

# Waffle Stitch Dishcloth Knitting Pattern

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## Skill Level



Basic / De base / Básico



## About This Pattern

Knitting a dishcloth using the waffle stitch creates a wonderfully textured, thick fabric that's perfect for cleaning. The waffle stitch, with its combination of knits and purls, results in a raised checkered pattern that resembles a waffle, making it not only functional but visually interesting.

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## Yarn

- 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.
- Or - 1 x 50g cotton yarn suitable for 4.5 mm (US 7) knitting needles or 5 mm (US 8) needles.
- Any DK/light worsted/8 ply yarn or Aran/worsted/10 ply yarn.
- I would recommend using cotton.

## Needles

- Size US 7 (4.5 mm) or US 8 (5 mm) are typical choices that work well with cotton yarn.

## Notions

- Darning needle/yarn needle
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- Stitch markers x 2

## Gauge

- 16 sts x 24 rows = 4x4 inches/10x10 cm in the pattern.

## Size

- 26 x 26 cm/10 x 10 inches.

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## Abbreviations

You can get a free PDF download of knitting terms and abbreviations [here](#).

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<https://www.handylittleme.com/knitting-abbreviations/>

- CO – Cast on
- Cont – Continue
- K – Knit
- P – Purl
- PM - Place a marker
- SM - Slip marker
- St(s) – Stitch(es)
- Rep – Repeat
- RS – Right side
- WS – Wrong side

## Video Tutorial

Watch the video tutorial on my YouTube channel [here](#).

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<https://youtu.be/UU0mITBpmIY>

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## Gauge:

- Gauge is not critical for this project, but aiming for a denser fabric will enhance the scrubbing ability of the dishcloth.

## Pattern Overview:

The waffle stitch is worked over a multiple of 3 stitches plus 1 for the edges.

## Dishcloth Pattern:

### 1. Cast On:

- Cast on 46 stitches (or any multiple of 3 plus 1 + 6 edge stitches) for a standard-sized dishcloth ( $40 + 6 = 46$ ).

### 2. Set-Up Rows:

- Rows 1-6: Knit all stitches. These rows set the foundation for your pattern and create a neat edge.

### 3. Begin Waffle Stitch Pattern:

- Row 1 (RS): K3, PM, \*K1, P2\*, Rep from \* to \* until you reach the last 4 sts, K1, PM, K3.
- Row 2 (WS): K3, SM, P1, \*K2, P1\*, rep from \* to \* to marker, SM, K3.
- Row 3: K3, SM, K to the marker, SM, K3.
- Row 4: K3, SM, P to the marker, SM, K3.

### 4. Repeat the Pattern:

- Rep rows 1-4 (slipping the markers as you work) until the piece measures around 24 cm/9.5 inches (and ending with row 2) from the cast-on edge.
- The pattern rows create the waffle texture, while the knit rows help to define the 'waffles' more clearly.

### 5. Finishing Rows and Bind Off:

- Knit 6 rows to create a garter stitch border at the top.
- Bind off/cast off all stitches knitwise on the right side. This ensures a neat edge.

### 6. Finishing Touches:

- Cut the yarn, leaving a tail long enough for weaving.
- Use the tapestry needle to weave in all loose ends securely.
- Block your work if necessary.

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