

Free Pattern of the Month

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A Wool Facecloth

This month's free pattern is a wool facecloth. Why wool? Well, I haven't actually used this one yet, but I hear that wool has excellent exfoliating properties and that this cloth will felt and just get fluffier and more luxurious with use.

The verdict is in! I *like* this facecloth. At first, the pattern was a little too lacy - my fingers went through it and it was rather limp. So I tossed it into the washer with a load of towels, and it felted just enough to make it perfect! It's about 2/3 the size it was, thicker and firmer. Much better!



This pattern is perfect for a beginning knitter. You can use any type and size of wool or needles - just knit until you like the size, keeping in mind that it will felt and shrink, depending on what type of wool you use. I used some handspun Jacob yarn from a ewe called Minuet for mine. I love the heathered look. My needles were US size 11, and it went very quickly.

I cast on 29 stitches, and knit one row. Then I started the pattern - Slip 1, *Knit 1, Yarn Over, Knit 2 Together*, repeating between the * and ending Knit 1. Turn and repeat until it's the size you like.

For the edging, I did a simple Single Crochet around all of the edges (being sure to do 3 at each corner so it wouldn't pull in) for a couple of rounds.

That's it! Weave in all the ends, and it's ready for use.

Check out my website for my face cloth kits – 100% handspun wools in a variety of natural colors.

Happy knitting!

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