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# Hot Water Bottle Cozy

100% Alpaca Sport Weight



a fine knitting pattern by blue sky alpacas

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Kathy's projects (like her personality) are the perfect mix of old-fashioned comfort and modern sensibility. High-end boutiques are touting knitted hot water bottles as a must-have luxury, but I'm partial to Kathy's version. Worked in a bold check pattern and bright hues, it's on the cutting edge of cool and sure to warm the heart.

## EXPERIENCE LEVEL

Intermediate

## SIZE

Approximately 7½" x 13"

## MATERIALS

- Blue Sky Sport Weight 100% Alpaca (2 oz/110 yds per hank): 2 hanks
  - Size 4 double-pointed and 16" circular needles or size needed to obtain gauge
  - Stitch markers
  - Standard size hot water bottle
- Photo Shown: 1 hank #511 red (MC) & 1 hank #73 tarnished gold (CC)

## GAUGE

30 sts and 29 rows = 4" in color pat  
To save time, take time to check gauge.

## PATTERN NOTES

First few rounds of cozy are worked with dpn. Change to circular needles as amount of sts become crowded. Increases are worked by knitting in the front, then back of st. When working with both colors, always carry yarns loosely at back of work.

## COZY

With MC and dpn, cast on 78 sts.

Join, being careful not to twist.

Eyelet Rnd: \*K2tog, yo; rep from \* around, placing markers after 39th and last st.

Rnd 3: Work inc in first 2 sts, k to 2 sts before marker, inc in next 4 sts, k to 2 sts before marker, inc in last 2 sts (86 sts). Knit 2 rnds.

Rnds 6 - 8: Rep Rnd 3 (110 sts).

Rnd 9: Inc in first st, k to 1 st before marker, inc in next 2 sts, k to 1 st before marker, inc in last st (114 sts).

Referring to chart, work even in color pat until cozy measures approximately 9½", ending with Rnd 3 of pat.

## SHAPE SHOULDERS

Dec rnd: \*[Ssk] twice, work in established color pat to 5 sts before marker, [k2tog] twice. k1; rep from \* once. (106 sts)

Repeat Dec Rnd 5 times more, changing to dpn when necessary. (66 sts)

## NECK

Stripe-Rib Pattern

Rnd 1: \*With MC k2, p1, with CC k2, p1; rep from \* around.

Continue in established pat until neck measures 1½". Cut CC and work in k2, p1 rib with MC only for 1" more.

Bind off loosely.

## I-CORD DRAWSTRING

With MC and dpn, cast on 3 sts.

\*K3, slip sts back to LH needle; rep from \* until cord measures 24".

Final rnd: K3tog. Cut yarn, drawing end through final st.

Weave ends into cord.

Thread cord through eyelets at bottom of cozy. 🧵

Chart

6	Red	Red	Red	Red	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
5	Red	Red	Red	Red	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
4	Red	Red	Red	Red	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
3	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	Red	Red	Red	Red
2	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	Red	Red	Red	Red
1	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	Red	Red	Red	Red