



# Portuguese Style Knitting, Traditional Dishcloths - Square and Rectangular

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This pattern is written especially for knitting in the Portuguese Knitting style, because the garter stitch is worked by purling every row. Please visit my website to get the other version of this pattern, where every row is knit.

## Getting Started.

**Size:** Any size square, mine are about 9 x 9"

**Needles:** Size 7 US (4.5mm), straights or circulars

**Yarn:** About 35 grams of worsted weight cotton or cotton blend (about 65 yards), I used Knit Picks Comfy Worsted

**Additional Materials:** Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

**Gauge:** Really not important, but I got 4.5 stitches per inch in garter stitch

## Abbreviations.

BO – bind-off

CO – cast-on

P - purl

P2tog - purl 2 together

YO – yarn over

## Directions (Square Dishcloth).

CAST-ON AND INCREASE SECTION

**Video Part 1, Intro:** <https://youtu.be/Z7-aWKxpfy0>

**Video Part 2:** <https://youtu.be/Z7-aWKxpfy0?t=3m48s>

CO 4 stitches, and purl 1 row.

Increase Section Row: P2, YO, P to end of row.

Repeat this row until you reach the desired width (I repeated it until I had 50 stitches).

DECREASE SECTION

Decrease Section Row: P1, P2tog, YO, P2tog, P to end of row.

Repeat this row until you have 5 stitches remaining.

Next Row: P1, P2tog, P2

BO remaining 4 stitches, break yarn, and pull end through last loop to fasten.

## Finishing.

Weave in ends, and follow manufacturer's instructions for washing and drying.

## Directions (Rectangular Dishcloth).



**Size:** You can make any size rectangle with this pattern. The instructions below are for the 3 x 6" size I like to use for washing dishes.

**Yarn:** about 8 grams of worsted weight cotton (about 16 yards)

INCREASE SECTION

CO 4 stitches, and purl 1 row.

Increase Section Row: P2, YO, P to end of row.

Repeat this row until you have the desired width (on the diagonal) of your dishcloth. I repeated this row until I had 20 stitches total on the needle for the 3 x 6" size I like to use. Then move on to the straight section.

## STRAIGHT SECTION

Row 1: P2, YO, P to end of row.

Row 2: P1, P2tog, YO, P2tog, P to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 10 times (20 rows total), or to desired length.

## DECREASE SECTION

Decrease Section Row: P1, P2tog, YO, P2tog, P to end of row.

Repeat this row until you have 5 stitches remaining.

Next Row: P1, P2tog, P2

BO remaining 4 stitches, break yarn, and pull end through last loop to fasten.

## Finishing.

Weave in ends, and follow manufacturer's instructions for washing and drying.

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