

Crocheted cotton pads from nettle-hemp-cotton yarn



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These beautiful, almost jewelry like cotton pads are crocheted from one of the most ecological yarns available, Knokkon nettle-hemp-cotton yarn. Nettle (*urtica dioica*) and hemp are bast fibres with pleasantly rough fibre. The hemp and the stinging nettle fibers have excellent qualities and have been used since ancient times. The stinging nettle is also called the Northern silk as the fibre has a silky like feel to it and gives the finished products a beautiful sheen and exquisite look. The materials in the yarn are manufactured ethically and ecologically for Knokkon in Germany and Turkey.

YARN / YARN CONSUMPTION / CROCHETING NEEDLES

The yarn is very plentiful and thin, therefore the yarn is held double using a 3 mm crochet hook. The result is quite airy, but the pads will firm up a bit after washing. Using a 2,5 mm hook will result in a firmer, smaller pad. The 10 g mini skein is enough yarn for 4 pads.

HOOK SIZE

Using a 3 mm hook the size of the crocheted cotton pad will be approximately 7,5 cm in diameter, there will be some shrinkage due to washing.

COTTON PAD

The cotton pad is crocheted starting with the front (rounds 1-7), continuing by shaping the back with decreases.

Start by making a crochet magic loop: leave a tail approximately 30 cm:s long, form a loop with the yarn. Crochet into this loop as follows:

Row 1: 1 chain stitch, 10 dc and join in the round with 1 sl st .

Row 2: 2 dc into each stitch in the previous row = 20 dc.

Row 3: 3 chs, 1 dtr in the first stitch of the previous round, 1 trtr into each stitch in the previous row, 1 sl st = 20 triple treble crochet stitches.

Row 4: 3 chs, 1 d tr and 1 chs in between the trtrs in the previous row, 1 trtr and 1ch in between the trtrs in the previous row, sl st (= 20 trtrs and chs).

Row 5: 1 chs and 2dcs into the chain stitch arch in the previous round, 3 dcs into every following arch, 1 sl st. (= 60 dcs.)

Rows 6 and 7: 1 dc into every dc in the previous row, 1 sl st (= 60 dcs).

Rows 8 - 10: 2 chs, make a treble decrease: make a treble stitch into every third chain stitch in the previous row until end of row, sl st.

Row 11: 2 chs, treble decrease in every stitch in the previous row.

End of row: leave approximately 30 cm of yarn, cut yarn and tie it together with the yarn tail from the beginning. This knot will join the front and the back of the pad together at the center. If you want to make a loop for hanging you can thread the yarn to the edge of the pad and crochet 10 chs, fasten the loop to the pad with a sl st at the base of the chain stitches. Fasten off carefully.

Abbreviations:

ch(s) – chain stitch(es)

sl st – slip stitch

dc(s) – double crochet

trtr - triple treble crochet