Hot Water Bottle Cover

Regia

Materials

Regia Silk, 100 g #05 mottled linen.

4-5 mm [size 5-8] double pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge, and one blunt embroidery needle.

3 buttons 18 mm across

One hot water bottle about 19 cm x 28 cm.

Abbreviations

Garter stitch: K all rows; in rounds work alt P 1 round, K 1 round.

Stocking stitch (st-st): K RS rows; P WS rows; in rounds K all sts.

Cable: see chart. All rounds are given. Work round 1 once, then rep rounds 2-11 throughout for patt.

Tension

20 sts. and 28 rows/ rounds st-st with the double yarn, each to 10 cm [4"].

Instructions

Cast on 80 sts. with a contrasting yarn = 20 sts. On each needle, then with the double yarn Regia Silk cont in st-st in rounds. When work measures 9 cm cont in garter stitch over the sts. on needles 1 and 2, and in st-st over rem sts. At the same time make 3 button holes on 3rd round as foll: for each buttonhole work P2 tog, yarn-over, P2 tog. Work buttonholes over sts. on needles 1 and 2 (work P sts.) as foll: 7 in patt, 1 buttonhole, 7 in patt, 1 buttonhole, 7 in patt, 1 buttonhole, work rem 7 in patt. On next round work K1 and K1 tbl into each yarnover.

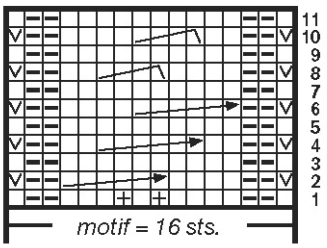
After 7 rounds garter stitch altog = about 2 cm, bind off sts. on needles 1 and 2, slip all rem sts. onto a holder.

With the double yarn Regia Silk cast on 40 sts. anew for underlap and work 7 rows garter stitch, insert these for those bound off and K 1 round over all sts. Then work cable over the last 7 sts. on needle 1 and over the first 7 sts. on needle 2 foll chart as foll: on 1st round inc 1 st. as given = 42 sts. each on needles 1 and 2, or 82 sts. altog.

When work measures 26 cm dec at each end as foll: on needles 1 and 3 work K1, then a slip dec knitwise (= slip 1 knitwise, K1, pass slipped st. over), on needles 2 and 4 work to 3 from end of row, then K2 tog. Rep these dec on every round another 8 times = 46 sts. Cont even in patt for 5 cm even over these sts. for neck, cont in garter stitch. At the same time P2 tog twice over each cable on 1st round = 44 sts. After 5 rounds garter stitch bind off all sts. Bring casing tog, graft lower seam tog, gradually removing contrasting thread.

Sew buttons to underlap, sew side edges of underlap in position.

Chart for Cable



Legend

- ☐ = *K1*
- ⊟ = *P1*
- ⊞ = *make 1 knitwise tbl*
- ☑ = *slip 1 purlwise, yarn at back of work*
- *= slip 2 onto a CN and leave at back of work, K2, then K2 from CN*
- *= slip 2 onto a CN and leave at back of work, K4, then K2 from CN*