

KNITTED "DISHCLOTH" BLANKET

By **Connie Mallette** - Based on pattern for the famous diagonal dishcloth.

Materials and Equipment needed. 8 or more ounces of Worsted Weight yarn such as Plymouth Encore, US size 8 circular needle 24" long, or needle that comes closest to gauge. Gauge isn't critical because you will knit until the blanket measures at least 20 inches on one straight side.

Gauge: 20 sts. = 4 inches, 40 rows = 4 inches. **This makes a square blanket.**

Finished size: At least 20" square to fit a preemie baby or 30" square to cover in isolette.

Stitches: Garter Stitch – Knit every row.

Instructions:

Cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: K2, yo, K1

Row 2: K2, yo, Knit to end

Row 3 – middle of blanket: K2, yo at the beginning of every row.

To reverse shaping:

Row 1: K2, yo, K2 tog, knit to end of row.

Row 2: until you have 3 stitches left, repeat row 1 every row.

Last row: Bind Off.

Run in ends, wash and block to size.

Rectangular version for larger sizes:

Start like the square version and when a side is the length of the short side of your rectangle, mark one edge as your decrease edge, and then continue the increase at the beginning from the other edge and start the reverse shaping at your marked edge until the long side of the blanket is the desired size. Then switch and do the decreases at the beginning of every row.

Knit with love and have fun.