

## DISHCLOTH CLASSICS

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### Bee Dish Cloth

This cloth can be knitted as a plain fabric or with a design in the middle. Use the bee pattern included here or any design using your total stitch count minus the 6 garter edge stitches.

(from Stephanie Pearl McPhee aka Yarn Harlot..."Because someone will ask, and even though I swear you don't need a pattern, here goes.")

Cast on some stitches. I use about 30-35, but [the bee stitch version was] 31.

Whatever goes in the middle, I like garter stitch borders, because I like them nice and square and finished looking. I knit six rows, then keep the first and last 3 stitches in garter throughout.

Knit until it's just about a square, then knit six rows. Cast off.

#### Bee Stitch pattern:

(<http://www.theweeklystitch.com/2011/06/bee-stitch.html>)

This lovely stitch is a four-row repeat worked over a multiple of 2 stitches, plus 1.

**K1B** = Knit into the stitch below the next stitch on your left needle - you will be dropping the next stitch off the left needle at the same time. This is a bit hard to understand written, so be sure to watch the video if you are confused.

**Row 1:** Knit all stitches (This is the wrong side of your fabric)

**Row 2:** Knit 1, \*K1B, knit 1\*, repeat from \* to end

**Row 3:** Knit all stitches

**Row 4:** K2, K1B, \*K1, K1B\*, repeat from \* to the last two stitches, K2

Repeat these four rows for pattern. Enjoy!

Here's a collection of example dishcloth patterns for Madison Knitters' Guild Community knitting. All use machine washable worsted cotton such as Sugar 'n Cream. Use a US6/4mm needle (loose knitters) or US7/4.5mm (medium to tight knitters). Finished cloths should measure about 8"x8" to 9"x9".

### Spa Washcloth

Cast on 35 stitches.

Rows 1-4: Knit

Row 5: Knit 3; \* yarn over, knit 2 together. Repeat from \* 14 more times; knit 2.

Rows 6, 7 and 8: Knit.

Repeat Rows 5 through 8 until spa washcloth is approximately 6.5 inches, ending with Row 8.

Final 2 Rows: Knit.

Bind off, weave in ends and trim.

### Grandmother's Favorite Dishcloth

Cast on 4 stitches

Row 1: Knit 4.

Row 2: Knit 2, yarn over, knit across the row. Repeat Row 2 until you have 44 stitches on the needle.

Row 3: Knit 1, Knit 2 together, yarn over, knit 2 together, knit to the end of the row.

Repeat Row 3 until you have 4 stitches on the needle.

You can now either bind off or do a round of single crochet and make a little loop of chain stitches in one corner so you can hang the cloth to dry when you are finished using it. Downloaded from (and edited for clarity and space): [www.lakebreeze.org/knitting.htm](http://www.lakebreeze.org/knitting.htm)