



# Traditional Dishcloths - Square and Rectangular

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## Getting Started.

**Size:** any size square, mine are about 9x9"

**Needles:** size 7 US, straights or circulars

**Yarn:** about 35 grams of worsted weight cotton (65 yards)

**Additional Materials:** tapestry needle for weaving in ends

**Gauge:** really not important, but I got 4.5 stitches per inch in garter stitch

### Abbreviations and Video Technique Links:

BO – bind-off <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIRuzLUDk7o>

CO – cast-on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sN9cNEozOLc>

K – knit [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTznP\\_omoKg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTznP_omoKg)

K2tog – knit two together <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10Ko-GJ8Vbk>

YO – yarn over <http://youtu.be/3QbFhh8u4L8>

## Directions (Square Dishcloth).

### CAST-ON AND INCREASE SECTION

**Video Part 1: introduction, cast-on, and increase section -**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6t1upQeNAE>

CO 4 stitches. Knit 1 row.

Every Following Row: K 2, YO, K to end.

Repeat this row until you have the desired width (on the diagonal) of your dishcloth. I repeated this row until I

had 50 stitches total on the needle. Then move on to the decrease section.

### **DECREASE SECTION**

**Video Part 2: decrease section and finishing -**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6t1upQeNAE#t=04m31s>

Every Following Row: K 1, k2tog, YO, k2tog, K to end.

Repeat this row until you have 4 stitches remaining. BO all four stitches, break yarn, and pull end through last loop to fasten.

## **Finishing.**

Weave in ends, and follow manufacturer's instructions for washing and drying.

# Directions (Rectangular Dishcloth).



**Size:** You can make any size rectangle with this pattern. The instructions below are for the 3 x 6" size I like to use for washing dishes.

**Yarn:** about 8 grams of worsted weight cotton (16 yards)

## **INCREASE SECTION**

CO 4 stitches. Knit 1 row.

Every Following Row: K 2, YO, K to end.

Repeat this row until you have the desired width (on the diagonal) of your dishcloth. I repeated this row until I had 20 stitches total on the needle for the 3 x 6" size I like to use. Then move on to the straight section.

## **STRAIGHT SECTION**

Row 1: K 2, YO, K to end

Row 2: K 1, k2tog, YO, k2tog, K to end

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 10 times (20 rows total), or to desired length.

## **DECREASE SECTION**

Every Following Row: K 1, k2tog, YO, k2tog, K to end.

Repeat this row until you have 4 stitches remaining. BO all four stitches, break yarn, and pull end through last loop to fasten.

## **FINISHING**

Weave in ends, and follow manufacturer's instructions for washing and drying.

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