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Chinese Waves Dishcloth

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This pattern makes a nubby dishcloth, thicker and more stable than plain garter stitch. Chinese Waves is a wonderful, versatile pattern stitch. Besides dishcloths, it works very well for shawls, afghans, placemats and scarves. It also looks lovely in textured stripes interspersed with stockinette. Chinese Waves is based on garter stitch, so there's no purling and it doesn't curl up. The yarn carried across the back of all the slipped stitches makes curves across the dishcloth, which look like rows of little waves, hence the name "Chinese Waves."

Use any worsted weight 100% cotton yarn, such as Sugar 'n Cream and #7 US (4.5 mm) needles. If you don't have this size needles, just pick a size that's close--gauge is not critical in this pattern.

Cast on 45 stitches (Actually, any odd number of stitches will do.)

Row 1: Knit across (this is the right side)

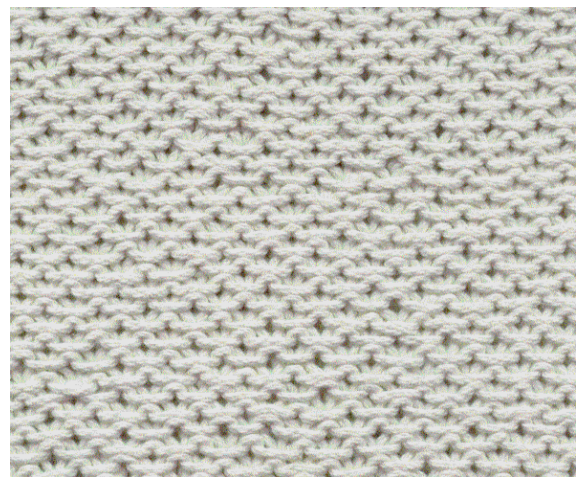
Row 2: *Knit 1, Slip 1* repeat between * across, ending Knit 1.

Row 3: Knit across

Row 4: Knit 2, *Slip 1, Knit 1* repeat between * until 3 stitches remain, Slip 1, Knit 2.

Keep working in pattern until piece is square, finishing with a wrong side row. Bind off in knitting on the right side.

Note: You may slip the stitches knitwise or purlwise, as long as you keep the yarn behind your fabric while you're working. Slipping knitwise, which twists the stitches when you knit them on the next row, will make a slightly tighter, denser fabric.



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