

Whatever you need me to do

There is a story behind each pattern in this collection. A story of my depression and anxiety, of my life, and how I coped (or didn't), and my continued search for balance and joy and love. Knitting became a major source of comfort and coping for me as I managed (or didn't) my most recent experience of acute depression. As I traveled this path I spent a lot of time listening to the AC Newman album Shut Down the Streets. Each pattern is named from a lyric from the album and there is a corresponding essay on my blog: thestruggleisfeels.blogspot.com. I encourage you to read the essays, to listen to the album, and to knit on, with confidence and hope, through all crises.

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MATERIALS:

1 skein cotton dishcloth yarn or any machine washable yarn that you want to use #8 needles, or whatever you like knitting dishcloths with

GAUGE:

it doesn't matter, it will be the size it is, and it will do what you need it to do - worsted-ish gauge is nice, though.

WEDGE PATTERN:

Row 1: Knit 18, turn, slip 1 purlwise with yarn in back (wyib), knit to end. Row 2: Knit 16, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 3: Knit 14, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 4: Knit 12, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 5: Knit 10, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 6: Knit 8, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 7: Knit 6, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 8: Knit 4, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 9: Knit 2, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 10: Knit 3, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 11: Knit 5, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 12: Knit 7, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 13: Knit 9, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 14: Knit 11, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 15: Knit 13, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 16: Knit 15, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 17: Knit 17, turn, slip 1 purlwise wyib, knit to end. Row 18: Knit the entire row.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cast on 28 stitches. *Knit three rows. Work wedge pattern. Repeat from * three times.

Wedges will alternate which side they are worked on. If you find that you are about to (or actually) knit(ting) a wedge directly on top of the previous wedge, back out, knit one more row, and then start the wedge on the next side.

I like 4 wedges (4 pattern repeats) but it's a dishcloth, do however many work for you.

Knit two more rows, bind off, and use with love.

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