

Pretty Little Shells



I've been searching for the perfect spa cloth and I believe I've found it! Light and soft enough to be luxurious and strong enough to scrub with, this cloth is not just beautiful but useful, too. It's a perfect combination that you're sure to love.

Materials:

- 1 ball KnitPicks CotLin DK (70% Tanguis Cotton, 30% Linen - 123 yards/50g ball)
- Size F crochet hook
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

Abbreviations (U.S. Notation):

ch...chain stitch
hdc...half-double crochet
sk...skip
st...stitch

Notes:

Gauge is not vital to this project, but the samples were crocheted at 1.5 shells per inch, yielding a cloth approximately 10.25 inches (26 centimeters) square. Size can be adjusted by altering the length of the initial chain or by using a different size hook (though this changes somewhat the character of the fabric), or a different yarn and appropriate hook.

The Pattern:

(Multiples of 3)

Ch 45.

Row 1:Hdc in the 4th ch from the hook and each ch across: 43 hdc (including turning chain).

Row 2: Ch 2, turn. Sk 1 st, 3 hdc in next st, [sk 2 sts, 3 hdc in next st] across to last 2 st, sk 1 st, hdc in starting ch: 14 shells. (In the following repeats, the turning chain is ignored and the last hdc in the row is worked into the first hdc of the previous row.)

Row 3: Ch 2, turn. Hdc in first st and each st across: 43 hdc.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until cloth is square, ending on Row 3.

Finish off, weave in your ends, and enjoy your cloth!



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