

VINTAGE KNITS

Egg Cosy

From “Weldon’s Practical Knitter, Twenty-Eighth Series ” (published 1895)

Project #8 from [“My Year of Weldon’s”](#)



Keep your morning egg warm with this cute cosy.

The original pattern calls for “single Berlin Wool” in 3 colors (rose pink, pale pink and dark grey or brown)

Yarn: I used Paternayan Persian Wool, a three ply needlepoint yarn that can be separated into individual plies (you will use single strands for knitting the cosy). You’ll need the 8 oz skeins, in 3 colors of your choice (I used a pale pink, rose pink and dark purple)

Needles: US #000/1.5 mm double point needles

Abbreviations:

K: knit

P: purl

Inc: increase

SK2P: slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over

Instructions:

With pale pink cast on 2 stitches on each of 3 needles; this is the top of the cosy. Knit with the 4th needle.

Round 1: knit

Round 2: *Increase 1 (I found it easiest to increase by making a yarn over, but the original instructions state “pick up the thread that lies directly under the next stitch and knit it”), k1, inc 1, k1. Repeat from * on other 2 needles.

Round 3: knit

Round 4: *Inc 1, k2. Repeat from *.

Round 5: knit

Round 6: *Inc 1, k3. Repeat from *.

Round 7: knit

Round 8: *Inc 1, k4. Repeat from *.

Round 9: knit

Round 10: *Inc 1, k5. Repeat from *.

Round 11: knit

Round 12: *Inc 1, k6. Repeat from *.

Round 13: knit

Round 14: *Inc 1, k7 Repeat from *.

Round 15: knit

Round 16: *inc 1, k8. Repeat from *.

Round 17: knit

Round 18: *Inc 1, k9. Repeat from *.

Round 19: knit

Round 20: *Inc 1, k10. Repeat from *.

Round 21: knit. There should be 22 stitches on each needle.

Round 22: *Inc 1, k4, sk2p, k4, inc 1. Repeat from *.

Repeat Rounds 21 and 22 4 times. Break off pale pink and attach rose pink. Work Rounds 21 and 22 3 times with rose pink.

Round 37: knit (there should still be 22 stitches on each needle)

Round 38: *k4, sk2p, k8, sk2p, k4. Repeat from *. There are now 18 stitches on each needle.

Round 39: Using dark purple, knit all stitches.

Rounds 40-43: purl. This forms a ridge in the dark color.

Round 44: Resume knitting with rose pink, knit all stitches.

Round 45: *k1, p1. Repeat from *.

Round 46: *p1, k1. Repeat from *.

Repeat Rounds 45 and 46 3 times.

Round 53: *k1, p1. Repeat from *. Break off rose pink and resume knitting with dark purple.

Round 54: knit

Purl 5 rounds with the dark color. Bind off all stitches. The last 5 rounds will curl under and make a solid rim for the cosy to stand on. Make a little tuft of rose-colored yarn and sew it on top of the cosy (I wrapped the yarn about 20 times around a 1" wide piece of cardboard, cut through all strands and tied it around the middle, then attached it to the top of the cosy)

Finishing: Weave in ends, block gently.

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