

iPod cozy

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Enclose your iPod in wool! There is undeniable appeal in contrasting the most advanced technology with one of the most basic and ancient handcrafts. The iPod cozy (designed for 4th Generation iPods) protects iPods with style and function. It features a headphone jack opening at the top, and three button closures at the bottom. The Click Wheel is left exposed by a round opening in the cozy; the screen is protected by clear, flexible plastic made from a small piece of a sheet protector sewn into place.

The cozy is knit in stockinette stitch. For this pattern, the heavy worsted yarn (typically knit at a gauge of 16 sts/4 in) is knit very tightly in order to create a dense fabric for maximal protection. Elizabeth Zimmerman tells us that "Tight knitters lead a hard and anxious life" (*Knitting*

Without Tears, 1971). Although that might be true, tight knitters will have no problem obtaining the tension for this pattern. The cozy in the photograph is knit in Manos del Uruguay yarn, but other yarns can be easily substituted.



Size: one

Finished measurements: after stretching around the iPod, 2 ¾" wide, 4 ¼" high, ½" deep.

Materials:

- Manos del Uruguay yarn (100% wool, 138 yards/skein), color 110, approximately 25 yards
- 1 pair of US #6/4 mm needles, or size needed to obtain gauge
- 2 stitch holders or lengths of yarn
- 3 7/16" buttons
- plastic sheet protector (for screen cover)
- tapestry needle
- matching sewing thread
- sharp-tipped sewing needle or sewing machine

Gauge: 22 sts/30 rows = 4" in stockinette st (unstretched)

Directions: The directions are written in five parts, and I enclose a small chart where appropriate, highlighting the rows worked. There is also a complete chart on the last page of the pattern. The number of stitches changes at row 40: it is 15 stitches prior to that point, and 17 stitches from that point on.

Part 1 (teal)

CO 15 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K15

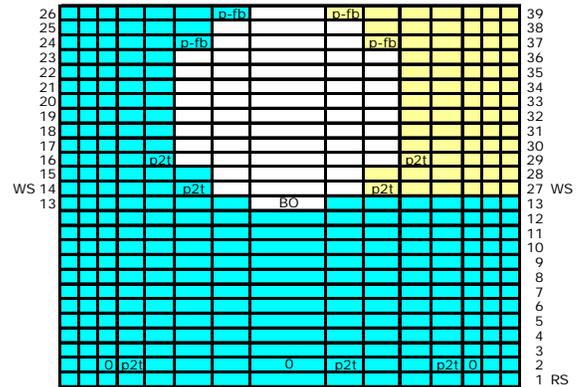
Row 2 (WS): Make 3 buttonholes: P2, yo, P2tog, P3, yo, P2tog, P2, P2tog, yo, P2

Rows 3-12: work these 10 rows in stockinette st.

Row 13 (RS): K7, BO1, K7

Place the 7 right-side sts on a holder or a length of yarn, and work on the 7 left-side sts only.

- Row 14 (WS): P5, P2tog (6)
- Row 15 (RS): K6
- Row 16 (WS): P4, P2tog (5)
- Rows 17-23: work these 7 rows in stockinette st.
- Row 24 (WS): P4, purl into front and back of last st (6)
- Row 25 (RS): K6
- Row 26 (WS): P5, purl into front and back of last st (7)



Cut yarn, leaving a 3 inch tail, and place these 7 left-side sts on a holder. Now work on the right side of the cozy.

Part 2 (green)

Place the 7 right-side sts onto knitting needle and re-join yarn with WS facing.

- Row 27 (WS): P2tog, P5 (6)
- Row 28 (RS): K6
- Row 29 (WS): P2 tog, P4 (5)
- Rows 30-36: work these 7 rows in stockinette st.
- Row 37 (WS): purl into front and back of 1st st, P4 (6)
- Row 38 (RS): K6
- Row 39 (WS): purl into front and back of 1st st, P5 (7)



Row 40 (RS): join the two sides: K7, CO3, K7 left-side sts from the holder.

Row 41 (WS): separate sides for screen opening: P5, BO7, P5

Place the 5 left-side sts on a holder or a length of yarn, and work on the 5 right-side stitches only.

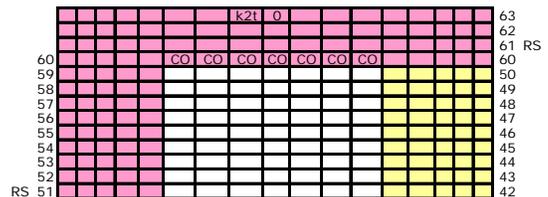
Rows 42-50: work these 9 rows in stockinette st.

Cut yarn, leaving a 3 inch tail, and place these 5 right-side sts on a holder. Now work on the left side of the cozy.

Part 3 (pink)

Place the 5 left-side sts onto knitting needle and re-join yarn with RS facing.

- Rows 51-59: work these 9 rows in stockinette st.
- Row 60 (WS): join the two sides: P5, CO7, P5 right-side sts from the holder.
- Row 61 (RS): K17
- Row 62 (WS): P17
- Row 63 (RS): make opening for headphone jack: K8, yo, k2tog, K7



Part 4

I recommend attaching the screen cover at this point. This is the most difficult part of the project, and it doesn't involve any knitting! You may want to put your stitches on a length of yarn, especially

