FREE KNITTING PATTERN

Easy Knit Dishcloth

Corner to corner in garter stitch with an eyelet edge · 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZE	NEEDLES
Beginner	**about 8.9 in square**	**US 7 (4.5 mm)**
YARN	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
Worsted cotton (#4)	**k, yo, k2tog**	**About 2 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) 100% cotton: dishcloth 55 yd, large washcloth 80 yd
- US 7 (4.5 mm) straight needles, tapestry needle

Abbreviations

k	knit	**k2tog**	knit 2 together
yo	yarn over	**st(s)**	stitch(es)

Gauge: 18 sts = 4 in in garter stitch (not critical: a dishcloth only needs to be roughly square).

Dishcloth (about 8.9 in square)

Cast on	Cast on 4 sts.	**(4)**
Row 1	Knit across.	**(4)**
Increase rows	K2, yo, knit to the end. Repeat this row until you have 40 sts (36 increase rows).	**(5 → 40)**
Decrease rows	K1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, knit to the end. Repeat this row until 4 sts remain (36 decrease rows).	**(39 → 4)**
Bind off	Bind off the last 4 sts knitwise. Weave in the ends.	**(0)**

Large washcloth (about 10.7 in square)

Cast on	Cast on 4 sts.	**(4)**
Row 1	Knit across.	**(4)**
Increase rows	K2, yo, knit to the end. Repeat this row until you have 48 sts (44 increase rows).	**(5 → 48)**
Decrease rows	K1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, knit to the end. Repeat this row until 4 sts remain (44 decrease rows).	**(47 → 4)**
Bind off	Bind off the last 4 sts knitwise. Weave in the ends.	**(0)**

Checkpoints (dishcloth)

After Row 1	4 sts on the needle
Increase row 10	14 sts on the needle

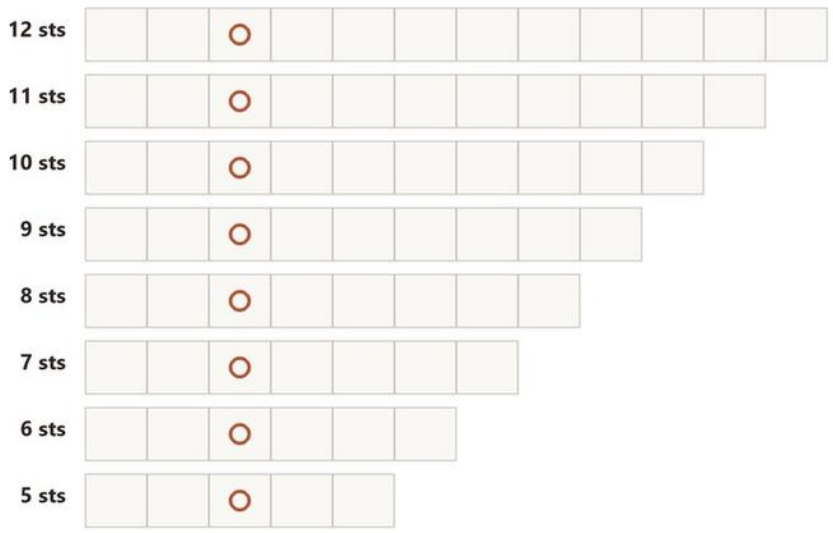
Widest point	40 sts on the needle
Decrease row 10	30 sts on the needle
End	4 sts on the needle

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every row was worked stitch by stitch in the engine: +1 stitch every increase row, −1 every decrease row, back to 4.
Exact	The yarn overs sit at the start of every row, so the eyelets run around all four edges.
Calculated	Size and yarn come from the gauge below (about 2.6 cm of cotton per stitch + 15% spare).
Assumed	Gauge 18 sts = 4 in in garter stitch with worsted cotton on US 7 needles (standard label gauge). The size follows your gauge: knit until it looks big enough, then decrease.

Knit Dishcloth · Increase Rows

First 8 increase rows: k2, yo (circle), knit to the end. Every row is knit (garter).



Each yarn over adds one stitch and leaves a little eyelet at the edge.

Decrease half: k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, knit to the end.

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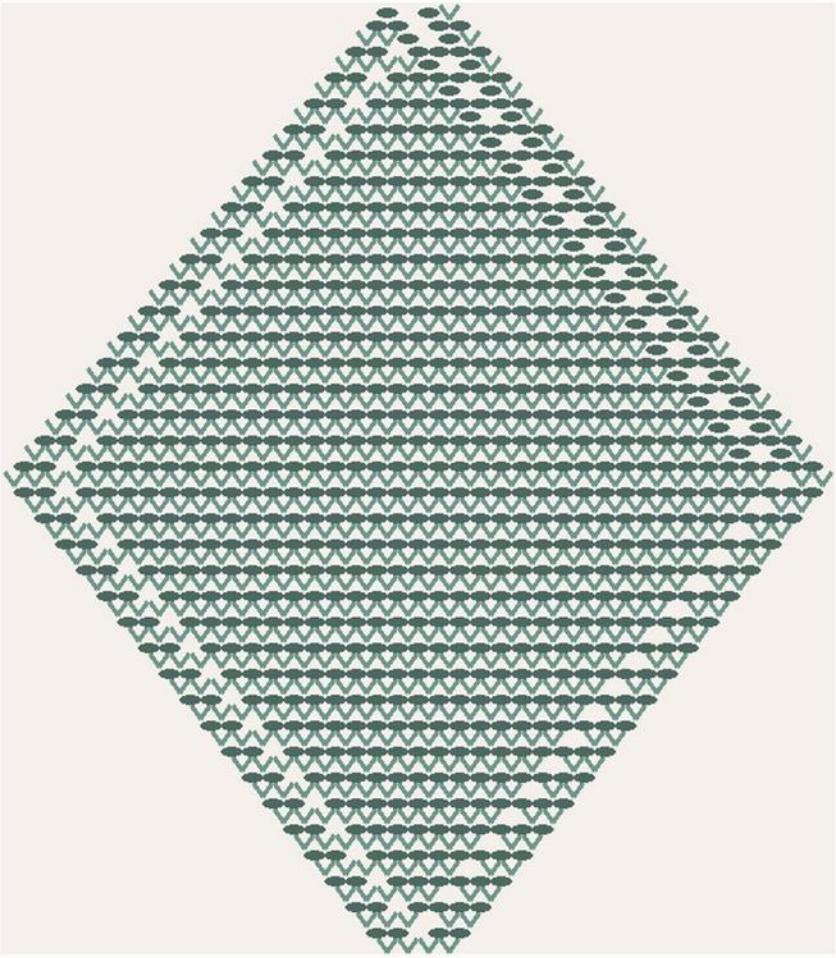
Corner-to-Corner Dishcloth · Shape

Simulated from the engine: one row = one line, +1 st a row, then −1 st a row



Knitted flat it is a diamond like this; turned 45 degrees it is a square with eyelet edges.

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Knit Dishcloth · Sizes

Worsted (#4) 100% cotton, US 7 (4.5 mm) needles · 18 sts = 4 in in garter

Size	Finished	Widest	Rows	Yarn
Dishcloth	about 8.9 × 8.9 in	40 sts	73 rows	55 yd
Large washcloth	about 10.7 × 10.7 in	48 sts	89 rows	80 yd

One 120 yd ball of kitchen cotton makes 2 dishcloths.

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