

Plain and Simple Hot Water Bottle Cover by Amy Pickard



Side one (button side):

With 6 mm needles, cast on 28 sts and work 4 rows garter stitch (knit every row)

Change to 8 mm needles and beginning with a knit row, work in stocking (stockinette) stitch for 23 cm/9" from cast on edge. End after a purl row.

"Shoulder" shaping:

Knit to within 3 stitches of the end of the row.
TURN.

Purl to within 3 stitches of the end of the row.
TURN.

Knit to within 6 stitches of the end of the row.
TURN.

Purl to within 6 stitches of the end of the row.
TURN.

Knit to within 9 stitches of the end of the row.
TURN.

Purl to within 9 stitches of the end of the row.
TURN.

Knit across row.

Purl across whole row.

Cast off 9 stitches, K to end of row.

Cast off 9 stitches, P to end of row [20 sts]

"Collar"

Note: this will be a snug fit as written. This is done on purpose to help prevent the bottle from slipping out when full (a helpful feature if given to someone who is likely to try and get the bottle out and try to open it)

Tension/Gauge

12 sts over 10 cm (4") on 8 mm needles over stocking stitch (row tension not vital).

Materials

Yarn: 1 ball of King Cole Magnum Chunky Multi in beige (colour no. 206) 110 m/120 yds per 100g

Needles: 6 mm straights and 8 mm straights (or size to obtain tension)

Blunt needle for sewing up and weaving in ends
3 buttons (size determined by buttonholes)
Long pins for holding knit pieces together when sewing up.

A hot water bottle (!) measuring 21 cm/8" wide and 22 cm/8.5" from base to "shoulder"

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Change to 6 mm needles and, beginning with K2, With knit sides together, pin and sew the two work in K2, P2 rib for 16 rows.

With knit sides together, pin and sew the two sides together along side seams, shoulders and collar (sides and top). Leave the bottom edge unsewn.

Cast off in rib.



Side two (buttonhole side):

With 6 mm needles, cast on 28 stitches and work two rows in garter stitch.

Buttonhole row: K4, yo, K2tog, K8, yo, K2tog, K8,

yo, K2tog, K2.

K 1 row

P 2 rows (second row is turning row)

Change to 8 mm needles and, beginning with a P row work in stocking (stockinette) stitch until piece from turning row measures 23 cm/9". End after a purl row

Work "shoulder" shaping and "collar" as side one.

Making up:

Fold buttonhole flap at purl turn row to the RIGHT SIDE of Side Two. Pin in place.



Turn cover to right side and pull the buttonhole flap around as shown:



Insert water bottle.

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