

Two Thermos/Coffee-cup Cozies

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It may be subtle, but one of the little ways I contribute to “green” is to carry my to-go thermos everywhere with me. It lives in my bag. One of the ways I first motivated myself to get into a habit of always carrying a thermos/to-go cup, was to knit a pretty little cozy for it, which also lives in my bag. I first got the idea from a lady in a bus stop drinking from her to-go cup wrapped in a lovely knitted cozy, and I thought to myself, “I could make one of those!”.

The cozy does have multiple uses. Not only does it keep drinks hot or cold for a longer period of time, feel great and warm on the hands-on chilly winter days, hide dent and scratches, add a little padding to keep from bumping around my bag and absorb any bits of liquid that may have leaked, it also encourages me to use fewer disposable coffee cups.

(And as a side-benefit, a few coffee shops offer a discount on drinks when you bring in your own takeaway cup.)

Here are two knit patterns for you to make your own cozy, and help motivate yourself and loved ones to use disposable cups less often. The colour-work cozy is more suited to an actual cup, with optional instructions to fit a handled mug. Even when you forget your to-go cup, hopefully having a little cozy in your bag will negate the need for a second cup, napkin, or cardboard band to use as an insulator. Every little bit helps to reduce waste... and little is where a long-lasting difference begins.

Thermos Cozy

Materials:

- One, 50gm ball of Crucci 8ply DK Machine Wash
- 5mm needle
- Darning needle

Abbrivations:

- K- Knit
- p- purl
- rs- right side
- rep- repeat
- sl- slip
- st- stitch
- ws- wrong side
- wyb- with yarn in back
- wyf- with yarn in front

pull up loop (PUL): insert point of right-hand needle upwards under the 2 strands in front of the sl sts and knit the next st, then lift the 2 strands off over the point of the right-hand needle.



Cast on 33sts

Row 1 (rs): K6, p3, *wyf sl 3 pwise, p3; rep from * 3x, K6

- be careful not to pull the yarn which passes over the slipped stitches too tight.
- on repeats of row 1, sl 1, K5 in place of K6

Row 2 (ws): sl 1, p5, k3, *wyb sl 3 pwise, k3; rep from * 3x, p6

Row 3: sl 1, p4, K1, p3, *K3, p3; rep from * 3x, K1, p5

Row 4: sl 1, K4, p1, K3, *p3, K3; rep from * 3x, p1, K5

Row 5: sl 1, K9, *PUL, K5; rep from * 2x, PUL, K10

Row 6: sl 1, p4, K1, p3, *K3, p3; rep from * 3x, K1, p5

Row 7: sl 1, p5, *wyf sl 3 pwise, p3; rep from * 3x, wyf sl 3 pwise, p6

Row 8: sl 1, K5, *wyb sl 3 pwise, K3; rep from * 3x, wyb sl 3 pwise, K6

Row 9: sl 1, K4, p1, K3, *p3, K3; rep from * 3x, p1, K5

Row 10: sl 1, p4, K1, p3, *K3, p3; rep from * 3x, K1, p5

Row 11: sl 1, p4, K2, *PUL, K5; rep from * 3x, PUL, K2, p5

Row 12: sl 1, K4, p1, K3, *p3, K3; rep from * 3x, p1, K5

Repeat rows 1-12, 5x – or until desired length to fit around container

-For a more invisible seam, on last repeat end on row 11

Cast of all stitches. Seam ends together.



Colourwork Coffee-cup Cozy

Materials:

- Two balls of Countrywide Poppets in contrasting colours
- 2.75mm needle
- Darning needle
- Optional: 1-2 buttons; crochet hook

Symbols:

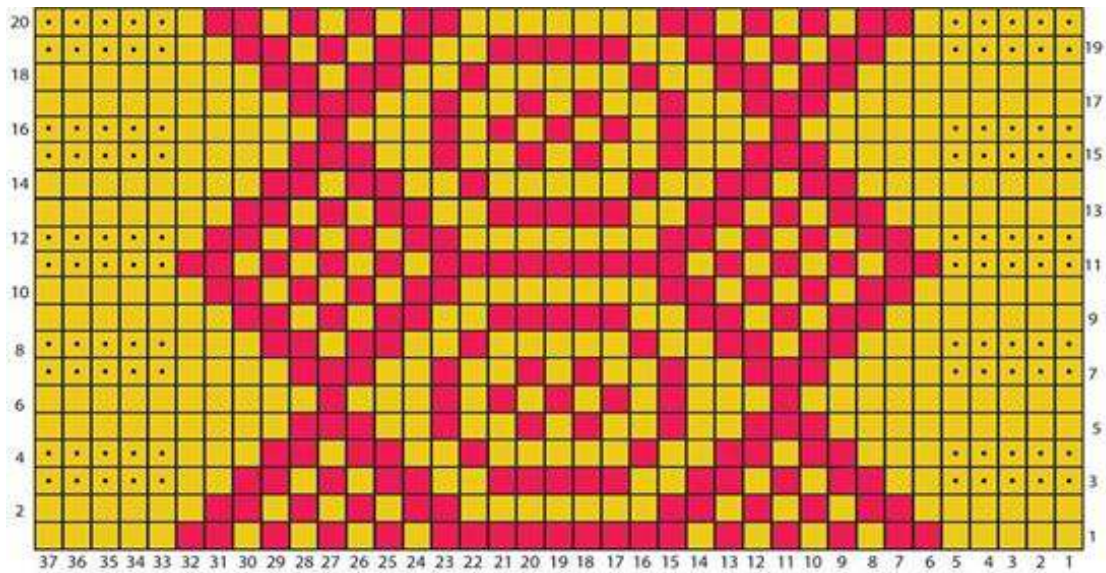
- - knit on right side,
- purl on wrong side
- - purl on right side
- knit on wrong side

Using background colour, Cast on 37 stitches.

Work colour chart rows 1-20 three times, or until desired length to fit around cup. Cast off all stitches. Seam ends together

Note: odd numbered rows are right-side, worked right to left. Even numbered rows are wrong-side, worked left to right.

Tip: Slip first stitch of each row for a neater edge



Optional instructions for button up cozi: with background colour, cast on 37 stitches. Moss stitch 4 rows. Work colour chart and repeats continuing with moss stitch on first and last 5 stitches of each row. When close to desired length, moss stitch 4 rows even. Cast off all stitches. Instead of seaming ends together, attach a button or two to one moss band, and a short crochet chain to the opposite band.

Moss stitch: [K1, p1] repeat.

