# Pine River Library Program in a Bag: Learn to Knit!



### Some Tips for Getting Started

- Dedicate a chunk of time to your initial learning session with minimal interruptions (at least a few hours).
- Try to plan multiple learning sessions over a short time period, say about three times in one week.
- Important techniques to learn
  - Casting on
  - Knit stitch
  - Purl stitch
  - Binding off
  - Weaving in ends
  - Joining a new ball of yarn to your knitting
- Don't expect your first project to look AMAZING- mastering knitting takes time!
- Watch video tutorials online. If you are stuck on a certain stitch or technique it can really help to watch videos tutorials. See the resource section below for more info!

#### Resources

- **Creativebug** Creativebug is a collection of arts and crafts video tutorials, giving you on-demand access to expert instruction in drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, baking, and more. They have a bunch of great knitting tutorials for all levels!
  - Visit www.creativebug.com/lib/prlibrary and sign up for an account using your library card.
  - For a basic introduction that will include all you need to know to knit the dish cloth pattern included in this handout watch: www.creativebug.com/classseries/single/how-to-knit-part-1
- Knitting Help YouTube Channel: Well-paced and clear video tutorials
- www.nytimes.com/2018/07/11/smarter-living/how-to-start-knitting.html: A great overview to help get you kickstarted and inspired.
- **Ravelry:** A kind of knitting social network with tons of free (and some paid) patterns, which can be sorted by difficulty, type, etc. Plus forums to connect and help knitters of all skill levels.
- **We Are Knitters:** A great resource for buying knitting kits that include all the yarn, needles and pattern you'll need for projects from simple scarves and hats to complex cardigans! www.weareknitters.com
- "Stitch 'n Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook" by Debbie Stoller



# Alaina's Simple Seed Stitch Dishcloth

Use the needles and yarn included in this kit to knit this easy dishcloth! Making this project you will learn: casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, joining yarn, binding off, and weaving in your ends.

Size: Approximately 7 in. by 7 in.

- CO 33 stitches
- Row 1 3: Knit across
- Row 4: K3, \*p 1, k 1; repeat from \* to last 4 stitches, p1, k3
- Row 5 44: Repeat Row 4
- Row 45 47: Knit across
- Row 48: BO all stitches

## Abbreviations:

CO= Cast on

K= Knit stich

P= Purl stich

BO= Bind off



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