



Wattlecloth

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Things have been rather quiet here at QueenieKnits the past few months. I just completed a major pattern and I needed a break from the needles. I decided to use my down time to dig out the crochet hooks and rejuvenate my washcloth stash.

While exploring a stitch dictionary, I found The Wattle Stitch. It makes an awesome, reversible fabric; has just the right amount of texture; and, is repetitive enough to give my tired brain a little break.

Because I hate estimating if I have enough yarn for one more row before I add a border (and then ripping back when I inevitably guess incorrectly) I added a cute “make as you go” edging. Now, when the final row is done—you’re DONE.

I’ve included directions for both DK weight (pictured here in Knit Picks *CotLin*) and worsted weight (hiding in the background in Knit Picks *Shine Worsted*). The *CotLin* makes a delicate face cloth, while the *Shine* makes a much more substantial fabric if delicacy is not what you need. Both variations use about 60 yards of yarn.

Details

Difficulty

Easy

Techniques used

Chain, single and double crochet, slip stitches

Sizes Offered

One size

Measurements

7.5 inches square

Yarn Weight

#3–Light (DK) OR #4–Medium (worsted)

Yardage Required

DK: 60 yards (approximately 25 grams)

Worsted: 60 yards (approximately 38 grams)

Yarn Pictured

DK: Knit Picks, *Cotlin*

Worsted: Knit Picks, *Shine Worsted*

Hooks (use whatever size needles needed to meet gauge)

DK: 3.75 mm (US F)

Worsted: 4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

Measure on Row 2 of the stitch pattern

DK: 22 stitches per 4 inches

Worsted: 18 stitches per 4 inches

Notions

Tapestry Needle

Note

Want to make a different size? Wattlecloth has a multiple of 4 +5 pattern repeat.

Abbreviations

Ch	chain
Dc	double crochet
Sc	single crochet
Sl	slip stitch
St(s)	stitch

DIRECTIONS

For Worsted version: Ch 41, turn.

For DK version: Ch 53, turn.

Row 1: In fifth stitch from end work sc, ch 1, dc; (skip 3 sts, sc, ch 1, dc in next st) repeat to final st, turn.

Row 2: Ch 4, (in next ch 1 space work sc, ch 1, dc) repeat to final ch 1 space. Sl st in the top of the turning chain from previous row, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until cloth is approximately 7 inches (or almost square).

Final Row: Ch 4, (in next ch 1 space work sc, ch 3, dc) repeat to final ch 1 space. Sl st in the top of the turning chain from the previous row.

Break yarn and pull end through final loop. Weave in ends.