

## Astrid

pattern (sarah gilbert)

Take a simple-but-elegant 'star' stitch pattern, add a sweet little cable and a purled border, and you have a washcloth that makes a lowly yarn (and purpose) seem positively aristocratic.

**yarn:** sugar & cream

**colors:** cream

**amount:** about ¼ skein

**needles:** size 7, cable needle if you use one

**dimensions:** about 6" square

**gauge:** 4.5 stitches / 5.5 rows per inch (gauge will vary throughout dishcloth due to pattern)

### Special abbreviations

– **ms, make star:** purl three together, leaving the three stitches on left needle; wrap yarn around needle once; purl three together. You should end up with three loops on needle.

-- **c4, cable four:** using cable needle or my no-cable-needles method to make a four-stitch cable.

*cable needle method:* slip two stitches off left needle onto cable needle; hold to front; knit two stitches from left needle; slip cable needle stitches back onto left needle; knit two more.

*no-cable-needles method:* slip four stitches to right needle; tuck left-hand needle into front of two right-most stitches; slip right needle out from all stitches, leaving two hanging in front; using right needle, pick up those stitches and slip back onto left needle; knit all

### Knitting instructions:

- ♦ cast on 29 stitches
- ♦ rows 1&2: knit
- ♦ row 3: purl
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- ♦ row 4: p1, k27, p1
- ♦ row 5: k1, p1, \*p1, ms\* 6 times, p2, k1
- ♦ row 6: p1, k27, p1
- ♦ row 7: k1, p4, \*p1, ms\* 5 times, p4, k1
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- ♦ repeat rows 4-7 once. You should have four rows of stars; your work should measure about 2"
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- ♦ row 12: p1, k14, inc 1 by knitting through the front and back loops, k13, p1
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- ♦ row 13: k1, p1, \*p1, ms\* 2 times, p10, \*p1, ms\* 2 times, p2, k1
- ♦ row 14: p1, k12, c4, k12, p1
- ♦ row 15: k1, p4, \*p1, ms\* 2 times, p6, \*p1, ms\* 2 times, p4, k1
- ♦ row 16: p1, k28, p1
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- ♦ repeat rows 13-16 once. Your work should measure about 4"
- ♦ row 21: repeat row 13
- ♦ row 22: p1, k12, c4 knitting the two center stitches together, k12, p1
- ♦ the next 8 rows will be the reverse of rows 4-11, i.e.
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- ♦ row 23: p1, k27, p1
- ♦ row 24: k1, p4, \*p1, ms\* 5 times, p4, k1
- ♦ row 25: p1, k27, p1
- ♦ row 26: k1, p1, \*p1, ms\* 6 times, p2, k1
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- ♦ repeat rows 23-26 once. Your work should be about 5.5" long
- ♦ rows 31 & 32: purl
- ♦ rows 33 & 34: knit
- ♦ Bind off purlwise