

Grandmother's Favorite Dishcloth

with neat, slip-stitched edges

Gina Lynette's Take on a Traditional Favorite



This is my variation of a very old pattern.

I like a slip stitch edge. So I sussed out a pattern with one. The nice thing about this pattern is that you only have to pay attention for about the first 4 or 5 stitches of each row. Then you can daydream, watch TV, read a book, or chat with a friend.

Yarn: Worsted or Aran Cotton - 35g for 8" square

Needles: Size 7 (4.5 mm)

Stitch Abbreviations:

K = Knit ♦ **S1PW** = Slip 1 Stitch Purlwise

KFB = Knit Front & Back ♦ **YO** = Yarn Over

K2tog = Knit the next 2 Stitches together Knitwise

Pattern

Increasing:

Cast on 3 stitches

Row 1: S1PW, KFB, K (4 st)

Row 2: S1PW, K, KFB, K (5 st)

Row 3: S1PW, K2, KFB, K (6 st)

Row 4: S1PW, K2, YO, K across

Repeat Row 4 until you have 50 stitches on the needle. (This will make a cloth about 8" square.)

(You can make it whatever size you want. A small 5" square? Stop at 35 stitches and call it a wipe. Huge? Go until you have 200 stitches on the needles and call it a baby blanket. Using a specific amount of yarn? Leave slightly more than half to do the decreases.)

Decreasing:

Row 5: S1PW, K1, K2tog, YO, K2tog, K across

Repeat Row 5 until you have 7 stitches on the needle. (Yes, the last time through, you will be knitting together the YO from the previous row and a K stitch together.)

Row 6: S1PW, K2tog, K across

Repeat Row 6 until you have 3 stitches on the needle.

Two endings:

If you want a hanging loop

insert a 4.5 mm crochet hook through all three loops from the side opposite of the yarn. Remove the knitting needle and snug the three loops onto the crochet hook. YO and pull through all three loops. Chain 15 and attach to the corner with a slip stitch, finish off, and weave in ends.

If you don't want a hanging loop cut off the yarn leaving a 6" tail, thread the yarn through a tapestry needle and pull the thread through all three loops. Remove the knitting needle, pull the yarn snug, finish off, and weave in your ends.

