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Stay warm keeps you warm and safe. It takes your hot-water bottle to the next level because cuddling with wool is so much better than with that plastic surface, isn't it? ☺

What you need:

Hot-water bottle (ca. 20cm x28 cm/8" x 11")
Circular needles in US 11 or 8 mm
2 different stitch markers
Cable needle
Tapestry needle
2 buttons (Ø 3 – 5 cm/1,2 – 2")

Yarn:

ca. 150g (135m/148yrd) super bulky yarn

Gauge:

12 st x 20 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm/ 4 " x 4 " in seed stitch pattern

You start knitting the button flap, using an I-Cord cast-on, framing it with I-Cord edges and bind off with an I-Cord. Then you join in round picking up stitches at the bind off for the front and at an I-Cord chain for the back. The main part contains a lovely seed stitch pattern and some cables.

Button flap:

Cast on 3 st using the [Back Loop Cast-On method](#) and knit an I-Cord over 24 rows ([how-to](#)). K 3, turn 90° clockwise and pick up and knit 24 st along the I-Cord edge and 3 st along the cast-on edge (= 30 st in total: 3 st I-Cord edge, 24 st main part, 3 st I-Cord edge).



The pictures show a button flap that was knitted in stockinette, but I'd prefer to knit it in seed stitch just as the rest of your hottie cover.

Basic pattern:

Row 1 (RS): K3, repeat *K1, P1* until last 3 st, slwyif 3 st

Row 2 (WS): like row 1

Repeat this basic pattern three more times.

Work button holes:

Row 9 (RS): K3, *K1, P1* twice, BO 2 st, P1, *K1, P1* until last 9 st, BO 2 st, P1, K1, P1, slwyif 3st

Row 10 (WS): K3, *K1, P1* twice, CO 2 st with back loop cast-on, *K1, P1* six times, CO 2 st with back loop cast-on, *K1, P1* twice, slwyif 3 st

Repeat basic pattern three times.

Cover:

BO the button flap using the I-Cord method as following:

Repeat *K2, K2 tbl, put these 3 st back on left needle* until 3 st left. Use these 3 st to knit an I-Cord over 24 rows (this will be the cast-on edge for the main part).

Carefully join in round: pick up and knit 25 st along the bind-off edge, pm (= mor), pick up and knit 25 st along the I-Cord, K2tog tbl, pm (= bor). (= 52 st in total).

Round 1: K1, *P1, K1* three times, P2, K8, P1, *P1, K1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *P1, K1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 2: K1, *K1, P1* three times, K1, P1, K8, P1, *K1, P1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *K1, P1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 3: like round 1.

Round 4: K1, *K1, P1* three times, K1, P1, place 2 st on cn behind work, K2, K2 of cn, place 2 st on cn in front of work, K2, K2 of cn, P1, *K1, P1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *K1, P1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 5: K1, *P1, K1* three times, P2, K8, P1, *P1, K1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *P1, K1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 6: K1, *K1, P1* three times, K1, P1, K8, P1, *K1, P1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *K1, P1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 7: K1, *P1, K1* three times, P2, K8, P1, *P1, K1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *P1, K1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 8: K1, *K1, P1* three times, K1, P1, K8, P1, *K1, P1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *K1, P1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 9: K1, *P1, K1* three times, P2, K8, P1, *P1, K1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *P1, K1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Round 10: K1, *K1, P1* three times, K1, P1, place 2 st on cn behind work, K2, K2 of cn, place 2 st on cn in front of work, K2, K2 of cn, P1, *K1, P1* three times, K2, sm, K1, *K1, P1* to 1 st bf m, K1.

Repeat rounds 5 – 10 five more times.

Top edge:

Knit rounds 1 and 2.

Following round: K1, ssk, knit in pattern to 3 st bf m, K2tog, K1, sm, K1, ssk, knit in pattern to 3 st bf m, K2tog.

Repeat this round 3 more times.

Knit 1 round in stockinette stitch.

Turn your work inside out, remove marker (bor) and BO 5 st of front and back using the [3-needle bind-off](#) (= 10 st decreased). Pm (bor), P21. Remove marker (mor) and BO 5 st of front and back using the 3-needle bind-off (= 10 st decreased), pm (mor) (= 32 st in total). Purl to m (bor) and turn your work back on the right side. This might be a little difficult due to the small opening.

Work a *K1, P1* ribbing around the opening until you reached the desired height. BO loosely in pattern.

Finishing:

Sew in all threads, soak and block, if necessary. Sew on the buttons and knot a cord to the cap.

Abbreviations:

bf	before
BO	bind off
bor	beginning of round
cn	cable needle
CO	cast on
K	knit
K2tog	knit 2 st together
m	marker
mor	middle of round
P	purl
pm	place marker
slwif	slip with yarn in front
sm	slip marker
ssk	slip slip knit: slip st as if to knit twice and knit both st together tbl.
st	stitches
tbl	through back loop

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