Warme Gedanken

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Happy knitting!

Yarn: 100 g Merino Aran (8-ply, 160 meters/100 g) f.ex. by Wunderwolle (Bio-Merino COZY)

alternative: sock yarn 6- or 8-ply (or 2 x 4-ply)

Needles: DPN or circular knitting needles

Needle size: 4 bis 5 mm. For the one on the pic I used 4.5 mm

Alternatives: The pattern is easy to adjust. Note remarks on p. 4

Tip: Pull on your work from time to time in order to be sure it fits
The hot water bottle I used has the measures: 19 x 31 cm

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Hot water bottles keep incredibly warm – not only your feet, but also your heart. And they are a wonderful present for the ones you love. Happy knitting!

Would be great to see you and your projects in my group Wunderwolle on Rav!

Abbreviations:

k =	knit
p =	purl
st =	stitch/es
KBM =	Kaffeebohnenmuster: slip 1 st knitwise, k 2, pass the slipped stitch over the 2 st knit
kfb =	increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and back of the stitch
ssk =	decrease 1 stich: slip, slip, knit
yo =	yarn over
k2tog =	knit 2 st together

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Cast on: 64 stitches; join into a round

Round 1: p
Round 2: k
Repeat rounds 1 and 2 continuously
Round 10: Increase 2 st <u>on each needle</u>: K 1, kfb; k till there are only 2 st left on your needle. kfb
Round 11: p
Repeat Rounds 10 and 11. After round 13 you should have 80 st on your needles.

Follow this chart and repeat rows 1 to 4 continuously:

												–	–	K	B	M	–	–		4
												–	–				–	–		3
												–	–		U		–	–		2
												–	–		x		–	–		1
21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Needles 1 and 3

	–	–	K	B	M	–	–													4
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Needles 2 and 4

After ca. 22 cm repeat rounds 1 to 13 from the beginning, however decreasing, not increasing the same amount of stitches. Tip: Pull over your work in order to be sure the collar will be in the right position.

Round 1: p
Round 2: k
Repeat round 1 and 2 continuously
Round 10: Decrease 2 st <u>on each needle</u>: k 1, ssk, k till there are only 2 st left on your needle, k2tog
Round 11: p
Repeat round 10 and 11. After round 13 you should have 64 st on your needles.
Round 14: k

Now knit the **collar**: Bind off 8 st, k 16, bind off 16 st., k 16, bind off 8 st. Cut yarn.

32 st left in the middle. On these knit 11 to 17 cm collar, ribbing k 2, p 2.
Bind off loosely (note tips on next page).

Sew open parts together.

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Tips:

- Leave the yarn long enough to use it for sewing ends together.
- Pull over your work from time to time to get sure it fits.
- Adjust size by casting on 8 st more ore less.
- In case you run out of yarn, just use another colour for the collar (or rest of it).
- Binding off elastically: k 1. k 1. Pass both st on left needle and kbl (knit both together through back of the loop).

Alternative patterns:

- For men: k 2 st instead of the "Kaffeebohnenmuster" and/or continue ribbing on the stockinette part in the middle
- For women: Continue the "Kaffeebohnenmuster", maybe alternating with ribbing, on the stockinette part in the middle
- Knit cables on the stockinette part in the middle
- Sew or iron a washable application on the stockinette part in the middle

Alternative Cast on:

- Use Judy's Magic-cast-on.
  Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pmxRDZ-cwo
- Use Chain-cast-on.
  Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smRdFouRHfs

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