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Knitted Table-Mats

THESE mats are excellent for hot dishes, and may be of any desired size by commencing with a greater or less number of stitches and following the same general directions. Use crochet-cord or four-strand knitting-cotton, No. 8, and No. 15 steel knitting-needles.

For a plate-doiily cast on 30 stitches.

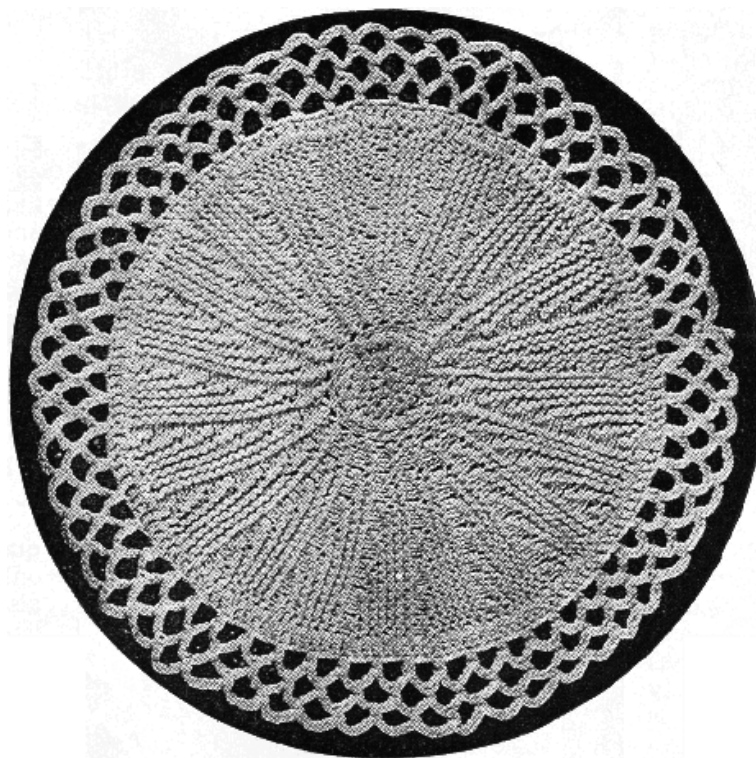
1. Knit 3, turn, knit back.
2. Knit 6, turn, knit back.
3. Knit 9, turn, knit back.
4. Knit 12, turn, knit back.

Continue in this way, knitting 3 stitches more each row, turning and knitting back, until in the 10th row you knit 30 stitches; purl back and repeat from 1st row for the 2d section or gore. Repeat until you have 21 gores, or a sufficient number to make the mat lie smoothly when the last gore is placed against the 1st, then bind off and sew together, taking a stitch from each side and being careful to not pucker the work. Then, instead of drawing the center together, fill in with a little circle in double crochet: Commence with a chain of 3 stitches, 8 doubles in 2d stitch of chain, 2 doubles in each double, then 1 double in each of 2 and 2 in next, 1 double in each of 3 and 2 in next, making 4 rows or more, as required, and working closely. Join to the knitted work with a single crochet in every stitch.

Finish with a crocheted edge of any style liked; the doily illustrated has a border as follows:

1. Fasten in at outer edge, chain 3, a treble in every stitch around, join to top of 3 chain.
2. Chain 5, miss 3, 1 double; repeat.
3. 4. Slip to center of 5 chain, * chain 5, fasten in center of next 5 chain; repeat.

For a centerpiece or doily of any size, simply commence by casting on a multiple of 3 stitches, and work exactly as directed. An oval or platter mat can be made in the same way.



No. 1 By E. Jeannette Michael

A more open and very pretty pattern, still serviceable as a hot-dish mat, may be varied as to size in the same way. Cast on 30 stitches, rather loosely.

1. Thread over, to form an extra stitch, knit 29, turn, leaving 1 stitch without knitting; slip stitch on left needle on to right needle and knit back to edge again.

2. Over, knit all but 2 stitches, turn, pass thread to back as before, slip 1, and knit back to edge as before.

3. Like 2d, leaving 3 stitches when turning.

4. Bind off 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 4 times, then knit plain, leaving 4 stitches, turn, slip 1st and purl back, knitting the 2d of each "over-twice" loop.

5. 6, 7. Like 2d row, leaving 1 more stitch at end, each row.

8. Bind off 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 3 times, leave 8 at end of row, turn and go back as in 4th row.

9. 10, 11. Like 2d, leaving 1 more stitch at end, each row.

12. Bind off 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, leave 12 at end, and go back as in 4th row.

13. 14, 15. Like 2d row, leaving 1 more at end of each row.

16. Bind off 3, narrow, over twice, narrow, leave 16, turn and go back as in 4th row.

17. 18, 19. Like 2d row, leaving 1 more stitch each row.

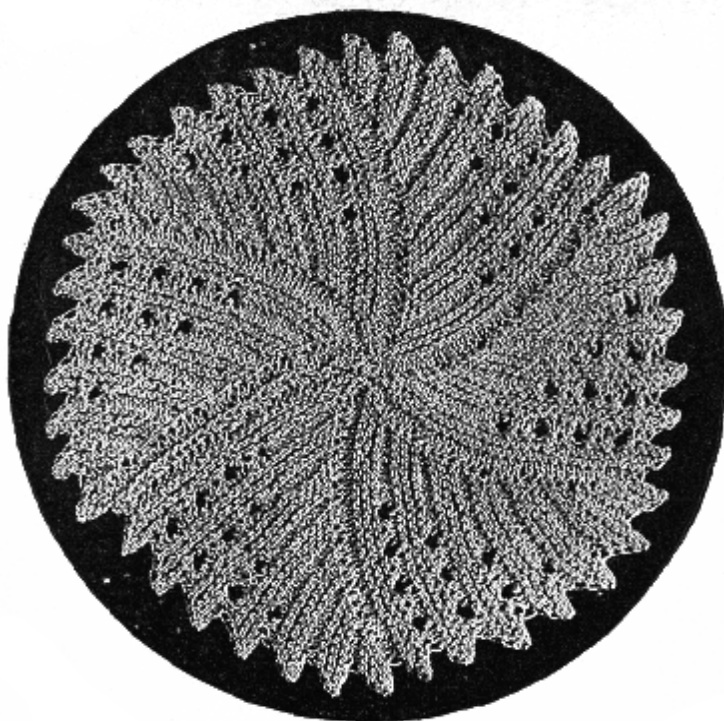
20. Bind off 3, knit to within 20 of end, turn, slip 1, purl back.

21. 22, 23. Like 2d row, leaving 1 more stitch each row.

24. Same as 20th, leaving 24 stitches.

25. 26, 27. Like 2d row, leaving 1 more stitch each row.

28. Bind off 3, knit 29, turn, slip 1 and purl back. You now have the original number of stitches ready to begin the next gore. Having completed the requisite number of gores, so that the edges meet nicely, bind off rather loosely (to match the casting on), leaving a length of thread with which to sew the two edges together; If this is carefully done the joining will not be noticeable.

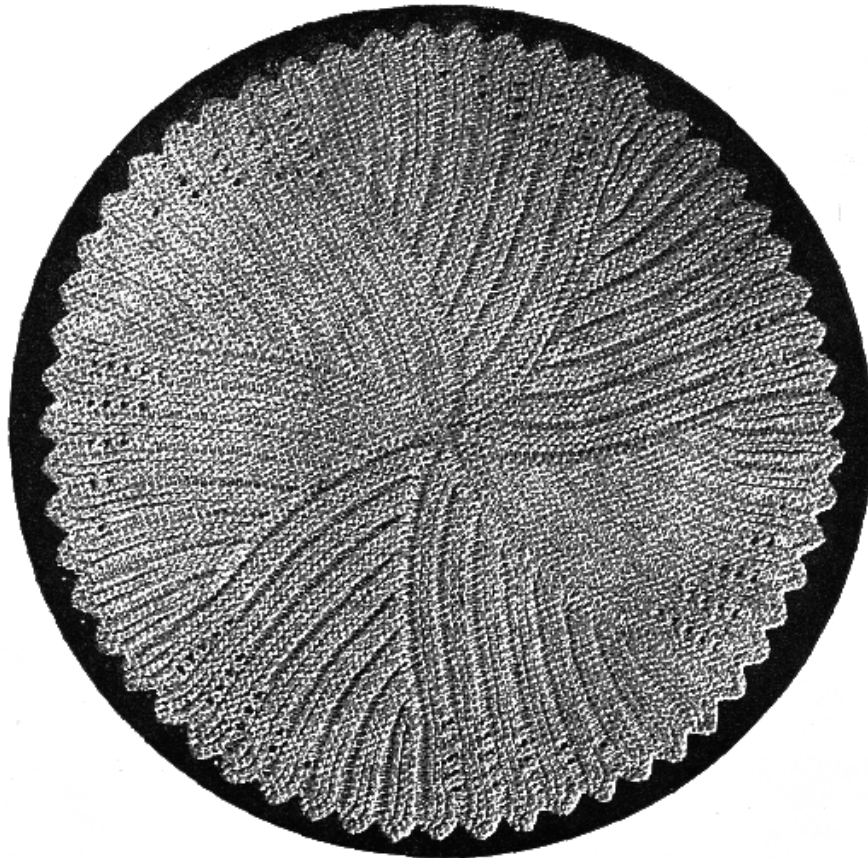


No. 2. By Mrs. E.J. Baker

As suggested, these mats may be of any desired size by simply casting on more or less stitches. For a heavy, thick mat use coarse thread and knit tight; for a mat of more lacelike texture take a finer thread and knit looser on -larger needles. The work may be varied somewhat. A very useful size is begun by casting on 44 stitches.

1. Knit 1st stitch, widen by picking up and knitting a stitch between needles, knit to end, leave 1 and return, as before directed.
2. Knit 1, make 1, knit to end, leaving 2 stitches.
3. Same as 2d row, leaving 3 stitches.
4. Bind off 3, knit 3, (over, narrow) 5 times, knit to within 4 of end, and return.

Continue in the way described, making one less "over" in every 4th row. The point, formed as directed, is more solid than when widened by means of an "over." There may be more of the "over, narrow" spaces, if desired; indeed, the pattern may be varied in different ways which will readily occur to the worker.



No. 3. By Mrs. E.J. Baker