

The Unique Basket-weave Cloth

Updated 4/09: pattern tweaked to be reversible. Errata in bold.

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This pattern is all about revamping something classic: a basket-weave stitch. You'll find this washcloth to be delightful to knit up because of its small & large boxes interwoven together and because it's reversible!

Level: Easy

Materials:

Yarn: approx. 60-70 yds of a worsted weight Cotton yarn

Needles: Size 6US straight needles, 1 darning needle & crochet needle "I"

Gauge: 5.5 sts & 8 rows=1"

Cloth Measurements: 7 ¾" wide 8" tall

Abbreviations: K=knit P=purl CO=cast on BO=bind off Sts=stitches Yds=yards





WASHCLOTH DIRECTIONS:

CO 35 sts onto straight needles using your preferred cast-on method.

1. Seed stitch (*k1,p1,k1*) for 5 rows.
2. Follow the "Basket-weave Pattern" instructions 1-12 three times, plus rows 1-5.
3. Seed-stitch 4 more rows
4. BO loosely; don't cut the yarn if you're going to add a crocheted loop.
5. Crocheted loop: Slip the last remaining loop from your BO onto a crochet hook. Use the working yarn to single crochet a 2" loop at the corning of the washcloth. That's about 9-10 chains. Fold the loop & secure with a knot into the wrong side of the cloth.
6. Weave in any ends into the wrong side of the cloth. Block, if necessary.

The Basket-weave Pattern:

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): K1,p1,k1, *p5,k3* until last 3 sts; k1,p1,k1.

Rows 2 & 4 (WS): K1,p1,k1, *k5, p3* until last 3 sts; k1,p1,k1.

Row 5: K1, p1, k1, knit straight across the row until the last 3sts; k1,p1,k1.

Rows 6, 8, 10: K1,p1,k1, *p5,k3* until last 3 sts; k1,p1,k1.

Rows 7, 9, 11: K1,p1,k1, *k5,p3* until last 3 sts; k1,p1,k1.

Row 12: K1, p1, k1, purl straight across the row until the last 3sts; k1,p1,k1.