

# row house

LEVEL	BEGINNER	INTERMEDIATE
	EASY	EXPERIENCED



## Keep Me Clean Washcloth

LEARN HOW TO: CAST ON, KNIT, PURL,  
READ A CHART, AND BIND OFF

# Materials

**KEEP ME CLEAN WASHCLOTH** This design contains three variations of washcloth patterns to allow beginners to learn to knit and then get comfortable with knit and purl stitch patterns.



**YARN** Any DK cotton; we recommend Erika Knight Gossypium Cotton (2 balls). In your beginner kit, we've included enough yarn to make three washcloths. If you're not using one of our kits, you will need at least 38 m (42 yds) of yarn per washcloth.

Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate.

## NEEDLES + NOTIONS

Size 4 mm (US size 6) straight needles  
Tapestry needle for sewing in the ends  
Scissors (not included in the kit)

## GAUGE

22 stitches and 30 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch, although matching gauge exactly isn't necessary for this project.

## FINISHED DIMENSIONS

6.5" square (or the size you choose)

# Video Tutorials



## VIDEO TUTORIALS ONLINE

This pattern is written in Row House's Video Tutorial format. That means there is a video tutorial to help you every step of the way. Check out this design online to be able to click the video links in the pdf. Any time you see the symbol **RH** that means there is a video online to help.

**VARIATIONS** There are three variations of the Keep Me Clean Washcloth in this pattern: Stockinette Stitch (Beginner), Broken Rib and Flying Geese.



**STOCKINETTE STITCH**



**BROKEN RIB**



**FLYING GEESE**

## GLOSSARY

BO: bind off                      pm: place marker  
CO: cast on                      RS: right side  
k: knit                              WS: wrong side  
p: purl

# Getting Started



For all abbreviations, please check the glossary at the end of the pattern. This pattern is for three separate washcloths. They each use about the same amount of yarn so you can mix and match. Each will teach knitting and purling and are good practice for learning to “read” the stitches in the row below.

**ROW HOUSE PRO TIP** *It's a good practice to keep a pencil with you to keep track of your rows. You can simply make a mark on the pattern for each row that you complete. Alternatively, you can purchase a row counter that sits on your needles that you increment each time you pass it.*



# Washcloth 1: Stockinette Stitch (Beginner)



## STEPS

1. Make a slipknot. **RH**
1. Using knitted cast-on, cast on (“CO”) 36 stitches. **RH**
3. Rows 1-4: Knit (“K”) every row. **RH**
4. Knitting every row is called “garter stitch.” **RH**

**ROW HOUSE PRO TIP** *When you are starting a new row, make sure you hold the working yarn underneath and to the back of the needle, and make sure that you don't accidentally create a new stitch by knitting into both sides of the loop of the first stitch from the row below. Don't worry if the knitting looks loose just under the first stitch, as this will resolve itself once you start the next row.* **RH**

5. Row 5: K the first 4 stitches, move the yarn between your needles to the front of the work **RH**, then purl (“p”) **RH** the next 28 stitches, move the yarn between your needles to the back of the work, then k4 stitches.

6. Row 6: K all stitches.

7. Rows 5 and 6 until the piece is 5½" long. When you knit a row and purl a row in this way, it makes the “stockinette stitch” pattern, so your washcloth will have stockinette stitch in the center with a garter stitch border.

**ALMOST DONE** Knit 4 rows in garter stitch just like at the beginning. Then on the next row, bind off (“BO”) all stitches. **RH**

# Washcloth 2: Broken Rib



## STEPS

1. Make a slipknot.
2. Using knitted cast-on, CO 35 stitches.
3. Rows 1-4: K every row. Knitting every row is called “garter stitch.”
4. Row 5: Knit all stitches.
5. Row 6: K4, p27, k4.
6. Row 7: K5, \*p1, k1; repeat from \* 12 more times, k4.
7. Row 8: K4, p27, k4.
8. Repeat Rows 5-8 until the piece is 5½" long.

**ALMOST DONE** Knit 4 rows in garter stitch just like at the beginning. Then on the next row, BO all stitches.

# Washcloth 3: Flying Geese



## STEPS

For this pattern we have included both written row-by-row instructions as well as a chart (see page 8). Some people find it easier to follow the chart, others written lines. You should work one or the other, not both.

1. Make a slipknot.

2. Using knitted cast-on, CO 36 stitches.

Row 1: K1, \*p6, k6; repeat from \* once more, p6, k5.

Row 2: P4, \*k6, p6; repeat from \* once more, k6, p2.

Row 3: K3, \*p6, k6; repeat from \* once more, p6, k3.

Row 4: P2, \*k6, p6; repeat from \* once more, k6, p4.

Row 5: K5, \*p6, k6; repeat from \* once more, p6, k1.

Row 6: \*K6, p6; repeat from \* 2 more times.

This completes the first section of “geese.” We will now reverse the direction of the pattern.

Row 7: \*P6, k6; repeat from \* 2 more times.

Row 8: K1, \*p6, k6; repeat from \* once more, p6, k5.

Row 9: P4, \*k6, p6; repeat from \* once more, k6, p2.

Row 10: K3, \*p6, k6; repeat from \* once more, p6, k3.

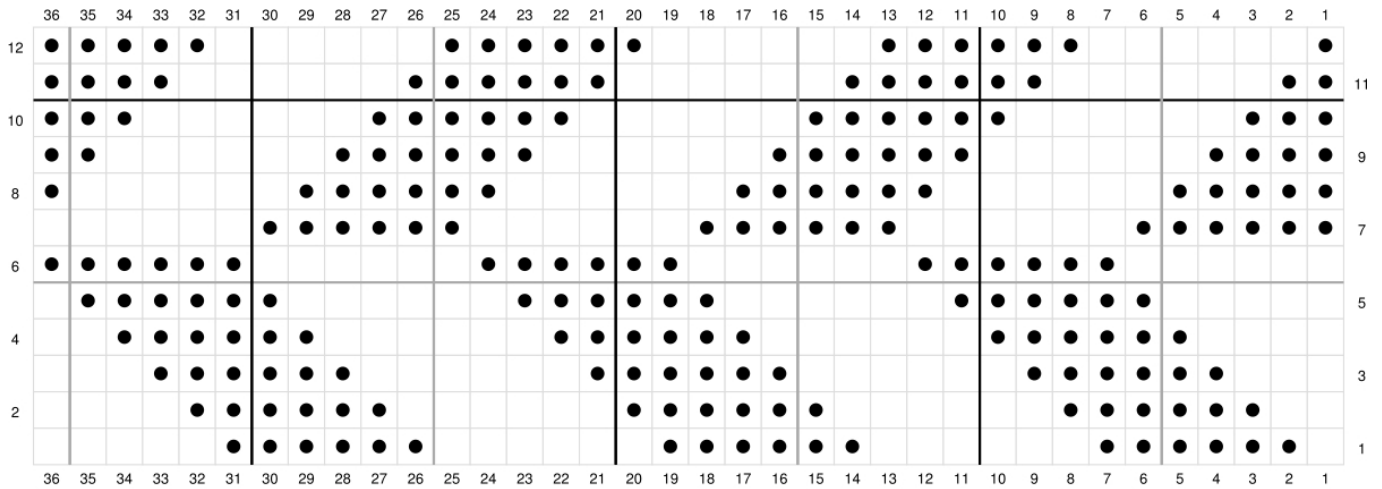
Row 11: P2, \*k6, p6; repeat from \* once more, k6, p4.

Row 12: K5, \*p6, k6; repeat from \* once more, p6, k1.

3. Repeat Rows 1-12 until piece measures 6".

4. On the next row, BO all stitches.

# Washcloth 3: Flying Geese



- Knit on the RS, purl on the WS
- Purl on the RS, knit on the WS

## Finishing

Weave in all yarn ends using a tapestry needle. You can see examples of how to weave in yarn ends here. [RH](#)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

You are done. Stand back and admire your work. You are a knitter.

We want to see your washcloths, so please post a photo on Instagram and use the hashtag #rowhouseknits.