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Skill Level: Beginner

SIZE

9 inches x 9 inches

MATERIALS

- LION BRAND Lion Cotton
 - 1 ball #153 Black (A)
 - 1 ball #112 Poppy Red (B)
 or color of your choice
- LION BRAND Size F-5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook or size to obtain gauge
- Dry Laundry starch (available in the laundry section of most supermarkets)

Note This pattern makes several dishcloths. Black cloths are particularly nice for the barbeque chef -- they REALLY don't show the soot!

GAUGE

20 sts = 4 inches (10 cm) in pattern. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

FPdc Yo, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around the dc post, draw up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip st behind the FPdc.

BPdc Yo, insert hook from back to front then to back, going around the dc post, draw up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip st in front of the BPdc.

DISHCLOTH

Ch 48 sts.

Foundation Row Dc in 4th chain from hook; dc in each rem ch across - 46 dc.

Rows 1 and 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in each dc across, turn.

Row 3 Chain 2 (counts as first hdc), dc in each of first 2 dc, * dc in next dc, FPdc around post of next dc, skip 1 st behind FPdc; rep from * to last 2 sts, dc in each of last 2 dc, hdc in top of turning ch, turn.

Row 4 Ch 2, dc in each of next 2 dc, * BPdc around post of next dc, skip 1 st behind BPdc, dc in next dc; rep from * to last 2 dc, dc in each of last 2 dc, hdc in top of turning ch, turn.

Rep Rows 1-4 for pattern until piece measures 7 inches from beg.

Change to (B), continue in pattern 4 rows

Change to (A). Rep Rows 1-4 for pattern until piece measures 9 inches from beg. Fasten off.

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FINISHING

Weave in ends. Press lightly, if desired.

1. Mix heavy cooked starch per manufacturer's directions
2. Select a bowl or cooking dish that has the same shape as desired in your basket. This will be the form for your basket.
3. Cover the form with plastic wrap (starch is very sticky and if you omit this step, you will have a very hard time getting your basket off the form)
4. Dip the finished dishcloth in the starch; squeeze to make sure it is completely saturated with starch.
5. Place dishcloth over the form as shown below (if you are using a square pan, the arrangement of the cloth will be different!) Pat into the shape that you want (we folded the corners down to make a rounded shape.)
7. Wait until the basket dries. If it is drying too slowly, bake in a very low temperature oven (200 degrees F.)
8. Remove basket from form.
9. If you plan to fill the basket with something heavy, you may want to cut a piece of cardboard the size of the bottom and put it in the bottom of the basket to make it more sturdy.



9. Fill the basket with goodies!
10. If you are filling the basket with something heavy, you may want to wrap it in cellophane to provide better structural strength.



**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 some colors in a 1 pound (16oz/453g 755 yd/690m) money-saving size as Item #750.*

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