

Crochet Cable Cover

I've seen many gorgeous cabled knitted hot water bottle covers which I can't make as I can barely knit so I set myself the task of crocheting one.

The hot water bottle cover measures approximately 36 cm (14 inches) by 22 cm (9 inches) including the neck.

I left the bottom edge completely open so it's easy to put the bottle in and then I threaded a ribbon through the 1st row of dc to secure it. You could also sew some buttons on and use the gaps between the stitches as buttonholes – whatever takes your fancy.



Yarn: Rowan pure wool aran 100g x 2

Notions: 1m of 6mm wide ribbon or 2-3 buttons approximately 20mm diameter.

Hook: 6.5mm

Skill: Intermediate

Gauge: 4 inches = 11 sts and 7 rows of dc

Special Stitches: Front Post Triple Crochet and Back Post Triple Crochet

Lefties please go to the end of the PDF for explanation and pictures

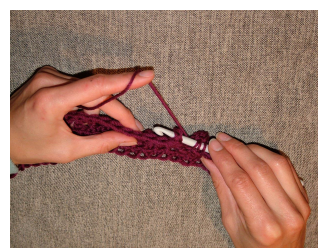
FPTC

1. Yarn over twice.
2. Instead of inserting the hook into the stitch, insert the hook from right to left behind the stitch post.
3. Yarn over and pull loop back behind the stitch post.
4. Complete the stitch as you would for a normal triple.



BPTC

1. Yarn over twice.
2. Take the crochet hook to the back of your work.
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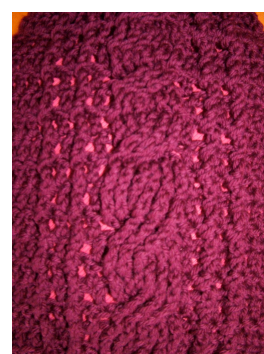
Abbreviations:

ch Chain

dc Double Crochet

fptc Front Post Triple Crochet

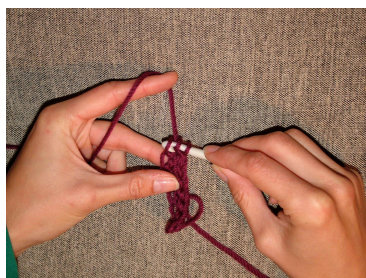
bptc Back Post Triple Crochet



Hot Water Bottle Cover:

Make 2.

Double Chain Ch 3, dc into 3rd ch from hook, * yarn over, inserting hook under the bottom strand of previous dc, work 1 dc *. Repeat from * to * until there are 24 stitches.



Pictures for Lefties can be found at the end of the document.

Note: The double chain produces a more flexible base chain than a normal chain and is easier to work into for the first row. If you prefer, you can use a normal base chain. Instead of the double chain, ch 27, dc into 4th ch from hook and each ch across to end – 24 stitches.

Row 1 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, dc into each st across including the turning chain – 24 stitches.

For each subsequent row, the final stitch is made into the turning chain of the previous row.

Row 2 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, dc into next 3 sts, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next 6 sts, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next 5 sts – 24 stitches.

Row 3 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, dc into next 3 sts, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, skip 3 sts, bptc round post of next 3 sts, bptc round post of each of 3 skipped sts (working in the same direction across the top of your work). Ignoring the 3 previously worked sts, dc into top of next stitch, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next 5 sts – 24 stitches.

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Row 4 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, dc into next 3 sts, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next 6 sts (be careful to work them in the sequential order to create the cable effect), dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next 5 sts – 24 stitches.

Row 5 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, dc into next 3 sts, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next 6 sts, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next 5 sts – 24 stitches.

Row 6 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, dc into next 3 sts, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, skip 3 sts, fptc round post of next 3 sts, fptc round post of each of 3 skipped sts (working in the same direction across the top of your work). Ignoring the 3 previously worked sts, dc into top of next stitch, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next 5 sts – 24 stitches.

Row 7 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, dc into next 3 sts, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next 6 sts (be careful to work them in sequential order), dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next 5 sts – 24 stitches.

Rows 8 - 13 Repeat rows 2-7.

Rows 14 - 17 Repeat rows 2-5.

The following rows follow the same pattern as the previous but the edge decreases begin to allow for the neck of the hot water bottle.

Row 18 ch 1, sl st into 2nd dc of previous row, ch 3, dc into next 3 sts, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, skip 3 sts, fptc round post of next 3 sts, fptc round post of each of 3 skipped sts (working in the same direction across the top of your work). Ignoring the 3 previously worked sts, dc into top of next stitch, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next 4 sts – 22 stitches.

Row 19 ch 1, sl st into 2nd dc of previous row, ch 3, dc into next 2 sts, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next 6 sts (be careful to work them in the correct sequential order), dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next 3 sts – 20 stitches.

Row 20 ch 1, sl st into 2nd dc of previous row, ch 3, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next 6 sts, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next 2 sts – 18 stitches.

Row 21 ch 1, sl st into 2nd dc of previous row, ch 3, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, skip 3 sts, bptc round post of next 3 sts, bptc round post of each of 3 skipped sts (working in the same direction across the top of your work). Ignoring the 3 previously worked sts, dc into top of next stitch, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st – 16 stitches.

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Row 22 ch 1, sl st into 2nd dc of previous row, ch 3, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next st, fptc round post of next 6 sts (be careful to work them in the correct sequential order), dc into next st, fptc round post of next st, dc into next 2 sts – 14 stitches.

Row 23 ch 3, turn, dc into 2nd dc of previous row, bptc round post of next st, dc into next st, bptc round post of next 6 sts, dc into next st, bptc round post of next st, dc into next 2 sts – 14 stitches.

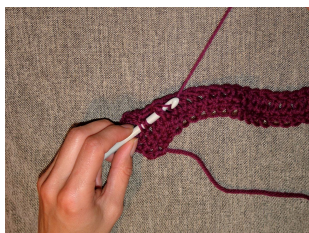
Fasten off leaving a very long tail.

When you've completed 2, put then wrong sides facing and using stitch markers line up the rows ready for sewing together. Using the extra long tails whip-stitch the sides and top together leaving the bottom edge unworked.

Special Stitches: FPTC and BPTC for Lefties

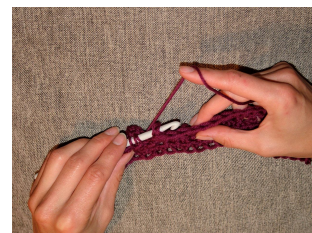
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Double Chain Pictures for Lefties:

