

KITCHEN TOWELS

I needed hand towels for the kitchen. My mother needed a bit more on her KnitPicks order to get free shipping. So I ordered a few skeins of CotLin to help her out. I made a smaller version of the hand towel from Mason Dixon Knits for the first one. I liked it, but not enough to make two or three more just like it. So I worked out a couple more patterns. Here they are.

Materials:

2 skeins per towel Knit Pick's CotLin (70% Tanguis Cotton, 30% Linen; 123 yards/50 gram ball) available from www.knitpicks.com. Colors shown: Nested Squares: Royal Plum; Crazy Diamonds: Key Lime.

US 5 (3.75mm) needles

2 stitch markers

Tapestry needle.

Size: About 13 x 17 inches

Gauge: About 22 sts = 4 in. Don't get too crazy over gauge. After all, it's a towel.



Nested Squares:

Seed Stitch (over odd number of sts): *K1, P1; rep from * for specified number of stitches (or across row), end with K1.

CO 67 sts.

Work 6 rows Seed St. **On Last Row:** Work 5 sts, place marker, work til 5 sts remain on needle, place marker, work last 5 sts.

These 5 sts form the side borders. To work the borders, work the 5 sts before the first marker and the 5 sts after the second marker in Seed St. on all rows:

The following instructions are for the 57 stitches between the markers.

Row 1: K9, *Seed 3, K9* Rep from * to * to end.

Row 2: P9 *Seed 3, P9* Rep from * to * to end.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4: P2, Seed 5, P2 *Seed 3, P2, Seed 5, P2* Rep from * to * to end.

Row 5: K2, Seed 5, K2 *Seed 3, K2, Seed 5, K2* Rep from * to * to end.

Row 6: Rep Row 4.

Row 7: Rep Row 5.

Row 8: Rep Row 4.

Row 9: Rep Row 5.

Row 10: Rep Row 4.

Row 11: Rep Row 1.

Row 12: Rep Row 2.

Row 13: Rep Row 3.

Rows 14-16: Seed St.

Work Rows 1-16 four more times.

Work Rows 1- 13 once.

Work 6 Rows Seed Stitch.

BO. Weave in yarn ends.



Crazy Diamonds Towel

Seed Stitch (over odd number of sts): *K1, p1; rep from * across, end with k1.

CO 67 sts.

Work 8 rows Seed St. **On Last Row:** Work 6 sts, place marker, work til 6 sts remain on needle, place marker, work last 6 sts.

These 6 sts form the side borders. To work the borders, on all rows: *K1, P1* to first marker, work instructions below to second marker, *P1, K1* to end.

The following instructions are for the 55 stitches between the markers.

Row 1: *K5, P1, K5; P1, Seed 9, P1* Rep from * to * once. K5, P1, K5.

Row 2: *P4, Seed 3, P4; P1, Seed 3, P3 Seed 3, P1* Rep from * to * once. P4, Seed 3, P4.

Row 3: *K3, P1, Seed 3, P1, K3; P1, K1, P1, K5, P1, K1, P1* Rep from * to * once. K3, P1, Seed 3, P1, K3.

Row 4: *P2, Seed 7, P2; P1, K1, P7, K1, P1* Rep from * to * once. P2, Seed 7, P2.

Row 5: *Seed 11; P1 K9, P1* Rep from * to * once. Seed 11.

Row 6: *Seed 11; P11* Rep from * to * once. Seed 11.

Row 7: Rep Row 5.

Row 8: Rep Row 4.

Row 9: Rep Row 3.

Row 10: Rep Row 2.

Row 11: Rep Row 1.

Row 12: *Seed 11; P5, K1, P5* Rep from * to * once. Seed 11.

Row 13: *Seed 3, P1, K3, P1, Seed 3; K4, Seed 3, K4* Rep from * to * once. Seed 3, P1, K3, P1, Seed 3.

Row 14: *Seed 3, P5, Seed 3; P3, Seed 5, P3* Rep from * to * once. Seed 3, P5, Seed 3.

Row 15: *K1, P1, K7, P1, K1; K2, P1, Seed 5, P1, K2* Rep from * to * once. K1, P1, K7, P1, K1.

Row 16: *K1, P9, K1; P1, Seed9, P1* Rep from * to * once. K1, P9, K1.

Row 17: *K11; P1, Seed 9, P1 Rep from * to * once. K11.

Row 18: Rep Row 16.

Row 19: Rep Row 15.

Row 20: Rep Row 14.

Row 21: Rep Row 13.

Row 22: Rep Row 12.

Work Rows 1-22 four more times.

Work Rows 1- 11 once.

Work 8 Rows Seed Stitch.

BO. Weave in yarn ends.

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