

# **Lottie's Hottie ©**

## A knitted hot water bottle cover

This new design creates a simple yet effective cover for a standard hot water bottle of 20cm x 35cm. Dimensions can easily be altered as the pattern contains no shaping.

The cover is worked in **garter stitch**, and uses **ribbing** to shape the neck. It is worked from the bottom up allowing the beginner to master the knit stitch before working on purl in the rib section. Only 2 seams are needed to sew up in the finishing design.

The simplicity of the style provides much opportunity for **customising** the cover, e.g. by adding buttons, beads, applique, flowers, fringes, embroidery; thus affording the opportunity for each cover to be unique and a vehicle for **creativity**.

It is worked on 6mm needles with a chunky weight yarn. The design has been written for one colour, but could easily be adapted to use stripes of colour.

In essence a pattern to relax to, and a product to relax with.

### **Pattern:**

**Gauge:** 10cm= 13sts, 17rows in garter stitch

**Notions:** 6mm needles; 100g chunky weight yarn (illustrations show Stylecraft Wondersoft, Baby Chunky -100% Acrylic;13sts/17rows in stocking stitch; 156m)

**Dimensions:** to fit hot water bottle 20cm x 35cm; to alter length: add rows of garter stitch as required before working on neck ribbing ; to alter width: increase 3 stitches at cast on for every 2cm additional width required.

**Cast on** 66 stitches.

**Next row:** Work in garter stitch (knitting every stitch) repeating for each row until piece measures 26cm.

**Next row:** k1 p1 to end. This pattern forms rib. Continue until ribbing measures 22cm, total length from cast on edge 48cm.

**Cast off** tightly in rib pattern.

**Fasten off** leaving at least 30cm tail to sew up seam.

**Finishing:** Sew up back seam using mattress stitch, remembering to reverse seam for turnover top of neck. Placing back seam in a central position sew up base seam using mattress stitch.

Decorate as desired.

Slip over hot water bottle. Fill bottle with hot water. Snuggle up and relax!