

Fancy Dishcloth Style Baby Blanket

I've added a center spine of eyelets to the traditional dishcloth style blanket.

Make a blanket of any size, simply stop when it's the length you want (measure from needles to point) and begin decreasing.

If you're unfamiliar with this dishcloth pattern, it will make a square, from corner to corner – meaning you will make a large triangle, then begin decreasing to make the 2nd triangle, forming a square when finished. You will essentially be working on the diagonal.

You may use any weight yarn, and any needle size.

This is a good “scrap blanket” or striped blanket pattern. Use yarns of the same weight and switch colors/yarn when you see fit or when out of that yarn.

Yarn requirement will vary greatly and is determined by your chosen yarn weight, needle size, and the final size of your blanket. If you're unsure, begin decreasing when you have just over more than half of your yarn left. Don't know why, but the decreasing half uses more yarn than the increasing half. If you want to add the cross section spine, you'll need more yarn for the second half than you would if you omit it. Sorry I can't be more specific.

Abbreviations used:

BO – bind off

CO – cast on

K or k – knit

K2tog – knit 2 together

M – marker

PM – place marker

SL – slip

SSK – slip, slip, knit

St or st(s) - stitch / stitches

YO - yarn over

Pattern:

❖ Begin Blanket:

- CO5 sts
- K 1 row (5 sts)
- K3, YO, K2 (6 sts)
- K3, YO, K3 (7 sts)
- K3, YO, K4 (8 sts)
- K3, YO, K5 (9 sts)
- K3, YO, PM, K3, PM, K3 (10 sts)
- K3, YO, K to end¹ (11 sts)
- Repeat last row until 16 sts.

❖ Begin Center Spine:

- K3, YO, K to M, YO, SL M, K3, SL M, K1, K2tog, K to end.
- Repeat a until desired size

To add the cross section “spine” when you have an even number of sts BEFORE the first M²:

- K3, YO, K1, *YO, K2tog, repeat from * to M, YO, SL M, K3, SL M, K1, K2tog, *YO, K2tog, repeat from * to last 5 sts, K 5. (1 sts increase)
- K3, YO, K2tog, K to M, YO, SL M, K3, SL M, K1, K2tog, K to end. (0 increases)

❖ Begin Decrease & Finish Blanket:

- K2, K2tog, YO, SSK, K to M, YO, SL M, K3, SL M, K1, K2tog, K to end (decrease by 1 sts)
- Repeat last/previous row until 17 sts remain.
- K2, K2tog, SSK, YO, remove M, K3, remove M, K1, K2tog, K to end (16 sts)³
- K2, K2tog, YO, SSK, K to end. (1 sts decrease)
- Repeat previous row until 5 sts.
- K across. (5 sts)
- BO loosely, weave in ends.

¹ Slip markers when you come to them.

² Count all the stitches before the marker, including the YOs from the previous row.

³ The K2tog and SSK will sometimes get “sloppy” now, ‘cause they will sometimes include a YO from the previous row.