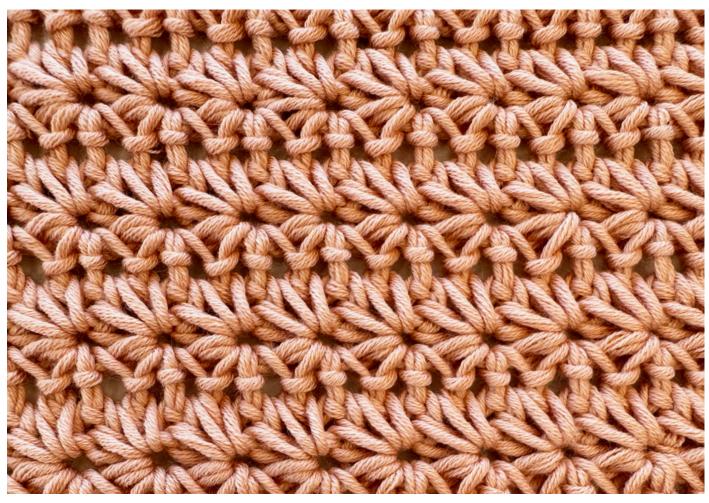
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# **About This Pattern**

Crocheting a dishcloth with the star stitch creates a beautiful and textured pattern that's not only visually appealing but also effective for scrubbing. The star stitch, also known as the "marguerite stitch," features a unique star-like design. This star stitch dishcloth not only serves as a functional item for your kitchen but also as a lovely handcrafted piece that could make a wonderful gift. Enjoy your crocheting!

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#### Yarn

- Medium weight cotton yarn (Size 4), as it's absorbent and durable, making it ideal for dishcloths.
- 1 x ball of The Pima Cotton yarn from We Are Knitters.
- This yarn is 3.5 oz/100g/232 yds/212 m.
- Use my code MGM4VHHAT for 10 off on your WAK yarn order.
- You can make 2 dishcloths with this amount of cotton yarn.

## Hook

• A size H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook works well with medium weight yarn.

# **Notions**

- Darning needle/yarn needle
- Scissors
- Tape measure

# Gauge

• 17 sts/20 rows in 10×10 cm/4×4 inches in the pattern.

## **Size**

- Length = 8 inches/20 cm
- Width = 8 inches /20 cm

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# **Abbreviations**

The pattern is written in US crochet terms.

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# abbreviations/

- CH Chain
- Cont Continue
- DC Double crochet
- HDC Half double crochet
- Patt Pattern
- Rep Repeat
- RS Right side
- SC Single crochet
- SI-St Slip stitch
- St(s) Stitch(es)
- WS Wrong side

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#### Star Stitch Dishcloth Crochet Pattern

### 1. Start with a Slip Knot and Foundation Chain:

- Begin by making a slip knot on your hook.
- Chain an even number of stitches in multiples of 2; for a standard-size dishcloth, chaining 32 should suffice for an 8-inch size.

### 2. Set Up Rows:

• Row 1: Chain 1 (does not count as a stitch), insert your hook into the 2nd ch from the hook and work 1 single crochet, then single crochet (SC) in each stitch across. Turn your work.

#### 3. Begin the Alpine Stitch Pattern:

- Row 2: Chain 3, Start in the second chain from the hook: Insert your hook into the chain, yarn over, and pull up a loop.
- Pull-up loops: Continue pulling up loops in each of the next 4 chains (you will have 6 loops on your hook).
- Close the star: Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops on the hook, then chain
  1 to close the star. This chain-1 is the "eye" of the star.
- Form the next star: Insert your hook into the "eye" of the star you just made, pull up a loop, insert into the last leg of the previous star, pull up a loop, and insert into the same chain as the last leg and the next two chains, pulling up loops each time (again, 6 loops on the hook).
- Repeat across the chain, ending with a half double crochet (HDC) in the last chain. Turn your work.
- Row 3: Chain 1 (counts as the first SC). 1 SC in the first "eye" of the star from the previous row.
- Next, work 2 SC in each "eye" of the stars from the previous row.
- End with an SC in the turning chain. Turn your work.

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#### 4. Continue the Pattern:

• Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for the pattern. Continue this repetition until the dishcloth reaches the desired size, usually about 8 or 10 inches square.

#### 5. Finishing:

• Cut the yarn, leaving a tail. Pull the tail through the loop on your hook to secure it. Weave in all ends with a yarn needle.

#### Tips for Crocheting with the Star Stitch:

- Maintain Even Tension: It's important to keep an even tension to ensure that the stars are uniform. The star stitch can tighten up, so try not to pull your loops too tight.
- Stitch Counts: Keep an accurate count of your stitches and stars. It's easy to lose or gain a stitch in patterned rows, so counting can help maintain the correct number.
- Washing and Care: Wash your dishcloth in cool to warm water to prevent shrinking, especially if it's made of cotton.