

Wearable Washcloths (Knitted Version)

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Materials:

One June 2016 Beanie Bag sampler kit consisting of 20 yards each of 4 different cotton-blend yarns (80 yds total). Pair one lighter with one heavier-weight yarn for each side of the cloth, matching colors as desired, or as follows:

Berroco Remix (Heavy Worsted-weight) – A1
Sublime Egyptian Cotton (DK-weight) – B1
Blue Sky Alpacas Worsted Cotton (Worsted-weight) – A2
Rowan Handknit Cotton (DK-weight) – B2

***Note: you should have plenty of yarn to make 2 complete mitts. If you'd prefer mitts with matching sides instead of using all 4 colors in each mitt, work Sides 1 and 2 in the same 2 colors (repeat for second mitt in the other 2 colors).

Size US 6 needles

Tapestry needle

Gauge: not too important (and hard to measure since you're using 2 different weight yarns); you're looking for a semi-dense fabric without too much stretch (if larger yarn looks "holey", go down a needle size).

Finished Measurements: Approximately 3" wide by 4" tall.

Instructions:

Side 1:

With A1, CO 12 sts. Work 4 rows of k1, p1 rib, as follows:

Rows 1-4: *k1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 5 (WS): *kfb, p1; repeat from * to end. (18 sts)

Row 6 (RS): Join B1. With B1, *k1, sl 1 wyib; repeat from * to end.

Row 7: Still with B1, *k1, bring yarn to front, sl 1 wyif, bring yarn to back; repeat from * to end.



Rows 8 and 9: With A1, repeat rows 6 and 7.

Repeat rows 6-9 until piece measures approximately 3 inches from cast-on edge.

Decrease:

Row 1 (RS): With B1, k1, ssk, * sl 1 wyib, k1; repeat from * to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (16 sts)

Row 2: Still with B1, k1, p1, * sl 1 wyif, bring yarn to back, k1 bring yarn to front; repeat from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Row 3: With A1, k1, ssk, *k1, sl 1 wyib; repeat from * to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (14 sts)

Row 4: Still with A1, k1, p1, * bring yarn to back, k1, bring yarn to front, sl 1 wyif; repeat from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat rows 1-4 once more (10 sts). Bind off in B1 (lighter weight yarn).

Side 2:

With A2, CO 12 sts.

Rows 1-4: *p1, k1; repeat from * to end.

Row 5: p1, kfb, p1, kfb, p1, k1, p1, kfb, p1, kfb, p1, k1. (16 sts)

Row 6-7: With B2, knit to end.

Row 7: Still with B2, knit to end.

Row 8: With A2, knit to end.

Row 9: Still with A2, purl to end.

Repeat rows 6-9 until piece measures 3" from cast-on edge.

Decrease:

With next color in sequence: k1, ssk, k to end, k2tog, k1.

Next row: If working with A2, purl to end. If working with B2, knit to end.

Work these 2 decrease rows a total of 3 times, until 10 sts remain. Bind off in B2 (lighter weight yarn).



Lightly wet-block pieces to approximately the same measurements (3" wide by 4" tall). Using tapestry needle, seam pieces together using mattress stitch, easing in the top corners to form gentle curves. Weave in all ends and enjoy!