Cotton on to washcloths

Have you cottoned on that washcloths are a great eco-friendly alternative to nylon scrubbies? And since they are a very quick and easy knit, you can make them in different colours so each member of the family can have their own. Teamed with a bar of lovely handmade soap they also make great gifts!

Size

Approx: 20 x 20cm / 8 x 8 inches

Materials

Approx 55m / 60 yds aran weight yarn

4mm (UK8, US6) knitting needles, 1 pair

4mm (G-6) crochet hook

Yarn needle

Tension/Gauge

17 sts and 31 rows to 10xm on 4mm needles over pattern.

Note about yarn choice

This pattern is suitable for any aran weight yarn. For washcloths, 100% cotton is recommended as it stands up well to being wet repeatedly and retains its shape. This sample was made using Drops Paris.

Abbreviations	
K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)

Pattern

The crochet cast on, which is often used as a provisional cast on, is used for this washcloth so that the top and bottom edges look alike. A tutorial for this cast on can be found at: https://www.craftsy.com/post/crochet-cast-on-tutorial/. **TIP** – if you hold the crochet hook in your left hand, knit into the back of each stitch on the first row.

Using the crochet cast on method, cast on 35 sts.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: *P2, K1. Rep from * to last 2 sts. P2

Row 4: *K2, P1. Rep from * to last 2 sts. K2

Rep these four rows 15 times more (64 rows in total). Cast off and weave in the ends. If your washcloth is a gift, you might like to block it.