LION BRAND® KITCHEN COTTON
Knit Towel Topper

Skill Level: Easy+

SIZE
Cotton Woven Tea Towel 15" x 6 3/4" [38 cm x 17 cm] when buttoned, excluding towel
Cotton Terry Towel 17" x 6 3/4" [43 cm x 17 cm] when buttoned, excluding towel
Note Pattern is written in two versions. The first is designed for a decorative cotton tea towel (shown) while version 2 is written for a larger terry kitchen towel.

MATERIALS
• LION BRAND Lion Cotton

Version 1
1 ball # 112 Poppy Red

Version 2
1 ball # 157 Sunflower
or color of your choice

• LION BRAND size 8 [5 mm] knitting needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
• 1 skein White embroidery floss
• Embroidery needle
• 100% cotton tea towel 18" x 24" [45.5 cm x 61 cm] OR 100% cotton terry kitchen towel 21" x 28" [53.5 cm x 71 cm]
•1" [25 mm] button

GAUGE
18 sts + 16 rows= 4" [10 cm] in pattern
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Embroidery Chain Stitch. Thread embroidery needle with embroidery thread and make a small knot at the end. With the right side of the towel facing up, bring the needle up from underneath the towel to the top; make a small loop and hold it in place against fabric with thumb. Bring needle back down to underside, in same space where it came up. *Bring needle up inside loop just made, toward the top, and make a new loop which will lay outside the stitch made, by bringing needle back down in space where it came up. Repeat from * for required number of chains. End by bringing needle up inside loop and then bringing it down outside the loop to anchor final stitch.
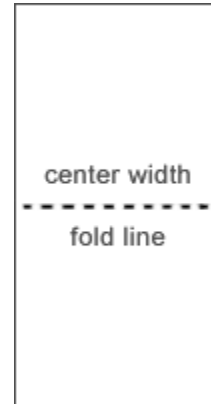

The Embroidery Chain Stitch

TOWEL
Version 1 – Cotton Woven Tea Towel
Unfold towel and lay flat – do not press open. Measure and cut a length of embroidery floss 3 times the width of the towel. Thread embroidery needle with 3 strands of embroidery floss (most embroidery floss has 6 strands, so you will need to split off what you need) and, working along center width fold line, make 69 Embroidered Chain Stitches, evenly spaced. Fasten off embroidery floss and secure ends.

center width

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fold line

Change to Lion Cotton and knitting needles. With RS facing, pick up and knit 1 stitch in each embroidered chain stitch – 69 sts.

Row 1 K 3,* p 3, k 3; repeat from * to end.
Row 2 P 3, *k 3, p 3; repeat from * to end.
Row 3 Repeat Row 1.
Rows 4 and 5 Knit.
Row 6 (First Decrease Row) K2tog tbl, p 1, *k 3, p 3; repeat from * to last 3 sts; end k2tog, k 1.– 67 sts.
Row 7 K 2, p 3, *k 3, p 3; repeat from * to last 2 sts, end k 2.
Row 8 P 2, k 3, *p 3, k 3; repeat from * to last 2 sts, end p 2.
Row 9 Knit.
Row 10 K 1, *k2tog, k 1; repeat from * to end – 45 sts.
Row 11 P 3,*k 3, p 3; repeat from * to end.
Row 12 K 3,* p 3,k 3; repeat from * to end.
Row 13 Repeat Row 11.
Row 14 Knit.
Row 15 *K 1, k2tog; repeat from * to end – 30 sts.
Row 16 *K 3, p 3; repeat from * to end.
Row 17 *P 3, k 3; repeat from * to end.
Row 18 Repeat Row 16
Row 19 Knit.
Row 20 *K2tog, k 1; repeat from * to end – 20 sts
Row 21 *K2tog, k 1; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2tog – 13 sts
Row 22 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog – 11 sts.
Rows 23-40 Knit.
Row 41 K 4, bind off 3 sts, knit to end.
Row 42 K 4, cast on 3 sts, knit to end.
Rows 43-50 K2tog at beginning of next 8 rows, k to end – 3 sts at end of final decrease row.
Bind off remaining 3 sts.

FINISHING

Measure 3" [7.5 cm] from bottom of knitting and mark center. Sew on button; weave in ends.

Version 2 – Cotton Terry Towel

Begin as for Version 1, but make 78 Embroidered Chain Stitches evenly spaced. Fasten off embroidery floss and secure ends.

Change to Lion Cotton and knitting needles. With RS facing, pick up and knit 1 stitch in each embroidered chain stitch – 78 sts.

Row 1 *K 3, p 3; repeat from * to end.

Row 2 *K 3, p 3; repeat from * to end.

Row 3 Repeat Row 1.

Rows 4 and 5 Knit.

Row 6 K2tog tbl, k 1, *k 3, p 3; repeat from * to last 3 sts, end k 1, k2tog tbl – 76 sts.

Row 7 P 2, *k 3,p 3; repeat from * to last 2 sts, end k 2.

Row 8 P 2, *k 3,p 3; repeat from * to last 2 sts, end k 2.

Row 9 Knit.

Row 10 K 1, *k2tog, k 1; repeat from * to end – 51 sts.

Row 11 P 3, *k 3, p 3; repeat from * to end.

Row 12 K 3,* p 3, k 3; repeat from * to end.

Row 13 Repeat Row 11.

Row 14 Knit.

Row 15 K 4, k2tog to last 5 sts, k 5 – 30 sts.

Row 16 *P 3,k 3; repeat from * to end.

Row 17 *P 3,k 3; repeat from * to end.

Row 18 Repeat Row 16.

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 *K2tog, k 1; repeat from * to end – 20 sts.

Row 21 *K2tog, k 1; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2tog – 13 sts.

Row 22 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog – 11 sts.

Rows 23-40 Knit.

Row 41 K 4, bind off 3 sts, knit to end.

Row 42 K 4, cast on 3 sts, knit to end.

Rows 43-50 K2tog at beginning of next 8 rows – 3 sts remain after all decreases have been completed.

Bind off remaining 3 sts.

FINISHING

Measure 3" [7.5 cm] from bottom of knitting and mark center. Sew on button; weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS:	
k = knit	RS = right side
k2tog = knit 2 together	st(s) = stitch(es)
p = purl	tbl = through back loop

*Lion Cotton formerly 'Kitchen Cotton' (Articles #760) is an all-natural, 4-ply worsted-weight yarn of 100% cotton, made in the U.S. Solids are packaged in 5 oz./140g (236yd/212m) balls; multi-colors are in 4 oz/113 gm. (189 yd/170m) balls. Product is also available in a some colors in a 1 pound (16oz/453g 755 yd/690m) money-saving size as Item #750.

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