RED HEART® Soft®:
1 ball 9440
Light Grey Heather

Susan Bates® Circular Knitting Needle: 5.5mm [US 9] 16" [40 cm]; third needle in same size, any type, for 3-needle bind-off

1.75 quart [1.7 liter] hot water bottle, stitch markers, cable needle, yarn needle

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

What you will need:

Red Heart® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4 oz (113 g), 212 yd (194 m) balls

Cover will fit 1.75 quart [1.7 liter] hot water bottle.

Circumference at widest point: 17" [43 cm]
Length of Body: 10" [25.5 cm]

Notes
Cover is worked in the round from the top down. When working in the round, slip markers when you come to them.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
k1fb = knit into front and back of next stitch.
2/2 RC = Slip 2 to cable needle, hold to back, k2, k2 from cable needle.
2/2 LC = Slip 2 to cable needle, hold to front, k2, k2 from cable needle.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES
3-Needle Bind-off (seaming 2 pieces together as you bind off) Place stitches of pieces to be joined on separate needles or each end of a circular needle, hold one behind the other with right sides facing each other in left hand; with a third needle the same size, k2tog (1 from one needle and 1 from the other) - 1 st on right-hand needle, *k2tog in same manner, bind off; repeat from *.

PATTERN STITCHES
2 x 2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts)
All Rounds: *[k2, p2; repeat from * to end of round.

HOT WATER BOTTLE COVER
Neck
Cast on 56 sts. Join, placing 1 marker at beginning of round and second at halfway point; begin to work circularly.
Work 2 x 2 Rib for 7" [18 cm].

Body
Increase Round: [K1fb, knit to 1 st before marker, k1fb] twice – 60 sts.
Repeat Increase Round 3 times – 72 sts.

Rounds 1 and 3: [K12, p2, k8, p2, k12] twice.
Round 2: *K12, p2, [2/2 RC] twice, p2, k12; repeat from * once.
Round 4: *K12, p2, k2, 2/2 LC, k2, p2, k12; repeat from * once.
Repeat Rounds 1-4 until piece measures 9" [23 cm] from start of Body, ending with a Round 1.

Shape Bottom
Work 4 rounds of 2 x 2Rib.

Next Round: [K2, p1] 18 times.
Next Round: [K1, k2tog] 18 times – 36 sts.

FINISHING
Remove markers. With third needle and holding points of circular needle parallel, work 3-needle bind-off to close bottom of cover. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations
cm = centimeters; k = knit; k2tog = knit 2 sts together; mm = millimeters; p = purl; p2tog = purl 2 sts together; St st = Stockinette stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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