



# Leafy Washcloth

An easy leaf-shaped washcloth that makes a great quick gift. A good project for the beginner knitter who's ready to move beyond the square. Make them in leafy colors, or get zany with rainbow cotton. The finished size depends on what weight of yarn you choose.

## Finished measurements

DK weight: 4½ x 7¼ inches

Worsted weight: 5¼ x 7½ inches

Aran weight: 6 x 8 inches

## Materials

30 yards cotton or cotton blend yarn, in DK, worsted or aran weight. Shown in:

DK: Berroco Pure Pima, 100% cotton, color Oyster.

Worsted: Nashua Handknits Creative Focus Linen, 50% linen 50% cotton, color Leaf.

Aran: Kertzer CoolSpun Cotton Ombres, 100% cotton, color Mardi Gras.

## Supplies

4.0 - 5.0 mm needles, depending on which yarn you use. (Check the yarn label for guidance).

tapestry needle, 2 stitch markers

## Tension/gauge

24 (DK), 22 (Worsted), 20 (Aran) sts = 4 inches of garter stitch. Correct gauge is not essential for this project.

## Abbreviations

*k* knit

*k2tog* knit 2 sts together

*M1* make 1 st—pick up and knit running thread between sts

*p* purl

*pm* place marker

*RS* right side

*sm* slip marker

*ssk* slip-slip-knit—slip 2 sts knitwise, put left needle through front of slipped sts, knit together through back

*WS* wrong side



## Pattern Notes

These will be concave as you knit them, but when you wet-block them, they will take on their leaf shape.

### Version 1: Garter Stitch Leaf

Cast on 3 sts.

**Row 1:** K1, pm, k1, pm, k1.

**Row 2** (and all even rows): Knit.

**Row 3:** K1, m1, sm, k1, sm, m1, k1–5 sts.

**Row 5:** K1, m1, knit to marker, m1, sm, k1, sm, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1–9 sts.

**Row 7:** Rep row 5–13 sts.

**Row 9:** Knit to marker, m1, sm, k1, sm, m1, knit to end–15 sts.

Rep rows 8-9 eight times–31 sts.

**Next 9 rows:** Knit.

**Next row:** Knit to 2 sts bef marker, k2tog, sm, k1, sm, ssk, knit to end–29 sts.

Rep the last 2 rows until there are 5 sts left on the needle.

**Next row:** Knit.

**Next row:** K2tog, remove marker, k1, remove marker, ssk–3 sts.

**Next row:** Knit.

**Next row:** K2tog, k1–2 sts.

Bind off.

### Version 2: Stocking Stitch Leaf with Stem

Cast on 3 sts.

**Rows 1-4:** Knit.

**Row 5 (RS):** K1, pm, k1, pm, k1.

**Rows 6 and 8:** Knit.

**Row 7:** Knit to marker, m1, sm, k1, sm, m1, knit to end–5 sts.

**Row 9:** Rep row 7–7 sts.

**Row 10:** K3, p1, K3.

**Row 11:** Rep row 7- 9sts.

**Row 12:** K3, purl to marker, sm, p1, sm, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Rep rows 11-12 11 times–31 sts.

**Next row (RS):** Knit.

**Next row:** Rep row 12.

Rep these 2 rows 3 times.

**Next row:** Knit to 2 bef marker, k2tog, sm, k1, sm, ssk, knit to end–29 sts.

**Next row:** Rep row 12.

Rep these 2 rows until 7 sts rem on needle.

**Next row:** K1, k2tog, remove marker, k1, remove marker, ssk, k1–5 sts.

**Next row:** Knit.

**Next row:** K2tog, k1, ssk.

**Next row:** Knit.

**Next row:** K2tog, k1, ssk–3 sts.

**Next row:** Knit.

**Next row:** K2tog, k1–2 sts.

Bind off.

## Finishing

Wet the cloth thoroughly. Lay flat, shaping into leaf, let dry. Weave in ends.