

Warm & Cozy

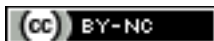
a duo of hot water bottle covers by Amy Molnar



You will need:

- Leftover bits of worsted weight wool yarn, 100 grams total for each cover is plenty. Samples pictured were knit with:
 - Cascade 220 (220 yards per 100 grams, 100% wool)
 - Berocco Vintage (217 yards per 100 grams, 50% Acrylic, 40% Wool, 10% Nylon)
- 5 mm 32" (or longer) circular needle, or size needed to get gauge.
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker (if desired)

Gauge: 21 stitches per 4 inches in colorwork, after blocking



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INSTRUCTIONS

Using magic cast-on method, cast on 24 sts on each needle (48 sts total).

(<http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>)

Row 1: k all stitches on 1st side. K tbl all stitches on 2nd side.

Row 2: *k1, M1, k to last stitch of 1st side, M1, k1*, repeat from * to * for 2nd side (52 sts).

Rows 3-8: Repeat Row 2 (38 sts each side or 76 sts total).

Note: Check that the bottle fits at this point. If it doesn't fit here, it definitely won't fit after the colorwork section.

Body:

Knit in rounds as per chosen chart on page 5 or 6. Each row of the chart is repeated twice every round, one repeat for each side. Please be aware that the motifs that separate each section are a repeat of 4 stitches. This works out evenly around the whole cover, but does not work out evenly across each side. If you want the motifs that separate each section to be continuous around the whole cover (and you probably do), you can mentally shift those parts of the chart over by 2 stitches for the second side.

Be careful to keep your floats loose, if they are too tight the bottle won't fit!

Once you have completed the colorwork chart, the cover should come close to the shoulders of the bottle. Try it on the bottle here to make sure. If it's not long enough, knit a few plain rounds. If it seems too long, don't sweat it. Better that it be too big than too small!



Shoulders:

Row 1: *k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts of 1st side, k2tog, k1*, repeat from * to * for 2nd side (72 sts).

Rows 2-10: repeat Row 1 (36 sts).

Collar:

k2, p2, repeat from * to * around. Continue in 2x2 ribbing until collar measures 5 inches or desired length when folded over.

Bind off very loosely in rib. I recommend using Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind off (<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/FEATjssbo.php>).

Weave in all ends on the inside of the cover.

Fold empty bottle to insert.

I recommend blocking the cover, since colorwork looks better once blocked. In order to ensure a perfect fit, I wet blocked the covers, inserted the bottles, and lay them on a wire rack to dry completely on both sides.



