

Hot water bottle cover

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MEASUREMENTS

Cover width 24.5cm; Length to ribbon holes 29cm; Length above ribbon holes 8cm; Cast on edge width 49cm; Length one cable repeat 4cm.

MATERIALS

- four 100g balls Blue Sky Bulky in Polar Bear 1004.
 - pair 7mm knitting needles.
 - cable needle.
 - 1.5m of 2cm wide matching ribbon.
- Call www.blueskypacas.com for stockists in the UK or www.loop.gb.com to order online.

TENSION

11½ sts and 13½ rows to 10cm square over pattern using 7mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

C4B slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at back of work, k2, then k2 from cable needle; **C4F** slip next 2 sts onto cable needle and hold at front of work, k2, then k2 from cable needle; **cm** centimetres; **k** knit; **pssso** pass slipped st over; **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **sl1wyib** slip 1 with yarn in back; **sl1wyif** slip 1 with yarn in front; **st(s)** stitch(es); **tog** together; **yo**

yarn over needle; **WS** wrong side.

TO MAKE

With 7mm needles, cast on 57 sts. **1st row (RS)** Knit. **2nd, 4th and 6th rows** P21, [yo, sl1wyif, p2tog, pssso, yo, p2] twice, p1, [yo, sl1wyif, p2tog, pssso, yo, p2] 5 times. **3rd and 5th rows** K48, yo, sl1wyib, k2tog, pssso, yo, k2, yo, sl1wyib, k2tog, pssso, yo, k1. **7th row** K38, C4B, C4F, k2, yo, sl1wyib, k2tog, pssso, yo, k2, yo, sl1wyib, k2tog, pssso, yo, k1. Rep 2nd to 7th rows 5 times, then repeat 2nd and 3rd rows once. **40th row (WS)** P16, [yo, sl1wyif, p2tog, pssso, yo, p2] 3 times, p1, [yo, sl1wyif, p2tog, pssso, yo, p2] 5 times. Place markers at both ends of this row. **41st row** K43, [yo, sl1wyib, k2tog, pssso, yo, k2] twice, yo, sl1wyib, k2tog, pssso, yo, k1. Rep 40th and 41st rows 4 times. Cast off knitwise on WS.

TO FINISH

Fold the cover in half and join the bottom and side seams.

On the 40th row, use the natural holes on either side of each twist stripe where the cable ends to thread the ribbon.

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