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Playing with Squares Washcloth Pattern

By Sunne Meyer

Yarn:

1 hanks **Cloudborn Pima DK**
222 yards/100g, 100% Pima Cotton

Needles:

Size 6 US (4 mm) straight or circular
needles of any length

Notions:

Stitch markers, tapestry needle

Gauge:

22 st x 29 rows to 4" in stockinette –
unwashed
20 st x 24 rows to 4" in stockinette –
washed and blocked

Finished Measurement:

Large Squares: 8" x 8.5"
Four Square: 8" x 8.25"
Mini Squares: 8" x 8.25"

Abbreviations:

BO - bind off
CO - cast on
K - knit
P - purl
St - stitch(es)

Noteworthy:

While gauge is not critical to this project, it does determine the amount of yarn used and size of the wash cloths. Best to check your gauge! Adjust needle size accordingly.



Large Squares:

CO 40 st, knit 12 rows.
Row 13 (RS): k
Row 14 (WS): k6, p28, k6
Rows 15-21: repeat 13 & 14, 3 times more,
then row 13 again.
Row 22: k6, p8, k12, p8, k6
Row 23: k
Rows 24-41: repeat rows 22 and 23, 8
times more.
Row 42: k6, p28, k6
Row 43-50: repeat rows 13 & 14, 4 times
Row 50-61: k
BO in pattern

Four Squares:

CO 42 st, knit the next 3 rows.
Row 4: k21, p18, k3
Repeat row 4, 7 times more.
Center row 1: k9, p6, k6, p6, k6, p6, k3
Repeat center row, 8 times more.
Next rows: repeat row 4, 8 times
Mirror row: k3, p18, k21
Repeat mirror row, 7 times more.
Center mirror row: k3, p6, k6, p6, k6, p6, k9
Repeat mirror center row, 8 times more
Next rows: repeat mirror row 8 times
Border: k 3 rows
BO

Mini Squares

CO 42, k 4 rows
Section 1
Row 5: k15, p12, k15
Row 6: k3, p12, k12, p12, k3
Rows 7-9: repeat rows 5-6 once and row 5
once more.
Row 10: k3 *p4, k4, repeat from * 3 times
more, p4, k3
Row 11: k7, *p4, k4, repeat from * 2 times
more, p4, k7
Rows 12-14: repeat rows 10 & 11 once,
then row 10 once more.
Row 15: k15, p12, k15
Row 16: k3, p12, k12, p12, k3
Rows 17-19: repeat rows 15 & 16 once,
and row 15 once more.
Section 2
Row 1 (mirror row): k15, p12, k15
Row 2: k3, p12, k12, p12, k3
Row 3-5: repeat rows 1 & 2 once and row 1
once more.
Row 6: k3, *p4, k4, repeat from * 3 times
more, p4, k3
Row 7: k7, *p4, k4, repeat from * 2 times
more, p4, k7
Rows 8-10: repeat row 6 & 7 once, then
row 6 once more.
Row 11: k15, p12, k15
Row 12: k3, p12, k12, p12, k3
Row 13-15: repeat rows 11 and 12 once
and row 11 once more.



Section 3

Row 1 (mirror row): k15, p12, k15

Row 2: k3, p12, k12, p12, k3

Row 3-5: repeat rows 1 & 2 once and row 1 once more.

Row 6: k3, *p4, k4, repeat from * 3 times more, p4, k3

Row 7: k7, *p4, k4, repeat from * 2 times more, p4, k7

Rows 8-10: repeat row 6 & 7 once, then row 6 once more

Row 11: k15, p12, k15

Row 12: k3, p12, k12, p12, k3

Row 13-15: repeat rows 11 and 12 once, then row 11 once more.

Rows 16-19: k

BO

Finishing:

Weave in ends. Wash and block the wash cloths to the finished dimensions. While the knits and purls will crumple a little after knitting, they will flatten beautifully if pinned after washing.



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Notions:

Stitch markers, tapestry needle

Gauge:

20 st x 24 rows to 4" in stockinette –
washed and blocked

Finished Measurement:

8" x 8" (20cm x 20cm)

Abbreviations:

BO - bind off
CO - cast on
K - knit
K2tog - knit 2 together (dec 1)
P - purl
P2tog - purl 2 together (dec 1)
St - stitch(es)

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When my grandmother taught me to knit, she used this pattern. It was a fun way to make something and practice my stitches. Over the years, I have met hundreds of knitters who learned with this washcloth or had the pattern passed down to them. I love the common thread.

Garter Wash Cloth:

CO 4 st, knit 1 row.

Increase row: k3, yo, k to end of row

Repeat increase row until 44 st are on needle.

Decrease row: k1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, k2tog, k to the end.

Repeat decrease row until 6 st remain.

Next row: k2tog, k1, k2tog, yo, k1

Next Row: k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog

Knit 1 Row. BO

Stockinette Wash Cloth:

CO 4 st, knit 1 row.

Rows 2, 3, 4: k3, yo, k to end of row

Row 5: k3, yo, p1, k3 (8 st)

RS increase row: k3, yo, k to end of row

WS increase row: k3, yo, p to 3 st remaining, k3

Repeat RS and WS increase rows until 44 st are on needle, end with WS row.

RS decrease row: k1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, k2tog, k to the end

WS decrease row: k1, k2tog, k1, yo, p1, p2tog, p to 3 st remain, k3

Repeat RS and WS decrease rows until 9 st remain.

Next row: k1, k2tog, k1, yo, p2tog, k3

Row 2: k2tog, k2tog, k1, yo, k3

Row 3: k1, k2tog, k1, yo, k2

Row 4: k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k1

Row 5: k2tog, k3

Knit 1 Row. BO

Seed Stitch Wash Cloth

(This is more of a recipe than a pattern. You will have to be able to follow your stitches in seed stitch pattern. Make sure you knit the opposite stitch – knit your purls, purl your knits to create seed stitch.)

CO 4 st, knit 1 row.

Rows 2, 3, 4: k3, yo, k to end of row

Row 5: k3, yo, p1, k3 (8 st)

Increase row: k3, yo, seed st until 3 st remain, k3

Repeat the increase row until 44 st are on needle. Make sure the first and last 3 st are garter (k every stitch).

RS decrease row: k1, k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog or p2tog, depending on the orientation of the second st (if the 2nd st should be worked as a k, k2tog, if the 2nd st should be worked as a p, p2tog), work in seed st until 3 st remain, k3

Repeat decrease rows until 8 st remain.

Next Row: k2tog, k2tog, k1, yo, k3

Row 2: k1, k2tog, k1, yo, k2

Row 3: k2tog, k1, yo, k2tog, k1

Row 4: k2tog, k3

Knit 1 Row. BO

Finishing:

Weave in ends.

Wash and block the wash cloths to the finished dimensions. While the knits and purls will crumple a little after knitting, they will flatten beautifully if pinned after washing.