Learn to Knit: Make a Dishcloth
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Access a copy of this booklet (with live hyperlinks) at
http://jnotar.github.io/learn-to-knit.pdf

The Basics: How to knit!
Here are some videos demonstrating the skills covered in class:
- Knit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esEtUaa-Pwg
- Purl: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbtnjHrb_Hg
- Cast on (long tail): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXA3gBNiSiM
- Cast on (backward loop): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bufF8e24JY
- Bind off (aka cast off): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTAO80lAQOs
- This article has links to the basic skills covered in class plus how to read a pattern, start a project, and finish your final product: https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/learn-to-knit-2116465

How to start a project:
Considerations on starting a project:
- Yarn weight:
  o list of yarn weights and matching needle sizes: https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/standards/yarn-weight-system
  o Mystery yarn?? https://www.lovecrafts.com/en-us/c/article/how-to-figure-out-yarn-weight
- Needle size - need to match it to the yarn weight
  o needle sizes sometimes given as a size (e.g. 7) and sometimes as a measurement in millimeters (e.g. 4.5mm)
  o for mystery needles, you can always measure them and figure it out
  o needle size conversion chart, between US sizes (e.g. 7) and Euro (e.g. 4.5mm): https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/standards/hooks-and-needles
- Pattern
  o Find a pattern!
    ▪ Online: Ravelry.com, bloggers, craft websites (like thesprucecrafts.com), etc.
    ▪ Library: knitting magazines and books, both physical & e-copies
    ▪ Craft Stores: places like Freeman's Creative, The Scrap Exchange, big chains, local yarn stores, etc.
  o gauge/make a swatch: https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/knitting-a-gauge-swatch-2116471

How to finish a project:
- Weave in the ends: https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/weaving-in-ends-2116473
- How to block your knitting (optional): https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/how-to-block-knitting-2116467

Patterns for the class

Knitting abbreviations used below:

bo	bind off
co	cast on
k	knit
p	purl
sl	slip stitch
wyib	with yarn in back (as if to knit)
*	repeat the pattern after the asterisk as written

Note that most knitting books and patterns will have a list of abbreviations used in the pattern, like you see above. If not, here is an extensive list:
https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/standards/knitting-abbreviations

Garter stitch
co any number of stitches
all rows: k all stitches
bo all stitches

Stockinette stitch
co any number of stitches
row 1 and all odd rows: k all stitches
row 2 and all even rows: p all stitches
bo all stitches

Moss stitch
co an even number of stitches
rows 1 +2: *k1, p1. repeat from * to end
rows 3+4: *p1, k1. repeat from * to end
repeat rows 1-4 to form the pattern
bo all stitches

Double Moss stitch
co a multiple of 4 stitches
rows 1+2: *k2, p2. repeat from * to end
rows 3+4: *p2, k2. repeat from * to end
repeat rows 1-4 to form the pattern
bo all stitches

Seed stitch
co an *odd* number of stitches
all rows: *k1, p1. repeat from * across, ending with k1
bo all stitches

OR

co an *even* number of stitches
row 1 and all odd rows: *k1, p1. repeat from * to end
row 2 and all even rows: *p1, k1. repeat from * to end
bo all stitches

1x1 Rib
co an even number of stitches
all rows: *k1, p1. repeat from * to end
bo all stitches

2x2 Rib
co a multiple of 4 stitches
all rows: *k2, p2. repeat from * to end
bo all stitches

Honeycomb stitch
co an odd number of stitches
row 1: k all stitches
row 2: k1 *sl1 wyib. k1. repeat from * to end
row 3: k all stitches

row 4: k2 *sl1 wyib. k1. repeat from * across, ending with k1
repeat rows 1-4 to form the pattern
bo all stitches

More resources:

How to pick up a dropped stitch:
https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/what-do-i-do-if-i-drop-a-stitch-2117238

Ravelry.com - an online knitting community! Support, yarn info, discussion boards, and lots and lots of patterns

Youtube - There are how-to videos from dozens of creators on basically any knitting skill you're interested in. All you have to do is search!

Pattern inspiration for new knitters: https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/easy-knitting-patterns-for-new-knitters-2116495

"Knitting basics" resources from The Spruce Crafts:
https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/knitting-basics-4162933

https://newstitchaday.com - the stitch dictionary has an extensive list of stitch patterns to try out

The Ultimate All-Around Stitch Dictionary, by Wendy Bernard - an ebook with an exhaustive list of stitch patterns, helpfully organized. Previous editions by the same author are also useful and available from the Durham Library.
https://durhamcounty.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S981C14931671

Access this booklet online here: