Enjoy creating a bobbly

hottie cover

New LGC designer Jackie Carreira's gorgeous hot water bottle cosy requires nothing other than the yarn and hook from this issue's lovely Heritage kit. It is a great opportunity to try creating bobbles, which are much simpler than they look. When finished, this would make a marvellous gift for a friend or family member, if you can resist keeping it for yourself!



Stitches used:

Chain (ch)
Double crochet (dc)
Treble (tr)
Slip stitch (sl st)
Make bobble (MB)

Size:

Height: 28.5cm
Width: 21cm

hottie cover

Make two

Using 5mm hook and purple yarn make 31ch
Row 1 (WS): 1tr into fourth ch from hook, 1tr into each ch to end, turn
Row 2 (RS): 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss first st, 1tr into each st to end working last tr into top of 3ch of prev row, turn. 29 sts
Note: for Rows 3-26 work in foll two-row stripe pattern: (yellow, pink, green, cream, red) twice, yellow, pink
Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each of first ten sts, (MB [see Knit Clever panel], 1dc into each of next three sts) three times. Three bobbles made. 1dc into each of last seven sts working last dc into top of 3ch of prev row, turn
Row 4: rep Row 2
Row 5: 1ch, 1dc in each of first 12 sts, MB, 1dc into each of next three sts, MB. Two bobbles made. 1dc into next 12 sts, turn
Row 6: rep Row 2
Rows 7-26: rep Rows 3-6 five times. 12 bobble rows worked
Change to purple yarn
Row 27: rep Row 2
Row 28: 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss first tr, 1tr in next st, * 1ch, miss one st, 1tr in each of next three sts *, rep from * to * until three sts rem, 1ch, miss one st, 1tr in next st, 1tr in top of 3ch, turn
Row 29: 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss first st, 1tr into each st and ch sp to end, turn
Row 30: rep Row 2

to make up

Place both pieces tog with WS facing and pin tog in place.
Join red yarn to top LH corner and, using 5mm hook and working through both pieces at same time, join using one row of dc around sides and bottom edge, leaving top edge open. Work 3dc in each corner st at bottom edge to make a neat corner. Work one row of dc around open top of hottie cover, sl st to first dc to complete
Fasten off

tie

Using 5mm hook and red yarn make 101ch
Row 1: work 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc into each ch to end
Fasten off
Sew in ends
Thread tie through ch sps in Row 28 and tie in a bow



Elaine says...

"This hot water bottle cover is created from two rectangles stitched together. The top of the cosy is pulled in with a tie, meaning there is no complicated decreasing to work"

Elaine Bennett, Deputy Editor



Meet Our Designer

"Even a relative beginner can complete this project in a few days. When you've finished, the highly textured bobble design of this cosy hottie cover will comfort cold feet on a chilly night"

Jackie Carreira is a freelance writer, crochet teacher and designer working in Suffolk. Her mum taught her to crochet when she was seven years old and she's been hooked ever since!

knit clever

To work the stitch 'MB' (make bobble), work four tr into same st, leaving last part of each tr unworked on the hook. Five loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all five loops to complete bobble

Shopping Basket

Stay warm in a pair of Bobble Bedsocks, £16, 0870 600 0090, fatface.com



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