

Super Duper Kitchen Sponges

These sponges are fantastic! Scrubby on one side for getting the grub off dishes, soft and “grabby” on the other side for wiping tables, and an optional inner sponge for extra absorbency; you’ll never settle for another store-bought sponge again!



Skill Level: Easy (basic tunisian and regular crochet skills required)

Materials:

- Kitchen Cotton, and Nylon crochet thread (J.P. Coats Crochet Nylon)
- G (4.25mm) hook
- Generic sponge measuring about 3 inches by 4.5 inches (optional)

*note - this pattern uses American Terminology



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Follow the instructions below in the order written to make the sponges. Instructions between stars *like so* are to be repeated as instructed. Abbreviations are defined at the end of the pattern, and special instructions are below.

Rtrn (return): Yo, pull through 1 loop. *Yo, pull through 2 loops* across.

TKS (tunisian knit stitch): *Insert hook from front to back of fabric between the front and back vertical bar, yo, pull up loop* across.

Bind Off (TKS): Pull up a loop in next as though doing a TKS, and pull the loop through the loop on your hook (like doing a slip stitch).

Side 1:

1) Foundation Row: With cotton, Ch 12. Beg in 2nd ch frm hk, pull up 11 loops across ch, working into the “bumps” on the underside of the ch. *Rtrn.*

2-18) Forward: TKS across. *Rtrn.*

19) Bind off (TKS) - the bind off sts will seem to sit in front of the row instead of on top, but that’s okay - it will be corrected later. If you are not inserting an inner sponge, end off here.

20) Ch 1. Sc 18 down left side (1 into end of each row). Ch 1, Sc 11 across bottom, Ch 1, Sc 18 up right side, Ch 1, Sc 11 across top. Ch 1. Join to beg sc with sl st. End off.

Side 2:

1) Foundation Row: Tie slip knot with nylon and cotton strands held together. Using the cotton strand only, Ch 12. Beg 2nd ch frm hk, pull up 11 loops in the “bumps” on underside of ch. Using nylon strand, *rtrn.*

2-18) Fwd: TKS across. Change strands, *rtrn.*

19) You should be using the cotton strand - Bind off (TKS) - the bind off sts will seem to sit in front of the row instead of on top, but that’s okay - it will be corrected later. If you are not inserting an inner sponge, skip ahead to sewing.

20) Ch 1. Sc 18 down left side (1 into end of each row). Ch 1, Sc 11 across bottom, Ch 1, Sc 18 up right side, Ch 1, Sc 11 across top. Ch 1. Join to beg sc with sl st.

Sewing:

Sandwich together Side 1, Side 2, and the inner sponge - with the sponge in the middle, side 2 on top with right side facing out, side 1 on bottom with right side facing the sponge. Your yarn should still be attached. If you ended off by mistake, just reattach in the same place. Ch 1. Sc around entire edge, through the sts of both sides together. Make sure to sc into the ch 1s on the corners as well (if you are using an inner sponge). If you are not using an inner sponge, ch 1 at each corner.



Abbreviations: ch=chain, sts=stitches, sl st=slip stitch, sc=single crochet, frm=from, hk=hook, ea=each, tog=together, beg=beginning,

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