

HOT WATER BOTTLE COZIES

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We love hot water bottles in our household. When the weather turns cold it's so delicious to pre-heat the bed with a lovely, warm hot water bottle. They help tummy-aches, cramps and colds melt away. And I just found these pocket-sized hot water bottles* to tuck in a big pocket to keep hands warm during a brisk walk. They just needed a malabrigo cover to make them perfect!



Skills Needed

General knitting skills.

Sizes

small (large)

To Fit

8" x 4.5" (8" x 11") bottle

Materials

Yarn

½ (1) skein malabrigo worsted (100% Merino Wool, 100 gr/200 yds) with small amount of cc for cross in larger size.

Needles

- #8 circ, long enough to use magic loop method, or dpns
- Extra needle for 3-needle BO

Gauge

18 sts = 4" (row gauge not important)

Abbreviations

For a complete glossary of terms, see [cocoknits.com](http://www.cocoknits.com)

*Hot water bottles can be found at http://www.amazon.com/HOT-WATER-BOTTLE-GENUINE-RUBBER/dp/B001EOJ0Z2/ref=pd_bxgy_misc_img_a



Note: the slit runs horizontally across the small bottle cozy and vertically up the large bottle cozy.

Directions – Size Small

CO 44 sts, pm for beg of rnd, and work circ in ST st for 3".

Make Slit

Next rnd, k 21, turn and k20. Working back and forth on these 20 sts only, work a further 6 rows of Garter then BO these 20 sts and break yarn.

CO 20 sts. Knit across these new 20 sts, then k23 to the side m.

rnd 1: k1, p20, k 23.

rnd 2: k.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 a total of 4 times.

Cont in ST st until piece measures approx 7" (until it is the length of the bottle up to its "shoulders"). In the last rnd, pm for sides (at beg of rnd and after 22 sts).

BO for "Shoulders"

Turn piece inside out, remove first m and work 3-needle BO over first and last 5 sts (10 sts bound off). You can leave the piece inside-out and k to next m. Turn, remove m and, again, with WS facing out, work 3-needle BO over first 5 sts on front and back needles.

Finish Neck

Turn piece right-side out and work circ k1, p1 rib on rem 22 sts for 2" or desired length. BO in rib pattern. Whip st the bottom closed and sew sides of the slit band to the back of work.

Size Large

CO 68 sts and work circ ST st for 3".

Beg Cross Pattern and Slit

(note: cross is worked using the intarsia method and cozy is now worked back and forth on circ needle in order to make the slit.)

Set Up

k 14 MC, k6 CC, k28 MC. CO 6, turn and k these 6 new sts, p28 MC, p6 CC, p to last 6 sts, k6.

Cont

Row 1, 3, 5: (RS) k34 MC, k6 CC, k with MC to end of row.

Row 2, 4, 6: (WS) k6, p28 MC, p6 CC, p with MC until 6 sts rem, k6.



Row 7, 9, 11, 13: (RS) k28 MC, k18 CC, k with MC to end of row.

Row 8, 10, 12, 14: (WS) k6, p22, MC, p18 CC, p to last 6 sts, k6.

Now repeat rows 1 and 2 four times.

Cont with MC only

RS: k

WS: k6, p to last 6 sts, k6.

Repeat these two rows until piece measures approx 10" (until it is the length of the bottle up to its "shoulders"). In the last RS row, k to last 6 sts, slip the last 6 sts onto a dpn and hold them behind the first 6 sts; knit each of the first 6 sts together with the st on the needle behind it to close the slit. k6, pm for side, k34, pm for other side.

BO for "Shoulders"

k to first m, turn piece inside out, remove first m and work 3-needle BO over first and last 10 sts (20 sts bound off). You can leave the piece inside-out and k to next m. Turn, remove m and, again, with WS facing out, work 3-needle BO over first 10 sts on front and back needles.

Finish Neck

Turn piece right-side out and work circ k1, p1 rib on rem 28 sts for 2" or desired length. BO in rib pattern. Whip st the bottom closed and sew bottom of slit band to back of work. work in any loose ends.

Enjoy!

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