Modular Lace Wash Cloth Stephanie Carrico - knitsabout





**Synergy** is the joining together of two forces often resulting in an effect greater than the sum of each force. In this pattern the portability and interest of modular knitting are combined with the elegance and lightness of lace.

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Materials:

yds/2oz

rows to 2.5".

8"x8" unblocked.

Yarn needle

1 ball Sugar 'n Cream Stripes 100% Cotton, worsted weight 95

**Gauge:** Garter stitch before blocking

on size 7 needles 20sts to 3.5" and 26

**Note** Gauge is not critical but will

affect the size of the finished piece.

**Measurements:** Cloth measures

Size 7 (4.5mm) needles

Each square is knit in blocks of garter stitch based lace, one block at a time. Blocks are knit on stitches picked up from existing blocks; see diagram below.

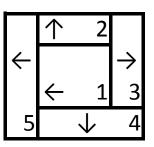
Pattern is presented with step by step instructions for the pictured wash cloth, but these techniques can be used for any number of shapes and sizes.

## Notes

- Directions call for stitches to be picked up purlwise from the wrong side. All lace patterning and bind offs occur on wrong side rows.
- When picking up stitches, one stitch is picked up for every knit stitch (bound off or cast on) or slipped edge stitch. The last stitch of the bound off row is left on the needle when turn is made and the first slipped stitch is skipped. The last stitch picked up for a block should be in the very end most stitch available, a cast on or bound off stitch rather than a slipped side stitch, to make for crisp corners.
- If the number of stitches picked up does not match that recommended, increase or decrease stitches evenly across first knit row to reach recommended number of stitches.
- Slip the last stitch of all rows with yarn forward; knit the first stitch through the back loop.

# Stitches Used:

**Picot Bind Off** – On wrong side row- BO 1, \*sl st back to lft ndl, CO 2sts, BO 4sts\* repeat \* \* until all sts are bound off. **Note:** final BO may not equal 4sts. Do not CO additional sts if less than 2sts remain.



### Block 1- CO 23sts.

Row 1 and all RS rows (not shown on chart): K1tbl, k to last st, wyif sl1.

Work WS rows according to Chart A (see page 3).

End with an additional RS row. WS- Loosely bind off all sts leaving last st on ndl. Turn piece 90 degrees.

### Block 2:

With wrong side facing, PU pwise 21sts along edge of block 1, 22sts total.

Row 1 and all RS rows (not shown on chart): K1tbl, knit to last st, wyif sl1.

Work WS rows according to Chart 2 one time. Work Row 1, ending RS row. WS- BO sts using Picot Bind Off stitch, leaving last st on ndl. Turn work 90 degrees.

#### Block 3:

With wrong side facing PU pwise 27sts across side of Block 2 and top of Block 1, 28sts total.

Row 1 and all RS rows (not shown on chart): K1tbl, knit to last st, wyif sl 1. Work WS rows according to Chart 3 one time. Work Row 1, ending RS row. WS- BO all sts using Picot Bind Off stitch, leaving last st on ndl. Turn work 90 degrees.



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When working yo before sl1 wyif be sure to make a full wrap around needle to avoid losing yo.

#### Block 4:

With wrong side facing PU pwise 27sts across side of Block 3 and side of Block 1, 28sts total.

**Row 1 and all RS rows (not shown on chart)**: K1tbl, knit to last st, wyif sl1. Work wrong side rows according to Chart 2a one time. Work Row 1 one more time, ending RS row. WS- BO all sts using Picot Bind Off stitch, leaving last st on ndl. Turn work 90 degrees.

#### Block 5:

With wrong side facing PU pwise 31sts across side of Block 4, top of Block 1, side of Block 2, 32sts total.

Row 1 and all RS rows (not shown on chart): K1tbl, knit to last st, wyif sl1. Work wrong side rows according to Chart 3a one time. Work Row 1 one more time, ending RS row. WS -Loosely BO all sts using picot bind off, leaving last st on ndl. Break yarn. Turn work 90 degrees.

#### Chart 2a

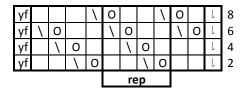


Chart 3a

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yf			0	/			l	6
yf		0	/				l	4
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#### Finishing:

Using yarn needle run all yarn ends securely into knitting. Finished cloth can be blocked to emphasize lace patterning and straighten squares if needed.



Chart 2

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Chart 3

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#### Chart A

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yf																	l	40
yf																	l	38
yf																	l	36
yf		0	/	/	0	/	0	\	0	\	0	\	0	١	0		l	34
yf		0	/											١	0		l	32
yf		0	/											١	0		l	30
yf		0	/											١	0		l	28
yf		0	/		/	0	/	0	\	0	\	0		\	0		l	26
yf		0	/			0	/				\	0		\	0		l	24
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yf		0	/			0	/				\	0		\	0		l	20
yf		0	/		/	0	/	0	\	0	\	0		\	0		l	18
yf		0	/											\	0		l	16
yf		0	/											\	0		l	14
yf		0	/											\	0		l	12
yf		0	/	/	0	/	0	/	0	\	0	\	0	\	0		l	10
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yf																	l	6
yf																	l	4
yf																	l	2

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BO	Bind Off	* *	repeat directions within asterisks	
СО	Cast On	wyif	with yarn in front	
k	knit	WS	Wrong Side	
lft	left	0	yarn over	
ndl	needle	yf	yarn forward, sl 1 st	
PU	Pick Up	L	tbl, knit through back loop	
pwise	purlwise	/	k2tog, knit 2 together	
RS	Right Side	Ì	ssk, slip, slip knit	
sl	Slip	or	knit RS and WS	
st(s) tbl	stitch(es) through back loop			