

sewing: the thread of life



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Project Skill: Learn to increase and decrease knit stitches

Life Skills: Practicing creativity

Level: 1A

## Diagonal Knit Dishcloth

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Cotton yarn is a good yarn to use for a dishcloth. It is absorbent, stronger wet than dry, machine washable and can be bleached if needed. These dishcloths are easy and fun to make. Make several and give them as gifts.

### Supplies needed:

- 1-2oz. skein of worsted weight cotton yarn
- Knitting needles size 8 or size needed for gauge
- Gauge 8 st=2"

Finished size 9" square

### Instructions:

Cast on 2 sts.

Row 1: K2

Row 2: K1, inc., (3 sts).

Row 3: K1, inc., K1. (4 sts).

Row 4: K2, inc., K1. (5 sts).

Row 5: K2, inc., K2. (6 sts).

Row 6: K3, yo, K3 Continue working in this manner (inc. 1 st each row with yo) until you have 50 sts on needle.

1<sup>st</sup> decrease Row: K2, K2 tog, yo, K2 tog, K to end of row.

Repeat this row; decreasing 2 sts each row and forming eyelet by yo until 6 sts remain.

Next row: K2, K2 tog, K2 (5 sts).

Next row: K2, K2 tog K1 (4 sts).

Next row: K1, K2 tog, K1 (3 sts).

Next row: K2 tog, K1 (2 sts).

Next row: K2 tog, pull yarn through last st to fasten off. Weave in the ends.



## Stitches used in this pattern:

**Increase (inc.):** Increase a stitch by knitting the next stitch, but do not remove the stitch from the left needle. Place the right needle into the back of the same stitch and knit again. Slip stitches off left needle.

**Yarn over (yo):** Increase a stitch by wrapping the yarn over the right needle without working a stitch

**Knit 2 stitches together (K2 tog):** Decrease a stitch by putting tip of right needle through next 2 stitches on left needle as to knit. Knit these 2 stitches as one.

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