



Diamond Patchwork Hottie Cover



A cosy and bright cover for a standard sized hot water bottle knit in mitered diamonds. The diamonds are knit onto each other so there is only 1 seam at the bottom. Triangles fill in the gaps at the top and bottom. Stitches are then picked up at the top and knit in the round to complete the cover.

A great pattern for using up leftover or scraps of 8 ply yarn as each diamond only needs about 4-5g.

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

Approx 171m or 8 ply yarn - wool preferred but any smooth yarn would do. Total weight needed is 90g. Each diamond takes 4-5 g.

4.5 mm needles (or needles to get gauge)

Stitch marker
Darning needle
Scissors
Tape measure

GAUGE

18 stitches 36 rows per 10 cm over garter stitch.

ABBREVIATIONS

K - knit

P - purl

St - stitch

DD (Double Decrease) = Sl 1 K2tog PSSO - slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over. This creates a double decrease i.e. 2 stitches decreased

K1tbl - knit 1 st through back of loop

K2tog - knit two stitches together

PSSO - pass slipped stitch over the stitch/s on the right-hand needle

Sl - slip st

SSK- slip st knitwise, slip next st knitwise, pass st back onto left-hand needle and knit the two stitches together through the back of the loop.

SIZE

Finished cover will fit a standard hot water bottle - 22 cm wide by 36 cm long (from base to top of neck).

NOTE:

To save sewing in multiple ends, knit threads in as you go along.

INSTRUCTIONS

First Row of Diamonds

Diamond 1 - Cast on 25 st (I prefer the long-tail cast on). Turn work.

****** R1 and all wrong side rows - Knit

| Row | Knit | | Knit | Total St |
|-----|------|----|------|----------|
| 2 | 11 | DD | 11 | 23 |
| 4 | 10 | DD | 10 | 21 |
| 6 | 9 | DD | 9 | 19 |
| 8 | 8 | DD | 8 | 17 |
| 10 | 7 | DD | 7 | 15 |
| 12 | 6 | DD | 6 | 13 |
| 14 | 5 | DD | 5 | 11 |
| 16 | 4 | DD | 4 | 9 |
| 18 | 3 | DD | 3 | 7 |
| 20 | 2 | DD | 2 | 5 |
| 22 | 1 | DD | 1 | 3 |



R23 - Knit

R24 - Sl 1 K2tog PSSO - break off yarn and thread through loop that remains on needle to finish off.

Make 3 more diamonds the same.

Second Row of Diamonds

The second row is knit onto the first row and the diamonds are then joined together into a ring as follows:

Diamond 5

With 2 of the first row diamonds positioned as shown in the picture, with right side facing and the cast-off points at the top, pick-up and knit 12 st along the right-hand diamond and 13 st along the left-hand diamond.



Complete as per Diamond 1 from ******

Complete 2 more diamonds the same way, thus joining all the first row of diamonds together in a line. Make sure the diamonds are all oriented the same way.





To join the diamonds into a circle, knit a joining diamond between diamond 4 and diamond 1.



Third, Fourth & Fifth Row of Diamonds

Complete a diamond between each of the previous round of diamonds in the same manner as before until you have 5 rows of diamonds.



Fill in Triangles

Top and Bottom Triangles are the same. Turn cover upside down to complete the bottom triangles.

Pick-up and knit 12 st from each diamond and 1 st in centre (25 st)
 Row 1 and all wrong side rows - SI1, K to last st, K1tbl

| Row | 1st Decrease | Knit | Middle Decrease | Knit | End Decrease | Total St |
|-----|--------------|------|-----------------|------|--------------|----------|
| 2 | SI1, SSK | 8 | DD | 8 | K2tog, K1tbl | 21 |
| 4 | SI1, SSK | 6 | DD | 6 | K2tog, K1tbl | 17 |
| 6 | SI1, SSK | 4 | DD | 4 | K2tog, K1tbl | 13 |
| 8 | SI1, SSK | 2 | DD | 2 | K2tog, K1tbl | 9 |

Row 9 - SI1, K to last st, K1tbl

Row 10 - SI1 SSK, SI1 K2tog PSSO, K2tog, K1tbl. (5 st)

Last Row (Wrong Side): SI1, SI1 K2tog PSSO, pass 2nd st on RH needle over 1st st (cast off), K1, pass 2nd st on RH needle over 1st st - cut yarn and pass through last st and pull up to secure..

Neck of Cover

The top is knitted in the round either using double-pointed needles or a circular needle. Stitches should be arranged so the same number is on each side of the cover.

Fold the cover so that a diamond runs up the centre front - see picture.

With right side facing, pick-up and knit 28 st along the top of each side of the cover (14 st per triangle) - 56 st in total.

Place a marker to indicate start of round.

Round 1 - Knit

Round 2 - K1, SSK, Knit until 3 st remain on this side, K2tog, K1. Repeat on second side.

Repeat this round until 28 stitches remain.

Continue in K2 P2 ribbing until rib section measures 8 cm.

Cast off using a very stretchy cast off.



Finishing

Sew bottom seam or pick-up 28 stitches on each side and do a 3 needle bind off. Sew in ends.

NB: Hot water bottle should be placed in cover before filling with hot water.



Alternative finish for the bottom of the hottie cover:

Do not sew bottom seam, instead on one half of the bottom pick up 28 stitches. Knit a band and include 3 or 4 evenly space button holes.

Sew buttons onto the other side of the cover to match up with the button holes.