

Simple Crochet Cover

This is the simplest of crochet hot water bottle covers which you can embellish to suit.

The hot water bottle cover measures approximately 36 cm (14 inches) by 23 cm (9 inches) including the neck.

The bottom edge is left open and I have secured it with a crochet cord but buttons or ties would work equally well.

Different yarns and decorations will produce very different results.



Yarn: 100g Cheap variegated yarn

Notions: Scraps of contrasting yarn or 2-3 buttons.

Hook: 6.5mm

Skill: Intermediate

Gauge: 4 inches = 10 sts and 8 rows of hdc

Abbreviations:

ch Chain

hdc Half Double Crochet

sl st Slip Stitch

Hot Water Bottle Cover:

The hot water bottle is worked in rounds starting at the neck.

The first 9 rounds are shown in the diagram at the bottom of the document.

Base Ch ch 8

Round 1 ch 3, count as first st, hdc into 4th ch from hook twice, hdc into next 6 ch, 5 hdc into last ch, working down the other side of the chains, hdc in next 6 ch, 2 hdc into next ch, sl st into top of 1st st - 22 stitches.

Round 2 ch 3, count as first st, hdc into each st round, sl st into top of 1st st – 22 stitches.

Round 3 ch 3, count as first st, hdc into next 10 sts, 2 hdc into next st, hdc into next 10 sts, hdc into top of the 1st st of previous round, sl st into top of 1st st of this round – 24 stitches.



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Round 4 and 5 ch 3, count as 1st st, hdc into each st round, sl st into top of 1st st – 24 stitches.

Round 6 ch 3, count as 1st st, *2 hdc into next st , hdc into next st*, repeat from * - * round, sl st into top of 1st st – 36 stitches.

Round 7 and 8 ch 3, count as 1st st, hdc into each st round, sl st into top of 1st st – 36 stitches.

Round 9 ch 3, count as 1st st, *hdc into next 2 sts, 2 hdc into next st*, repeat from * - * round, hdc into top of the 1st st of previous round, sl st into top of 1st st – 48 stitches.

Rows 10 - 25 Repeat round 9.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Here I have secured the open bottom edge of the cover by threading a 75 cm (30 inch) chain through the last row of stitches.

I have also placed a similar chain about a third from the top of the cover and added a crochet flower.

