



Striped hot water bottle cover

A cosy cover for cosy toes



So What do I Need?

2 x 50g Classic Romney – Colour A
2 x 50g Classic Romney – Colour B
3 x buttons 2.5cm dia approx
(preferably mother of pearl)

Size 5.5mm (UK 5, US 9) single point
needles
5.5mm double point (DP) needles –
optional
Tapestry needle

Tension

17st x 22r over 10cm/4in square
Aragon Yarns Classic Romney 75m / 50g

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Intro

This is knitted in three pieces, two overlapping for the back and one for the front. You have a choice of knitting the ribbed neck with the pieces and seaming it, or putting the stitches on a holder and knitting it in the round at the end.

Step 1

Piece 1 – Back, top section

Cast on 40 stitches in colour A.

10 rows moss stitch with three button holes:

Row 1: [K2, P2]* repeat to end

Row 2: [K2, P2]* repeat to end

Row 3: [P2, K2]* repeat to end

Row 4: [P2, K2]* repeat to end

Row 5: Make buttonholes: [K2, P2, K2, P1, cast off four]*x3, K1, P2, K2, P2

Row 6: [K2, P2, K2, P1, cast on four]* x 3, K1, P2, K2, P2

Repeat rows 3 and 4

Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 11: Change to colour B

Knit 6 rows in st st (16 rows)

Row 17: Change to colour A

Knit 6 rows in st st (22 rows)

Continue in st st, alternating colours every six rows.

Row 27: start decrease – K2tog at both ends of row

Row 28: P2tog at both ends of row

[Repeat rows 27 and 29] x 2

Row 33: K2tog at beginning of row

Row 34: P2tog at beginning of row

20 stitches remain.



Step 2

Neck

There are two options here depending on whether you wish to use DP needles and have a seamless neck, or if you wish to continue with the SPs and therefore have to seam the neck.

Option 1 – flat knitting

Row 35 (RS) – Knit all stitches

Row 36 – K1, [P2, K2] x 9, P1

Row 37 – P1, [K2, P2] x 9, K1

[Repeat rows 36, 37] x 15

Cast off in rib.

Option 2 – circular knitting

Put remaining stitches on stitch holder and save for completion of Piece 3.



Step 3

Piece 2 - Back, lower section

Cast on 26 stitches in Colour A. Continue in st st, changing colour every six rows through the pattern.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Inc 1 at beginning of row

Row 3: Inc 1 at beginning of row

Row 4: Inc 1 at beginning and end of row

Row 5: Inc 1 at beginning and end of row.

[Repeat rows 4 & 5] x 2

Work is now 40 stitches wide.

Continue in st st to row 32.

Change to colour A

Row 33: Knit

Rows 34-44: Moss stitch (K2, P2) as previously.

Cast off.

Step 4

Piece 3 - Front

Cast on 26 stitches in Colour A. Continue in st st, changing colour every six rows.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Inc 1 at beginning of row

Row 3: Inc 1 at beginning of row

Row 4: Inc 1 at beginning and end of row

Row 5: Inc 1 at beginning and end of row.

[Repeat rows 4 & 5] x 2

Work is now 40 stitches wide.

Continue in st st to row 58.

Row 59: start decrease - K2tog at both ends of row

Row 60: P2tog at both ends of row

[Repeat rows 59 and 60] x 3

Row 67: Repeat row 59

Row 68: K2tog at beginning of row

Row 69: P2tog at beginning of row
20 stitches remain.

Step 5

Neck

Option 1 - flat knitting

Row 70 (RS) - Knit all stitches

Row 71 - P1, [K2, P2] x 9, K1

Row 72 - K1, [P2, K2] x 9, P1

[Repeat rows 71, 72] x 15

Cast off in rib.

Option 2 - circular knitting

Changing onto DPs, knit one round (RS), picking up stitches from piece 1 stitch holder. Round 2 - knit in rib [K2, P2]. Knit in the round for 30 rows or until work measures 7in / 18cm approx.

Making Up

Press pieces over st st - do not press rib or moss stitch.

Sew pieces together.

Blanket stitch around button holes.

Stitch on three buttons, aligned with button holes.

Key

K - Knit

P - Purl

St st - stocking stitch

K2tog - knit two together

P2tog - purl 2 together