

Plaited Squares Washcloth



I wanted to create a new pattern for a baby blanket, but I didn't want to write one that would be too complicated, or difficult for anyone to make. I like blankets and afghans that have squares, because they remind me of the Granny Squares afghans my paternal grandmother used to make. This pattern uses the following stitches: knit (K), purl (P), knit through the back loop (*Ktbl*), yarn over (YO), slip one stitch *as if to purl* (Sl1), and pass the slipped stitch over (PSSO). It really is easy enough for a beginner to make.

NOTE: When you are passing the slipped stitch over (PSSO), you will be passing it over the one knitted stitch and the yarn over (YO).

This version of my pattern is for a scaled-down version of a blanket – in other words, it's for a washcloth. 😊 I will post the pattern for the blanket soon – as soon as I get a sample knitted!

Size: 9 ½ x 10 ¼ inches

Gauge: Doesn't really matter much with a washcloth, but on US size 7 needles, my gauge was: 5 stitches = 1 inch
7 rows = 1 inch

Needles: US size 7 straight needles

Yarn: Worsted weight cotton yarn. For the cloth in the photo above, I used Knit Picks *Dishie* yarn in the 25787 Blue colorway. (I can generally get three washcloths out of one ball of the yarn. The one pictured above in this *Plaited Squares* pattern is larger than the others that I usually make, so I doubt that you'd get three of these out of one ball of the yarn.)

On US size 7 needles, cast on 50 stitches.

The instructions below include a garter stitch border on both sides.

Bottom border: Knit 4 rows garter stitch (knit every row). Then begin the pattern.

Pattern:

Row 1 (RS): K5, [K12, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12, K5

Row 2: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat Rows 1–2 six more times. You now have a total of 14 completed rows.

Row 15: K5, [K12tbl, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12tbl, K5

Row 16: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 17: K5, [K12tbl, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12tbl, K5

Row 18: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 19: K5, [K12, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12, K5

Repeat Rows 18–19 five more times. You now have a total of 29 completed rows.

Row 30: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 31: K5, [K12tbl, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12tbl, K5

Row 32: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 33: K5, [K12tbl, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12tbl, K5

Row 34: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 35: K5, [K12, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12, K5

Repeat Rows 34–35 five more times. You now have a total of 45 completed rows.

Row 46: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 47: K5, [K12tbl, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12tbl, K5

Row 48: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 49: K5, [K12tbl, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12tbl, K5

Row 50: K5, P to last 5 stitches, K5

Row 51: K5, [K12, Sl1, K1, YO, PSSO] twice, K12, K5

Repeat Rows 50–51 six more times. You now have a total of 63 completed rows.

Knit 4 rows of garter stitch and bind off loosely. Weave in the two yarn ends.