

Easy Textured Dishcloth



Pattern Description:

This pattern details an easy, textured dishcloth project suitable for all skill levels using cotton yarn. The unique diagonal texture is achieved by working into the back loop of single crochet stitches.

This construction method helps the dishcloth maintain a stable, square shape, preventing it from becoming distorted.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

Yarn

- **Type:** 100% Cotton Yarn
- **Weight:** Medium Worsted Weight (Category 4)
- **Recommended Brands:**
 - **I Love This Cotton!** (Hobby Lobby) – Slightly thinner than typical weight 4.

- **Dishie Cotton Yarn** (Knit Picks) – Softer than Lily Sugar’n Cream with a natural cotton feel; durable, colorfast.
- **Lily Sugar’n Cream** – Widely available, standard cotton yarn with a rougher texture.

Hook

- **Size:** H/8 (5.00 mm)

Notions

- Tapestry needle (for weaving in ends)
- Scissors

Measurements

- **Finished Size:** Not explicitly stated in the pattern.
- **Size Adjustment:**
 - The dishcloth can be made **larger** by repeating **Row 3** until the desired size is reached, **before** beginning the decrease rows.
 - Each increase row adds **1 stitch per side** (i.e., Row 1 has 1 stitch, Row 2 has 2, Row 3 has 3, and so on), allowing precise size customization.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **Ch:** chain
- **sc:** single crochet
- **sc2tog:** single crochet two together (decrease)

Stitching Instructions for Making the Easy Textured Dishcloth Pattern:

This dishcloth pattern utilizes a **diagonal construction method**, achieved by working single crochet stitches predominantly into the back loop only (BLO) of the stitches from the previous row.

This creates a raised horizontal bar on the front of the fabric from the unused front loop, which accumulates row by row to form the distinctive diagonal texture.

The pattern begins with an increasing section, followed by a stabilization row (implied by Row 29 before decreases), and concludes with a decreasing section to form a square shape.

Increasing Section:

- **Row 1:**



- Begin by creating a foundation chain of 3 stitches (Ch 3). Work one single crochet (sc) stitch into the second chain from the hook, and then work one single crochet (sc) stitch into the next chain. Turn the work. At the end of Row 1, you will have a total of 2 stitches.
- **Row 2:**



- Chain 1 (Ch 1). Work 2 single crochet (sc) stitches into the back loop only (BLO) of each stitch across the row. Turn the work. At the end of Row 2, you will have a total of 4 stitches.
- **Row 3:**



- Chain 1 (Ch 1). Work 2 single crochet (sc) stitches into the back loop only (BLO) of the first stitch. Then, work single crochet (sc) stitches into the back loop only (BLO) across the row until only the last stitch remains. Work 2 single crochet (sc) stitches into the back loop only (BLO) of the last stitch. Turn the work. At the end of Row 3, you will have a total of 6 stitches.
- **Repeat Row 3:**



- Continue to repeat the instructions for Row 3. Each repetition of Row 3 will increase the total stitch count by 2 stitches compared to the previous row.

Repeat Row 3 until a total of 28 rows are completed from the beginning, or until the desired width of the dishcloth is achieved before starting the decrease section.

Straight Section (Stabilization):

- **Row 29:**



- After completing the desired number of increase rows (e.g., up to Row 28 as suggested), Chain 1 (Ch 1).

Work one single crochet (sc) stitch into the back loop only (BLO) of each stitch across the entire row.

Turn the work. This row maintains the stitch count established at the end of the increasing section.

Decreasing Section:

- **Row 30:**



- Chain 1 (Ch 1). Work a single crochet two together (sc2tog) decrease stitch over the first two stitches, working into the back loop only (BLO) of both stitches.

Work single crochet (sc) stitches into the back loop only (BLO) across the row until only the last 2 stitches remain.

Work a single crochet two together (sc2tog) decrease stitch over the last two stitches, working into the back loop only (BLO) of both stitches. Turn the work.

- **Repeat Row 30:**



- Continue to repeat the instructions for Row 30. Each repetition of Row 30 will decrease the total stitch count by 2 stitches compared to the previous row. Continue repeating this decrease row until only 4 stitches remain across the row.

Last Row:



- Once 4 stitches remain, Chain 1 (Ch 1). Work a single crochet two together (sc2tog) decrease stitch over the first two stitches, working into the back loop only (BLO).

Then, work another single crochet two together (sc2tog) decrease stitch over the remaining two stitches, working into the back loop only (BLO). At the end of the last row, you will have 2 stitches remaining.

Finishing:



After completing the last row, fasten off the yarn. Use a tapestry needle to weave in any loose yarn ends securely.