

Hive Mind Cloth

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Sometimes a yarn speaks sweetly and tells you exactly what it wants to be, and that's exactly what this sunny skein did for me! A simple cloth with a honeycomb motif, created from slipped stitches, creates a great texture for scrubbing...and did I mention it's adorbs?!

Yarn

1 ball Nako *Fiore* [164 yards (150 meters), 50 grams (1.75 ounces)] or 20 grams (.07 oz) sport weight plant-fiber yarn

Needles

1 pair of US 4 - 3.5 mm

Notions

bodkin, 2 stitch markers, 20 t-pins for blocking (optional)

Gauge

No gauge. Bee free! (Okay, but if you're super attached to gauge, 21 stitches, 30 rows = 4" / 10 cm)

Level * - Adventurous Beginners

Abbreviations

RS = Right Side, WS = Wrong Side

Instructions

Cast On & Set Up

Cast on 39 stitches.

Rows 1 - 7. Purl across all stitches for the next 7 rows.

Row 8 (RS): Purl 3 stitches, place marker, knit 33 stitches (until last 3 stitches), place marker, purl 3 stitches.

Row 9 (WS): Purl 3 stitches, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, purl 3 stitches.

Hive Motif

Row 1 (RS). Purl 3 stitches, slip marker, work across Hive Motif to marker, slip marker, purl 3 stitches.

Row 2 (WS). Purl across row, slipping markers as you come to them.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until you have worked the chart 5 times total, or until it looks square-ish ;).

Finishing Up

Row 1 (RS): Purl 3 stitches, slip marker, knit to marker, slip marker, purl 3 stitches.

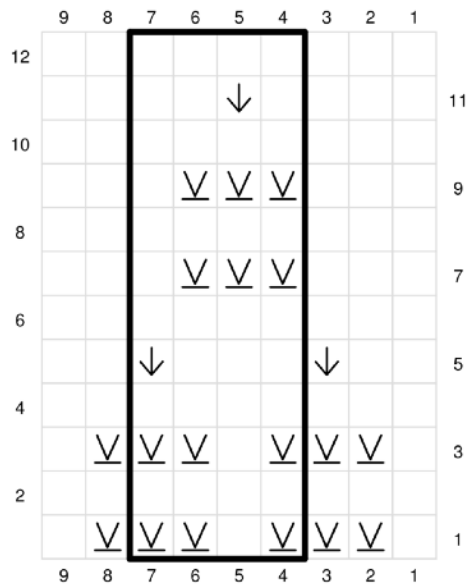
Row 2 (WS): Purl 3 stitches, slip marker, purl to marker, slip marker, purl 3 stitches.

Rows 3 - 7. Purl across all stitches.

Bind off loosely. Weave in ends. Block as desired (or not...I mean...it's a wash cloth!).



Hive Motif



Rows 1 & 3. Knit 1, slip 2 with yarn in front, *slip 1 with yarn in front, knit 1, slip 2 with yarn in front; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, slip 1 with yarn in front, knit 1.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12. Purl across row.

Row 5. Knit 2, knit one under loose stitches, * knit 3, knit one under loose stitches; repeat to last 2 stitches, knit 2.

Rows 7 & 9. Knit 3, *slip 3 stitches with yarn in front, knit 1; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.

Row 11. Knit 3, *knit 1, knit one under loose stitches, knit 2; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.

Key

Knit on RS, Purl on WS

Slip with Yarn in Front

Knit One Under Loose Strand

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Slip Stitch with Yarn in Front (SL WYIF): {New Stitch a Day video tutorial - https://youtu.be/R_UXAjhNuYA?t=46}

1. Hold working yarn at the front of your work
2. Slip stitch from the left needle to the right (not knitting it). Note; this pattern exclusively calls for slipping 3 stitches in a row, which creates a long bar across the three slipped stitches. Try not to pull too tightly on that bar, leaving a little slack, as when we pick it up using the Under Loose Stitch technique, it's much easier and doesn't pucker or affect your gauge! You'll move the yarn to where it needs to be for the next stitch (front for knits, back for purls) once you've finished slipping the stitches.

Under Loose Stitches (ULS): {PurlSoho video tutorial - https://youtu.be/5mM2hw_Gsyc}

Insert your right needle under both loose strands then into next stitch to knit on your left hand needle knitwise, from front to back, then knit the stitch normally.