# Blank Square Dishcloth By Stana D. Sortor



# Finished Size:

Square with 7.5"/ 19 cm long sides.

## Yarn:

Cotton Yarn 1 - 2 skeins – main color 1 skein – contrast color

## Yardage:

70 - 80 yards / 64 – 74 meters - main color 20 - 30 yards / 18 – 27 meters – contrast color

Recommended Needle Size: US # 7/4.5 mm, Double Pointed Needles (DPN) US #7/4.5 mm.

Notions: Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.

## Abbreviations:

KFB - Knit in front and back of the same stitch, this creates two stitches from one stitch.
SSK - slip stitch knitwise, slip stitch knitwise and knit the two stitches together, this decreases two stitches to one stitch.
DPN – Double Pointed Needles

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Sl. St. – Slip stitch from left to right needle without knitting it.
 MC – Main Color
 CC – Contrast Color

## Technique:

#### I-cord edge:

Pick up 1 sts through the edge.With CC yarn and double pointed needle cast on 3 additional sts on left needle.Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together.Pick up 1 st through the knit piece before you return the 3 sts back onto left needle.Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together. Pick up 1 sts through the knit piece before you return the 3 sts back onto left needle.

#### **I-cord Bind Off:**

With CC yarn cast on 3 additional sts on left needle. Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together. Return the 3 sts back onto left needle and repeat.

**Gauge:** 20 sts & 26 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Note: The squares are knitted in one piece.

**Square One** - Start from one corner, increasing every other row on one side. Continue with decrease at every other row until you have only 1 sts left. Continue by picking up stitches along the longer side of the triangle. Continue knitting with decrease at the beginning of each row until you have 1 stitch left. **Square Two** - Part of square is knit from bottom to top, bind off, and continue with picking up stitches along the longer side, knit until you finish square shape and bind off.

The squares are finished with I-cord in contrast color all around for a nice finish.

#### **Square One:**



First triangle part:

With the MC yarn and needle, cast on 2 sts. Place the stitch marker on the first st and work as follow: Row 1, 2: Knit 1, Sl.st. Row 3: KFB, Sl.st. (3 sts total) Row 4: Knit 2, Sl.st. **Row 5:** KFB, Knit 1, Sl.st. (4 sts total) Row 6: Knit 3, Sl.st. Row 7: KFB, Knit 2, Sl.st. (5 sts total) Row 8: Knit 4, Sl.st. Row 9: KFB, Knit 3, Sl.st. (6 sts total) Row 10: Knit 5, Sl.st. Row 11: KFB, Knit 4, Sl.st. (7 sts total) Row 12: Knit 6, Sl.st. Row 13: KFB, Knit 5, Sl.st. (8 sts total) Row 14: Knit 7, Sl.st. Row 15: KFB, Knit 6, Sl.st. (9 sts total) Row 16: Knit 8, Sl.st. Row 17: KFB, Knit 7, Sl.st. (10 sts total) Row 18: Knit 9, Sl.st. Row 19: KFB, Knit 8, Sl.st. (11 sts total) Row 20: Knit 10, Sl.st. Row 21: KFB, Knit 9, Sl.st. (12 sts total) Row 22: Knit 11, Sl.st. Row 23: KFB, Knit 10, Sl.st. (13 sts total) Row 24: Knit 12, Sl.st. **Row 25:** KFB, Knit 11, Sl.st. (14 sts total) Row 26: Knit 13, Sl.st. **Row 27:** KFB, Knit 12, Sl.st. (15 sts total) Row 28: Knit 14, Sl.st. **Row 29:** KFB, Knit 13, Sl.st. (16 sts total) Row 30: Knit 15, Sl.st. Row 31: KFB, Knit 14, Sl.st. (17 sts total) Row 32: Knit 16, Sl.st. Row 33: KFB, Knit 15, Sl.st. (18 sts total) Row 34: Knit 17, Sl.st. **Row 35:** KFB, Knit 16, Sl.st. (19 sts total) Row 36: Knit 18, Sl.st. Row 37: KFB, Knit 17, Sl.st. (20 sts total) Row 38: Knit 19, Sl.st. **Row 39:** SSK, Knit 17, Sl.st. (19 sts total) Row 40: Knit 18, Sl.st. Row 41: SSK, Knit 16, Sl.st. (18 sts total) Row 42: Knit 17, Sl.st. Row 43: SSK, Knit 15, Sl.st. (17 sts total) Row 44: Knit 16, Sl.st. **Row 45:** SSK, Knit 14, Sl.st. (16 sts total) Row 46: Knit 15, Sl.st. Row 47: SSK, Knit 13, Sl.st. (15 sts total) **Row 48:** Knit 14. Sl.st. **Row 49:** SSK, Knit 12, Sl.st. (14 sts total)

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Row 50: Knit 13, Sl.st. Row 51: SSK, Knit 11, Sl.st. (13 sts total) Row 52: Knit 12, Sl.st. Row 53: SSK, Knit 10, Sl.st. (12 sts total) Row 54: Knit 11. Sl.st. Row 55: SSK, Knit 9, Sl.st. (11 sts total) Row 56: Knit 10, Sl.st. Row 57: SSK, Knit 8, Sl.st. (10 sts total) Row 58: Knit 9, Sl.st. Row 59: SSK, Knit 7, Sl.st. (9 sts total) Row 60: Knit 8. Sl.st. Row 61: SSK, Knit 6, Sl.st. (8 sts total) Row 62: Knit 7, Sl.st. Row 63: SSK, Knit 5, Sl.st. (7 sts total) Row 64: Knit 6, Sl.st. Row 65: SSK, Knit 4, Sl.st. (6 sts total) Row 66: Knit 5, Sl.st. Row 67: SSK, Knit 3, Sl.st. (5 sts total) Row 68: Knit 4, Sl.st. Row 69: SSK, Knit 2, Sl.st. (4 sts total) Row 70: Knit 3, Sl.st. Row 71: SSK, Knit 1, Sl.st.(3 sts total) Row 72: Knit 2, Sl.st. Row 73: SSK, Sl.st. (2 sts total) Row 74: Knit 1, Sl.st. Row 75: SSK (1 sts total) Row 76: Knit 1

#### Second triangle:

Turn the work and pick up stitches along the long side of triangle to have total of 38 sts total. **Continue to work as follow: Row 1:** SSK, Knit 35, Sl.st. (37 sts total) **Row 2:** SSK, Knit 34, Sl.st. (36 sts total) **Row 3:** SSK, Knit 33, Sl.st. (35 sts total) **Row 4:** SSK, Knit 32, Sl.st. (34 sts total) **Row 5:** SSK, Knit 31, Sl.st. (33 sts total) **Row 6:** SSK, Knit 30, Sl.st. (32 sts total) **Row 7:** SSK, Knit 29, Sl.st. (31 sts total) **Row 8:** SSK, Knit 28, Sl.st. (30 sts total) **Row 9:** SSK, Knit 27, Sl.st. (29 sts total) **Row 10:** SSK, Knit 26, Sl.st. (28 sts total) **Row 11 - 37: Continue in established pattern, decreasing 1 sts every row, until you have 1 st left. Bind off.** 

#### Attaching the I-cord:

Pick up 1 sts through the edge. With CC yarn and double pointed needle cast on 3 additional sts on left needle. Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together. Pick up 1 st through the knit piece before you return the 3 sts back onto left needle. http://stana-critters-etc.blogspot.com/ Knit first 2 sts. Knit next 2 sts together. Pick up 1 sts through the knit piece before you return the 3 sts back onto left needle. Repeat.

Continue to work in I-cord attaching the I-cord along the edge of the entire dishcloth. In every corner continue I-cord for 1 row without attaching it to your work, this will make the corner turn easier. Continue the I-cord, attaching it around the edge until you reach the beginning of your I-cord. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on the needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

#### **Square Two:**



#### First rectangle part:

With the MC yarn and needle, cast on 18 sts. Place the stitch marker on the first st and work as follow: **Row 1 - 52:** Knit 1, Sl.st. **Row 53:** Bind off.

#### Second rectangle:

Turn the work and pick up stitches along the long side of triangle to have total of 27 sts total. **Row 1 - 19:** Knit 1, Sl.st. **Row 20:** Cut off MC, attach CC and Bind off in I-cord technique. Continue the process of attaching I-cord along the entire square.

# Finishing:

Weave in the ends.

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