GAY BEER CAN COZIES

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Happy **#Stonewall50**! 2019 is a very special year in U.S. LGBTQ history as it marks the 50th anniversary of the June 1969 Stonewall Riots. LGBTQ people fought back during a routine police raid of the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City, which became a key turning point in the LGBTQ civil rights movement.

To commemorate this historic event, I created 2 patterns. The first pattern ("**HRC Motif Beer Can Cozy**") uses standard double knitting. The "equal sign" motif, which symbolizes equality, is the logo of the Human Rights Campaign. More information of the organization can be found at https://www.hrc.org/

The second pattern ("**GAYGAYGAY Beer Can Cozy**") uses two-pattern double knitting. The design was inspired by a poster used for the first NYC Pride March, in 1970. More information on the first Pride March can be found at NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project at http://www.nyclgbtsites.org/site/starting-point-of-nycs-first-pride-march/

If you enjoy knitting these cozies, please consider donating to both organizations.

Skill Level: Intermediate
Skills Needed: Double knitting in the round. Two-pattern double knitting for pattern #2. Magic loop (Optional).
Finished Size: 12 oz (355ml) can

Suggested Materials:
- Lion Brand Yarn 24-7 Cotton Yarn
  1 skein in Lemon (Color A) and 1 skein in Navy (Color B)
  Alternative suggestion: Aqua (Color A) and Charcoal (Color B)
  25 yards / 23m (0.5 oz / 15g) each color for one pattern, 50 yards / 46m (1 oz / 30g) each for both patterns.
- 1 set of US #3 (3.25mm) circular needles (14" or longer for magic loop), or size to obtain gauge
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
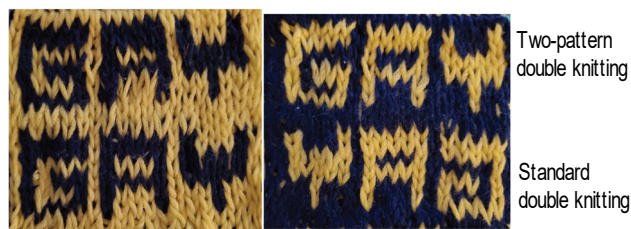- Crochet hook F-5 (3.75mm) for troubleshooting (Optional)

Gauge: 18 sts and 26 rows per 4" (10cm) in double knitting stockinette stitch worked in the round
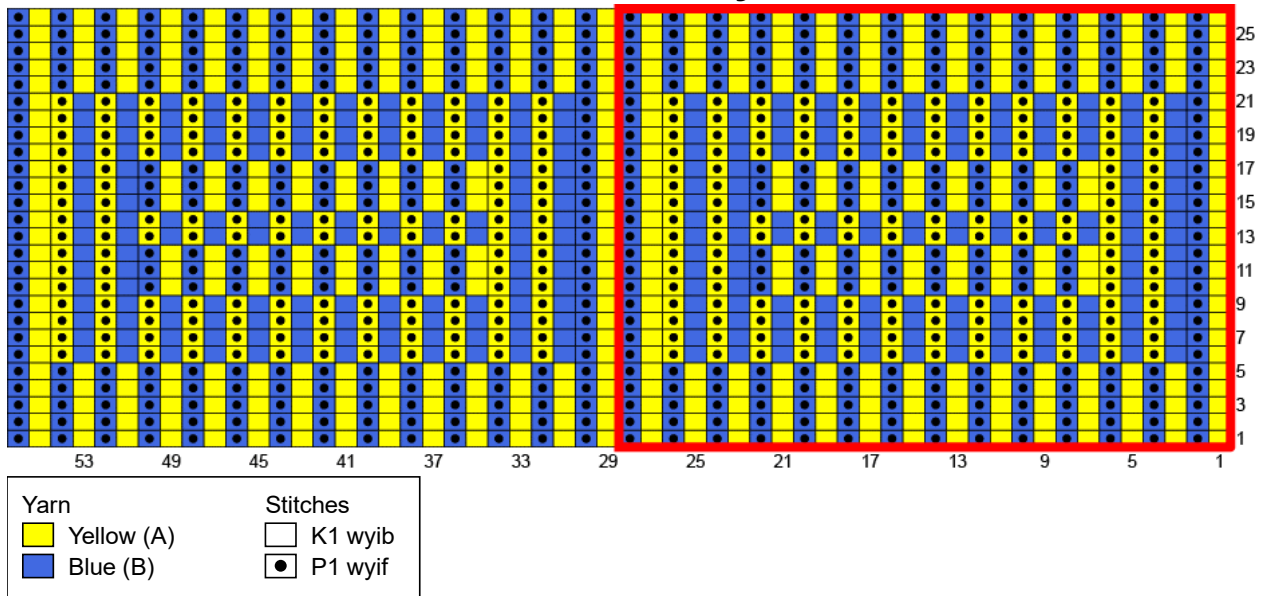
Pattern Notes:

The HRC Motif Beer Can Cozy is knitted in standard double knitting. The GAYGAYGAY Beer Can Cozy is knitted in two-pattern double knitting. Two-pattern double knitting is a technique to make asymmetric designs truly reversible, making alphabets legible on the reverse side.

Right (Facing) side   Wrong (Reverse) side

Two-pattern double knitting

Standard double knitting

* For more information on two-pattern double knitting, visit: http://double-knitting.com/ by Alasdair Post-Quinn.

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Pattern #1: HRC Motif Beer Can Cozy

Yarn
- Yellow (A)
- Blue (B)

Stitches
- K1 wyib
- P1 wyif

Repeat the pattern in red square.

Cast on 56 stitches (28 pairs) using Color A and Long Tail Cast On. Equally divide them onto 2 circular needles for magic loop. Join.

Rounds 1-5: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] 28 times.
Rounds 6-9: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, (K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A) 12 times, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] twice.
Rounds 10-12: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, (K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A) twice, (K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B) 8 times, (K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A) twice, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] twice.
Rounds 13-14: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, (K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A) 12 times, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] twice.
Rounds 15-17: Repeat Rounds 10-12.
Rounds 18-21: Repeat Rounds 6-9.
Rounds 22-26: Repeat Rounds 1-5.

Bind off in A and weave in ends. (*1)

*1: To bind off in double knitting, work 3 stitches, then pass the 1st stitch over the next 2 stitches. [Work another stitch, pass the 1st stitch over the next 2 stitches] to the end of the round (When 2 stitches remain at the end, pass the 1st stitch over the 2nd stitch). Cut the yarn (both colors) and weave them in.
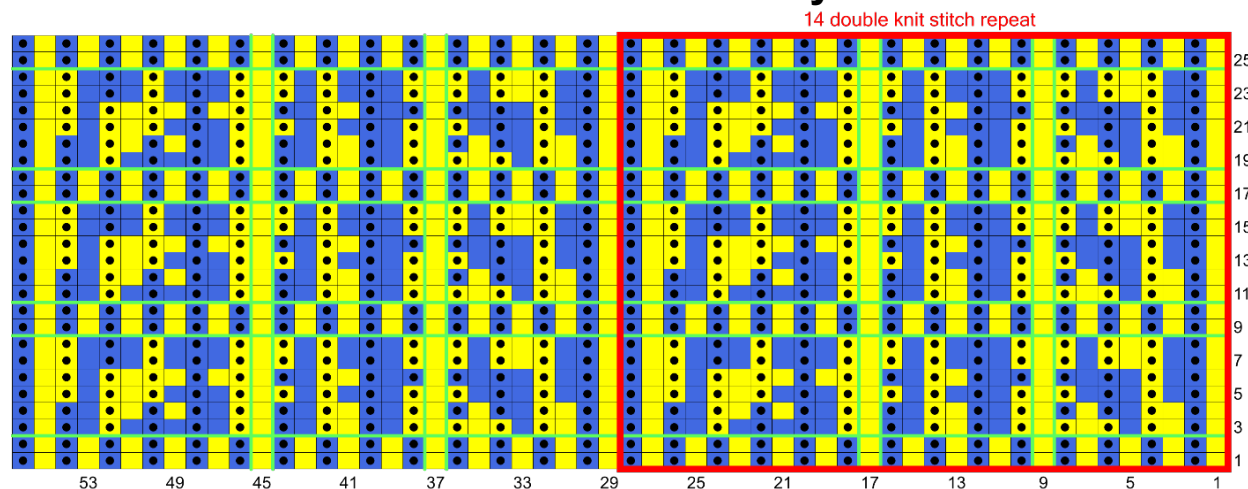
Glossary

K1 wyib: Knit 1 with yarn (both colors) in the back.
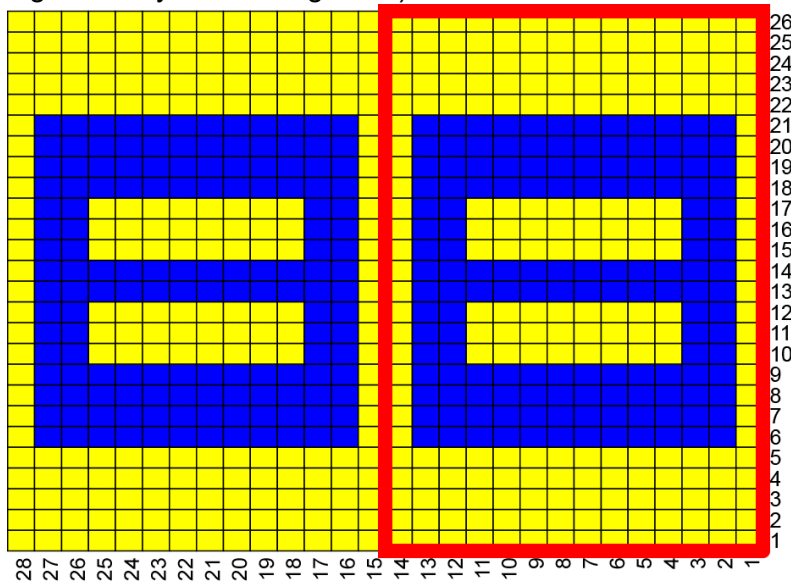P1 wyif: Purl 1 with yarn (both colors) in the front.

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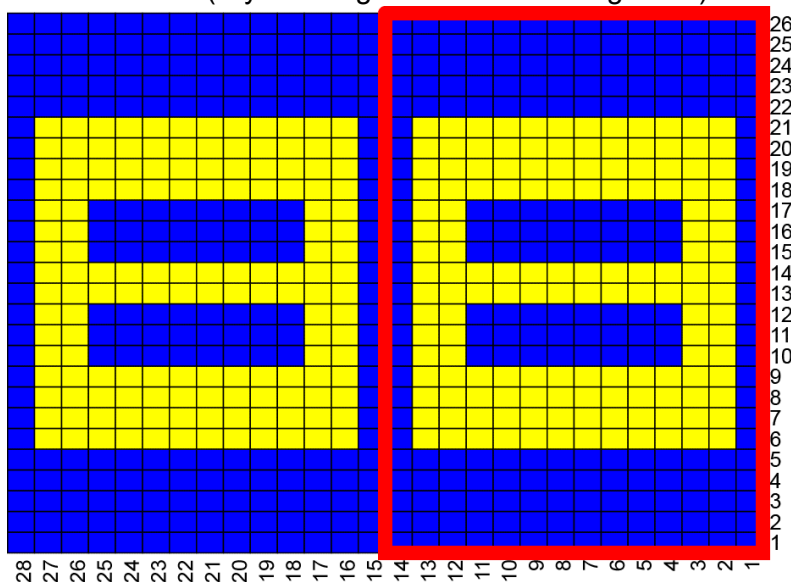https://www.ravelry.com/people/duke313

Pattern #2: GAYGAYGAY Beer Can Cozy

14 double knit stitch repeat

Yarn		Stitches	
■	Yellow (A)	☐	K1 wyib
■	Blue (B)	☐•	P1 wyif

Repeat the pattern in red square. Green lines are breaks between characters–use them as a guide.

Cast on 56 stitches (28 pairs) using Color A and Long Tail Cast On. Equally divide them onto 2 circular needles for magic loop. Join.

NOTE: Be careful of the yarn tension, especially when the same color yarn is used consecutively over multiple stitches. Tug and adjust the tension to prevent the stitches from being too loose.

Rounds 1-2: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] 28 times.
Round 3: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, (K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B) 3 times, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] twice.
Round 4: [(K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B) twice, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, (K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B) twice] twice.
Round 5: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, (K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A) twice, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] twice.
Round 6: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, (P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in A) twice, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, (P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A) twice, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] twice.
Rounds 7-8: [K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A, (P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B) twice, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in B, K1 wyib in B, P1 wyif in A, K1 wyib in A, P1 wyif in B] twice.
Rounds 9-24: Repeat Rounds 1-8 twice.
Rounds 25-26: Repeat Rounds 1-2.

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Glossary

K1 wyib: Knit 1 with yarn (both colors) in the back.
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Appendix
Pattern #1: HRC Motif - right (facing) side appearance

This is how it should appear on the right / facing side (A blue logo with a yellow background).

Pattern #1: HRC Motif - wrong (reverse) side appearance

This is how it should appear on the wrong / reverse side of the double knit (A yellow logo with a blue background).

Alternative Choices

1. If double knit is not your cup of tea, you can use the chart on this page to do stranded knitting instead.
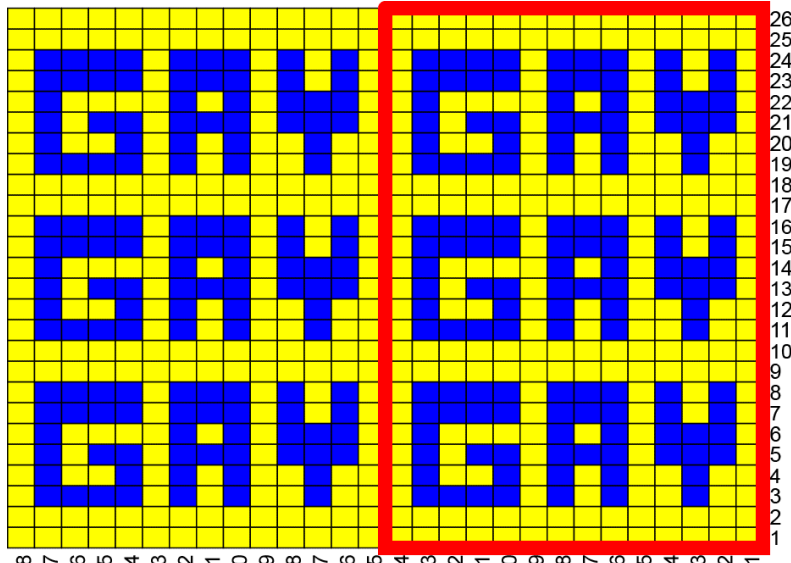2. If circular/magic loop is not your forte, you can always knit flat, and seam.

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Pattern #2: GAYGAYGAY - right (facing) side appearance

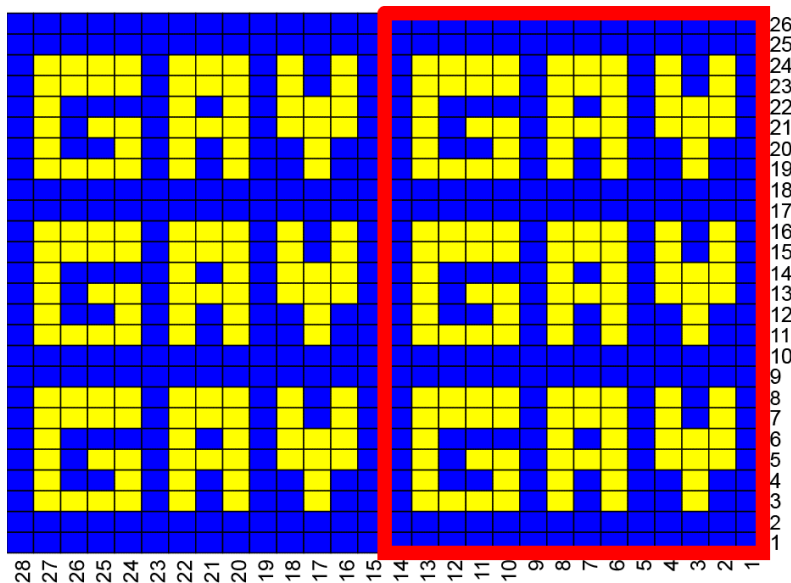This is how it should appear on the right / facing side (A blue logo with a yellow background).

Pattern #2:

FABULOUS!
FIERCE!
SLAY!

GAYGAYGAY - wrong (reverse) side appearance

This is how it should appear on the wrong / reverse side of the double knit (A yellow logo with a blue background)

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Pro Tip

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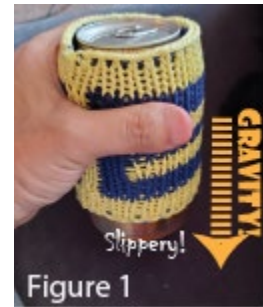
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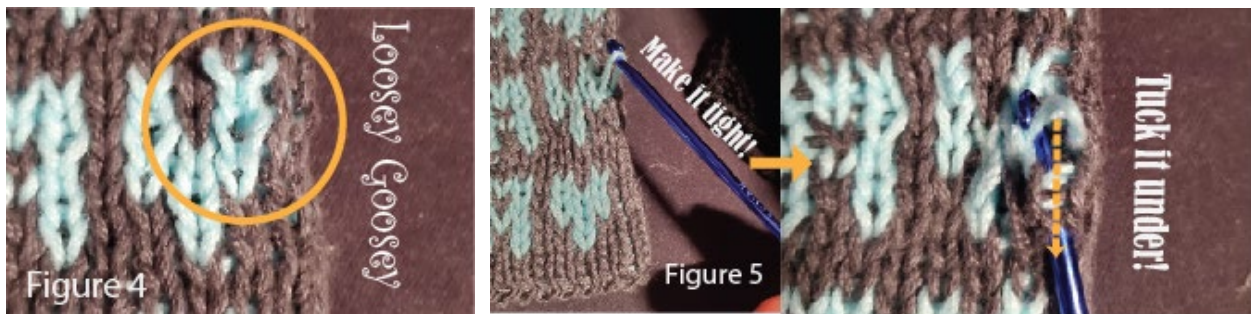
TROUBLESHOOTING 1: SLIPPERY BOTTOM

This cotton yarn can be slippery. If your beer keeps slipping down the cozy even though you are not too drunk (Figure 1), try adding an extra edging on the bottom of the knit for extra support by following below instructions.

1. Using a crochet hook, pick up 28 stitches in Color A from the bottom row. Move the stitches to the circular needles and divide them equally (Figure 2).
2. Knit 2 together 14 times.
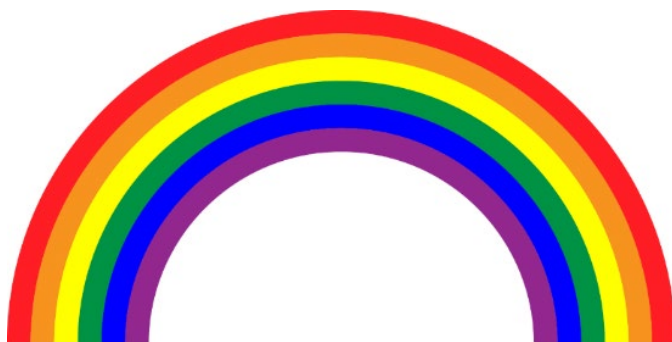3. Bind off and weave in ends (Figure 3).

TROUBLESHOOTING 2: LOOSE STITCH

If stitches are loose and making characters appear not as fierce as you'd like them to be (Figure 4), try tightening the stitch using a crochet hook and tucking the excess yarn in-between adjacent stitches (Figure 5).

Thank you for downloading my pattern.

Happy knitting!!!

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