



## Knitting Project

When I'm not doing drama stuff, one of my other hobbies is knitting. Given I'm not spending vast tranches of time at the LAC I thought I'd combine both hobbies in a way to knit something to raise funds. If you'd like to join me then here's what you need to know.

### What are we knitting?

Facecloths/dishcloths and make-up remover pads to be sold to raise money for the LAC (hopefully at an in-person event around Christmas!)

### Do I need to be a good knitter?

If you can cast on, knit, purl (and swap between them) and cast off then you will be able to knit these! If you can only do knit stitch, then see below for a pattern for make-up remover pads.

### What do I need?

Worsted or Aran weight 100% cotton yarn

Appropriately sized knitting needles for the weight of yarn whilst keeping the knitting tight (to show the pattern). I've been using 4mm for aran weight but test it out to see what works for you.

Any colour can be used. Plain works best to see the pattern rather than variegated yarn. Best to avoid white and very dark colours like navy or black.

I encourage you to support independent yarn shops rather than buying through big stores. Most are operating postal deliveries right now and will appreciate the business. If you need ideas, then contact me via [lac@lanternarts.org](mailto:lac@lanternarts.org) and I'll point you in the right direction.

### Where do I find the pattern?

The pattern chart is here:

<http://knittingwithkarma.blogspot.com/p/clothsquare-charts.html>

It's the Lantern one (I only have permission to use the Lantern one and anyway, a Lantern makes sense for where we are knitting for!).

Follow the chart starting at the bottom right (right side) and reading right-left. Second row (wrong side) read left to right, then right to left and so on... (apparently – I've never followed a chart before). The only change is I added 2 rows of purl to the start to balance it out with the end.

The "written out" pattern is attached.

Please weave in all ends once finished.

### **What do I do with the ends of the balls of yarn?**

A 50g ball should make 1 cloth with a bit left over. You can use this to make cotton "pads" to use in place of cotton wool pads. These can be submitted for sale alongside the face/dishcloths

For the pattern see here: <https://www.garnstudio.com/pattern.php?id=4933&cid=17>

Or as below

Make-up remover pads:

Cast on 12 sts (on 4mm or 5mm needles depending on yarn weight).

Work in garter stitch (knit all rows) until piece measures 5.5 cm / 2 1/4".

I also find seed/moss stitch works nicely too instead of garter stitch (one row of "knit one, purl one", followed by the next of "purl one, knit one").

Bind off and weave in ends.

### **Where do I drop off/send the finished items?**

Please hold on to the finished items until "in person" drop off is possible later in the year.

### **When do you need them by?**

Final date for submitting them is 1st October 2021.

### **What if I can't knit? How else can I help?**

Not everybody will be a knitter out there, but worry not - when we are ready to sell them please spread the word to friends and family as we'll need buyers!

### **Who do I ask if I have another question?**

Please email [lac@lanternarts.org](mailto:lac@lanternarts.org) and the query will be forwarded to me.

Whether you can knit 1 or dozens, each one will help raise money for the wonderful Lantern Arts Centre and I'm truly grateful!

Love to everyone in these strange and difficult times.

Katrina

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