

Garterlac Dishcloth

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Abbreviations:

K – Knit
K2tog -- Knit two stitches together
K-FB -- Knit into the front of the next stitch and, before removing it from the needle, knit into the back of the same stitch
SKP -- Slip one stitch knit-wise, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over
Turn -- Put the stuff in your right hand into your left hand and the stuff that used to be in your left hand into your right hand
Pick up -- Insert right hand needle from front to back into side of previous layer between two garter bumps, wrap the yarn around the needle and pull a stitch through

Materials required: 1 ball dishcloth cotton & appropriate needle

Directions:

Very loosely, cast on 24 stitches.

Bottom Triangle:

K 1, turn, K 1, turn.
K 2, turn, K 2, turn.
K 3, turn, K 3, turn.
K 4, turn, K 4, turn.
K 5, turn, K 5, turn.
K 6, turn, K 6, turn.
K 7, turn, K 7, turn.
K 8, do not turn.

Repeat the directions for the *Bottom Triangle* twice more – three triangles in total. They look a little twisted right now. Don't worry; they'll sort themselves out as you go along. Turn and make an *Increasing Side Triangle*.

Increasing Side Triangle:

K 1, turn, K-FB, turn.
K 1, SKP, turn, K-FB, K 1, turn.
K 2, SKP, turn, K 1, K-FB, K 1, turn.
K 3, SKP, turn, K 2, K-FB, K 1, turn.
K 4, SKP, turn, K 3, K-FB, K 1, turn.
K 5, SKP, turn, K 4, K-FB, K 1, turn.
K 6, SKP, turn, K 5, K-FB, K 1, turn.
K 7, SKP, do not turn.
Now make a *Square*.

Square:

Pick up 8 stitches along the side of the previous row, turn.

* K 8, turn, K 7, SKP, turn. *

Repeat between the *s another seven times, but do not turn at the end of the eighth repeat.

Make another *Square*, and then a *Decreasing Side Triangle*.

Decreasing Side Triangle:

Pick up 8 stitches along the side of the previous row, turn, K 8, turn.

K 6, K2tog, turn, K 7, turn.
K 5, K2tog, turn, K 6, turn.
K 4, K2tog, turn, K 5, turn.
K 3, K2tog, turn, K 4, turn.
K 2, K2tog, turn, K 3, turn.
K 1, K2tog, turn, K 2, turn.
K2tog, turn.

You are left with one stitch on the left hand needle. Transfer it to the right-hand needle. Pick up a further 7 stitches down the side of the previous row so you have 8 stitches in total, turn, and continue with the directions for *Square*. Make two more *Squares*.

Continue adding layers in a similar manner. The next layer will be *Increasing Triangle*, two *Squares*, then *Decreasing Triangle*.

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Now it is time to make triangles along the top. Transfer the remaining stitch to your right hand needle and proceed with *Top Triangle*.

Top Triangle:

Pick up 7 stitches along the side of the previous row, turn.

K 6, K2tog, turn, K 6, SKP, turn_

K 5, K2tog, turn, K 5, SKP, turn.

K 4, K2tog, turn, K 4, SKP, turn.

K 3, K2tog, turn, K 3, SKP, turn_

K 2, K2tog, turn, K 2, SKP, turn.

K 1, K2tog, turn, K 1, SKP, turn.

K2tog, turn, SKP. K 1 and pass the second stitch on the right-hand needle over the first.

You are left with one stitch on the right-hand needle. Make 2 more *Top Triangles*, fasten off last stitch and weave in ends.