



Tunisian Crochet Shaker Dishcloths

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Getting Started.

Size: Finished dishcloth is about 7.25" (19cm) in diameter

Hook/Needles: Size US K (6.5mm), two knitting needles size 10 or 10.5 (6 or 6.5mm)

Yarn: Knit Picks Comfy Worsted, or any worsted (also called 10 ply) weight yarn, in cotton or a cotton blend, in two colors. 20 grams of yarn for each dishcloth (10 grams each color).

Additional Materials: Tapestry needle

Gauge: 4 stitches per inch

Note about crochet hooks: You can use a Tunisian crochet hook, or a straight regular crochet hook (without a thick grip on it). There are few enough stitches on the hook in these dishcloths that a long Tunisian hook isn't really necessary.

Detail on the yarn I used: I used Knit Picks Comfy Worsted (my favorite dishcloth yarn) in the following colors: White, Honey Dew, Sea Foam, Marlin, Creme Brulee, and Fizz.

Working Tunisian Crochet:

Right-to-Left Row: pick up stitches across (as many as indicated) from the vertical loops in the row below.

Left-to-Right Row: yarn over and pull through one loop, *yarn over and pull through two loops*, repeat between the *s until one loop remains.

Video Links.

Part 1, Intro: <https://youtu.be/z0QAt8BHtRk>

Part 2, Working the segments: <https://youtu.be/z0QAt8BHtRk?t=4m6s>

Part 3, Kitchener Stitch and finishing: <https://youtu.be/z0QAt8BHtRk?t=15m10s>

Directions.

PROVISIONAL CAST-ON

Using either color of yarn, crochet chain 20, break yarn and pull end through last loop to fasten. Using other color of yarn and starting at the slip knot end of the crochet chain, pick up 15 stitches from the spine of the crochet chain. Work a left-to-right row (completing a row of stitches), by yarning-over and pulling through one loop, then yarning-over and pulling through two loops across the rest of the stitches, until one loop remains.

In the instructions below, each "Row" means working right-to-left, AND left-to-right to complete one Tunisian crochet row.

SEGMENTS 1-11

Row 1: Pick up 2 (3 loops on hook), work back

Row 2: Pick up 4 (5 loops on hook), work back

Row 3: Pick up 6 (7 loops on hook), work back

Row 4: Pick up 8 (9 loops on hook), work back

Row 5: Pick up 10 (11 loops on hook), work back

Row 6: Pick up 12 (13 loops on hook), work back until 2 loops remain on hook, break Color A and start using Color B, pull new color through last two loops on hook

Row 7: Pick up 14 (15 loops on hook), work back

Work Rows 1-7, 11 times

12th SEGMENT

Row 1: Pick up 2 (3 loops on hook), work back

Row 2: Pick up 4 (5 loops on hook), work back

Row 3: Pick up 6 (7 loops on hook), work back

Row 4: Pick up 8 (9 loops on hook), work back

Row 5: Pick up 10 (11 loops on hook), work back

Row 6: Pick up 12 (13 loops on hook), work back (no color change!)

Row 7: Pick up 14 (15 loops on hook, don't work back!)

Break yarn, leaving about a 10" tail.

KITCHENER STITCH

The non slip knot end of the provisional crochet chain should be at the center of the circle. Begin unzipping the crochet chain to retrieve the reserved stitches on to a knitting needle, as indicated in the video. Slip live stitches from 12th segment on to another needle. Starting at the center of the circle and using a tapestry needle and the long tail you left from the 12th segment, hold your needles together, and begin grafting with Kitchener Stitch:

Setup: pull tapestry needle as if to purl through the first stitch on the front needle, pull tapestry needle as if to knit through the first stitch on the back needle.

*Front Needle: pull tapestry needle as if to knit through the first stitch, slip that stitch off the end of the needle, pull through as if purl through the next stitch, leave that stitch on the needle.

Back Needle: pull tapestry needle as if to purl through the first stitch, slip that stitch off the end of the needle, pull through as if to knit on the next stitch, leave that stitch on the needle.*

Repeat between *s until two stitches remain, one on the front needle and one on the back.
Front Needle: pull tapestry needle through the stitch as if to knit, slip that stitch off.
Back Needle: pull tapestry needle through as if to purl, slip that stitch off.
Tighten the seam you just created, and fasten off.



Coasters.

Approximately 4.5" in diameter. Work as above, but crochet chain 15 and pick up 9 stitches from the spine of the crochet chain for your provisional cast-on.

SEGMENTS 1-11

Row 1: Pick up 2 (3 loops on hook), work back

Row 2: Pick up 4 (5 loops on hook), work back

Row 3: Pick up 6 (7 loops on hook), work back until 2 loops remain on hook, break Color A and start using Color B, pull new color through last two loops on hook

Row 4: Pick up 8 (9 loops on hook), work back

Work Rows 1-4, 11 times

12th SEGMENT

Row 1: Pick up 2 (3 loops on hook), work back

Row 2: Pick up 4 (5 loops on hook), work back

Row 3: Pick up 6 (7 loops on hook), work back (no color change!)

Row 4: Pick up 8 (9 loops on hook, don't work back!)

Break yarn, leaving about a 10" tail.

Work the Kitchener Stitch as explained above for dishcloths.

Finishing.

Close up center hole, as demonstrated in the video. Weave in the ends (or cut them as demonstrated), and follow the instructions on the yarn label for washing and drying.

Modifying.

You can use this pattern to create any size of circle using these steps.

Determine the size you want in inches. At a gauge of 4 stitches per inch (or whatever your gauge is), multiply the number of inches by 4 to determine the stitch count of the diameter. Divide that number by two. If the resulting number is an even number, add one. This is the number of stitches you will pick up from the provisional cast-on crochet chain.

Work as indicated in the dishcloth above - picking up 2 stitches and working back, picking up 4 stitches and working back, picking up 6 stitches and working back, etc. Change color at the end of the second-to-last row (two stitches left to pick up), then work last row in new color by picking up all stitches (the same number you picked up from the provisional crochet chain). Work 11 segments this way. On the 12th segment, pick up all stitches and do not work a left-to-right row back. Use Kitchener Stitch as described for the dishcloth to seam.

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