

HOW TO

Make the Purl Bee's Slip Stitch Dishtowels



GAUGE

23 stitches = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

FINISHED SIZE

11 1/4 x 17 1/4 inches

PATTERN NOTES

For the Indigo dishtowels

COLOUR A: Cream

COLOUR B: Caribbean Blue

COLOUR C: Navy

Slip all stitches purlwise.

When changing colours, carry the new yarn up the selvage in front of the old yarn.



These dishtowels look really complicated to make, don't they? We love that because, just as you want hard things to look easy, it's a great coup to make easy things look difficult! These three stitch patterns come from Barbara Walker's classic *Treasury of Knitting Patterns* and use the simple technique of hiding yarns behind slipped stitches. There's no tricky stranding or two-hand knitting or even issues of tension; there's just the easy matter of slipping stitches and watching as amazing patterns emerge!

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MATERIALS

We used Louet's tough and absorbent Euroflax 100% linen. Purl Soho's Yarn for Slip Stitch Dishtowels kit includes four skeins of Louet's Euroflax, enough to make these three dish towels plus one more. You will also need US #3 knitting needles, knitting-crochet-knitting-needles (straight or circular) and two US #3 double pointed needles.



THREE-AND-ONE TWEED PATTERN

With Colour A, cast on 75 stitches.

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl.

Row 2 (right side): With Colour C, k3, *slip 1 with yarn in back (wyib), k3, repeat from * to end of row.

Row 3: With Colour C, slip 1 wyib, k2, *slip 1 with yarn in front (wyif), k3, repeat from * to end of row.

Row 4: With Colour A, k1, *slip 1 wyib, k3, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, slip 1 wyib, k1.

Row 5: With Colour A, slip 1 wyib, *slip 1 wyif, k3, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, slip 1 wyif, k1.

Repeat Rows 2 - 5 until piece measures 17 inches, ending with a Row 3. Cut Colour C.

Next Row (right side): With Colour A, knit to last 2 stitches, k2 onto a double pointed needle.

FINISHING

With the right side facing you, work an I-cord on those last 2 stitches until the cord measures 3 inches from its base. Work the last row as a k1, slip 1 wyib, yo.

EDGING

Now starting at the base of the 3-inch I-cord, work an attached I-cord down the left selvedge.

Pick up 1 stitch for every 4 rows (which means picking up 1 stitch at either every Colour A or every Colour C stripe) until you reach the bottom corner. Pass the first stitch over the second, cut the yarn and pull it through the remaining stitch.

Now, with Colour A, cast 2 stitches onto a double pointed needle.

K1, slip 1 wyib, yo and with right side facing, pick up a stitch in the bottom right corner.

Work an attached I-cord up the right selvedge to the top corner.

Knit 1 row of a regular, unattached I-cord, then pass the first stitch over the second so that 1 stitch remains.

Using the double pointed needle with 1 stitch on it, knit the first stitch that is on the circular needle and bind off. Continue to bind off all the stitches that remain on the circular needle. Cut the yarn and pass it through the remaining stitch. Weave in the ends and block your new dish towel!



TRIPLE L TWEED

With Colour C, cast on 76 stitches.

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl.

Row 2 (right side): With Colour B, k3, *slip 1 with wyib, k2, repeat from * to last stitch, k1.

Row 3: With Colour B, slip 1 wyib, k2, *slip 1 with yarn in front (wyif), k2, repeat from * to last stitch, k1

Row 4: With Colour A, *k2, slip 1 wyib, repeat from * to last stitch, k1.

Row 5: With Colour A, slip 1 wyib, *slip 1 wyif, k2, repeat from * to end of row.

Row 6: With Colour C, k1, *slip 1 wyib, k2, repeat from * to end of row.

Row 7: With Colour C, slip 1 wyib, k1, *slip 1 wyif, k2, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, slip 1 wyif, k1.

Repeat Rows 2 - 7 until piece measures 17 inches, ending with a Row 5. Cut Colours A and B.

Next Row (right side): With Colour C, knit to last 2 stitches, k2 onto a double pointed needle.

FINISHING

Using Colour C, follow the instructions for the Three-and-One Tweed. Pick up 1 stitch for every 4 rows (picking up 1 stitch at every other stripe of colour). Follow edging instructions.

BASKET STITCH

With Colour B, cast on 71 stitches.

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl.

Row 2 (right side): With Colour A, k3, *slip 1 with yarn in back (wyib), k3, repeat from * to end of row.

Row 3: With Colour A, slip 1 wyib, k2, *slip 1 with yarn in front (wyif), k3, repeat from * to end of row.

Rows 4 and 5: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 6: With Colour B, knit

Row 7: With Colour B, slip 1 wyib, purl.

Repeat Rows 2 - 7 until piece measures 17 inches, ending with a Row 5. Cut Colour A.

Next Row (right side): With Colour B, knit to last 2 stitches, k2 onto a double pointed needle.

FINISHING

Using Colour B, follow the finishing instructions as for the Three-and-One Tweed; except, for this stitch pattern, pick up 2 stitches for every 6 rows (which means picking up 2 stitches at the Colour A stripes and skipping the Colour B stripes). Follow edging instructions. ●●●

