Leaf Lace Washcloth

Designed by Jan Eaton, this pretty washcloth would make the perfect gift when wrapped up with a bar of lovely handmade soap. The leaf lace pattern can be worked from row-by-row instructions (below) or from the chart on the second page.



Materials
1 50g ball of double knitting (worsted) weight machine-washable cotton or cotton/ acrylic blend with approximately 115m (126 yds) to 50g
Pair of 4mm (US size 6) straight needles

Size
Approximately 20cm (8in) square

The washcloth in the photograph was knitted in Bergère de France *Sonora* in the *Onde* colourway.

Knitting the washcloth

Cast on 43 sts and knit 1 row.
Slipping the first st of every row purlwise with yarn at back of work, knit 7 rows.
Next row: Sl 1, K5, P to last 6 sts, K6.

Work 16-row pattern given below twice, then work Rows 1-8 once again.
Leaf lace pattern
Row 1 (RS): Sl 1, K6, *K2, K2 tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K3; rep from * twice more, K6.
Row 2 and every following alternate row: Sl 1, K5, P to last 6 sts, K6.
Row 3: Sl 1, K6, *K1, K2 tog, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, SSK, K2; rep from * twice more, K6.
Row 5: Sl 1, K6, *K2 tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K1; rep from * twice more, K6.
Row 7: Sl 1, K5, K2 tog, *K3, YO, K1, YO, K3, sl 1, K2 tog, psso; rep from * twice more, ending last repeat with SSK instead of sl 1, K2 tog, psso, K6.
Row 9: Sl 1, K6, *YO, SSK, K5, K2 tog, YO, K1; rep from * twice more, K6.
Row 11: Sl 1, K6, *YO, K1, SSK, K3, K2 tog, K1, YO, K1; rep from * twice more, K6.
Row 13: Sl 1, K6, *YO, K2, SSK, K1, K2 tog, K2, YO, K1; rep from * twice more, K6.
Row 15: Sl 1, K6, *YO, K3, sl 1, K2 tog, psso, K3, YO, K1; rep from * twice more, K6.
Row 16: Repeat Row 2.

To finish the washcloth, knit 8 rows, then cast off loosely.
Darn in yarn ends and block if necessary.

Abbreviations
K = knit P = purl st (sts) = stitch (stitches) sl = slip
K2 tog = knit 2 sts together psso = pass slipped st over
YO = yarn forward between needles, then back over right-hand needle when working next st.
SSK = slip next st knitwise, slip next st knitwise, insert tip of left-hand needle into front of these two sts and knit them together

Stitch at beginning of row is always slipped purlwise; all other stitches are slipped knitwise

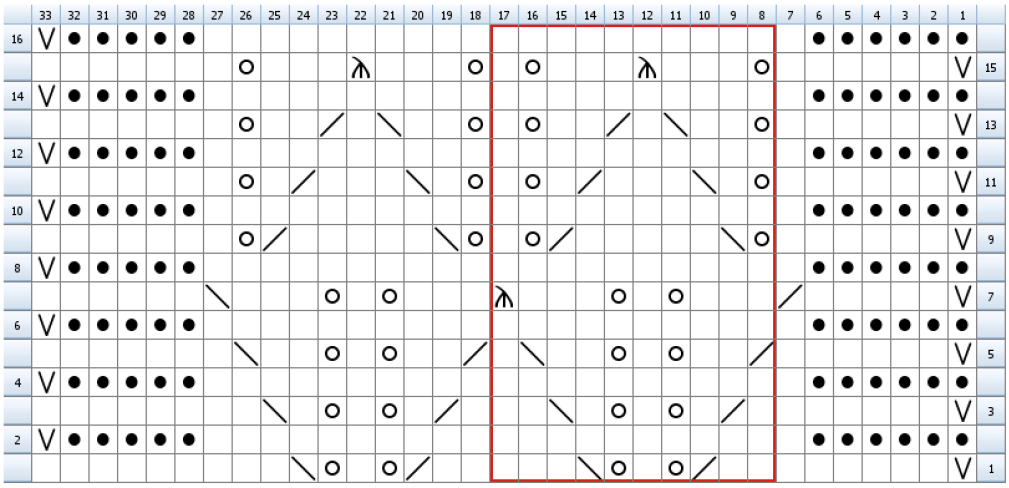


Knitting the washcloth from the chart

Cast on 43 sts and knit 1 row.
Slipping the first stitch of every row purlwise with yarn at back of work, knit 7 rows.
Next row: Sl 1, K5, P to last 6 sts, K6.

Work the lace pattern from the chart, reading RS (odd-numbered) rows from right to left and WS (even-numbered) rows from left to right.
Work the 16-row chart pattern twice, then work Rows 1-8 once again.

To finish the washcloth, knit 8 rows, then cast off loosely.
Darn in yarn ends and block if necessary.



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