

Stash Hash Dish Cloth

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This pattern is guaranteed to please the Stashie in your life by the effective use of yarn remnants and long-hoarded stash to create beautiful and useful cloths.

Materials:

Odds and ends of dish cloth cotton, any color
U.S. Size #7 (4.5mm) knitting needles
Tapestry needle
Size G crochet hook

Gauge is unimportant. As knitted here, the finished cloth is approximately 9" square.

Instructions:

Center patch – Choose a color and cast on 6 stitches. Knit 12 rows in garter stitch (knit on the right side, knit on the wrong side) to produce 6 garter stitch ribs. At the beginning of each row, slip the first stitch with the yarn in front to create an easy space for picking up stitches later. On the right side, bind off 5 stitches, leaving one on the needle. Attach a second color, drop the first color, and proceed to the next panel.

Panel 1 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches, for a total of 6 on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work the following rows:

1 and 2	Sl 1 wyif, knit to the end, turn
3, 5, 7, 9	Sl 1 wyif, purl to the end, turn
4, 6, 8, 10	Sl 1 wyib, knit to the end, turn
11	Sl 1 wyif, knit to the end, turn

On the right side, bind off 5 stitches, leaving one on the needle. Attach another color, drop the first color, and proceed to the next panel.

Panel 2 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches along the just knitted panel, then pick up 6 stitches along the cast on edge of the first patch, for a total of 12 stitches on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work rows 1-11 above. After the 11th row, bind off all but one stitch, change colors, and repeat the process of picking up stitches across the next edge.

Panel 3 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches along the just knitted panel, then pick up 6 stitches along the left side edge of the first patch, for a total of 12 stitches on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work rows 1-11 above. After the 11th row, bind off all but one stitch, change colors, and repeat the process of picking up stitches across the next edge.

Panel 4 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches along the just knitted panel, then pick up 6 stitches along the cast off edge of the first patch, and then 6 more stitches along the side of Panel 1, for a total of 18 stitches on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work rows 1-11 above. After the 11th row, bind off all but one stitch, change colors, and repeat the process of picking up stitches across the next edge. Before picking up the stitches for Panel 5, the work will measure approximately 5" square.

Panel 5 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches along the just knitted panel, then pick up 6 stitches along the cast off edge of Panel 1, and 6 stitches along the right edge of Panel 2, for a total of 18 stitches on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work rows 1-11 above. After the 11th row, bind off all but one stitch, change colors, and repeat the process of picking up stitches across the next edge.

Panel 6 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches along the just knitted panel, then pick up 6 stitches along the cast off edge of the Panel 2, then 6 stitches along the right edge of Panel 3, for a total of 24 stitches on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work rows 1-11 above. After the 11th row, bind



off all but one stitch, change colors, and repeat the process of picking up stitches across the next edge.

Panel 7 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches along the just knitted panel, then pick up 12 stitches along the cast off edge of the Panel 3, then 6 stitches along the right edge of Panel 4, for a total of 24 stitches on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work rows 1-11 above. After the 11th row, bind off all but one stitch, change colors, and repeat the process of picking up stitches across the next edge.

Panel 8 – With one stitch remaining on the right needle, turn the patch clockwise, right side facing, and pick up 5 stitches along the just knitted panel, then pick up 18 stitches along the cast off edge of Panel 4, then 6 stitches along the right edge of Panel 5, for a total of 30 stitches on the needle. Turn the work to the wrong side and work rows 1-11 above. After the 11th row, bind off all stitches. After working Panel 8, the work should measure approximately 8½" square.

Crocheted Edging – With another color and the crochet hook, attach the yarn at the last bound off stitch. *Work 30 stitches of single crochet, chain 3 at the corner* around the cloth, joining to the first single crochet.

Round 2 – Chain 1, *work 30 sc to the chain 3 space, work 3 sc in the chain 3 space*. Repeat around the cloth, joining to the first SC with a slip stitch. Cut the yarn and weave in all the yarn ends.

Blocking the cloth after weaving in the ends will improve the appearance and square it up before presenting as a gift.