should look identical. Wrap the row as normal, picking 1 over 1 on the pegs with two loops, 2 over 1 on the pegs with 3 loops, and leaving the pegs with one loop as is.
4. Knit 2 rows in St st.
5. Before wrapping this row move the following loops: loop #3 to peg #4 and loop #19 to peg # 20. Pegs 3 and 19 will be empty. Do this to both sides of the board. They should look identical. Wrap the row as normal, picking 1 over 1 on the pegs with two loops, 2 over 1 on the pegs with 3 loops, and leaving the pegs with one loop as is.



6. Knit 2 rows in St st.
7. Repeat steps #5 and #6 five more times.
8. Repeat step #3.
9. Knit 2 rows in St st.
10. BO. Weave in loose ends.

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