



Maxine
Hot Water Bottle Cover

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Gauge: 24 sts x 26 rounds on 4mm needles, stockinette (stranded)
Yarn: DK or Fingering held double (see below for amounts)
Needles: 4mm circular needles with 40-80cm / 16-32" cable
Finished Size: 14.25 **20.5** cm / 5.5 **8"** x 18 **29**cm / 7 **11.5"** not including cuff
Accessories: Embroidery needle, stitch markers, 500ml **2L** hot water bottle

Yarn & Gauge

It is important to match the gauge as closely as you can so your cover fits your bottle, make sure to swatch the colourwork pattern in the round. Pay attention to your round gauge, if it isn't correct your cover might be too long or short. When choosing yarn it is best to go for something woolly or 'toothy'. This is so your colourwork stitches blend together nicely to form one cohesive fabric and your cover is as warm and cosy as possible! It is also advised to weave in your ends as you go as there are quite a few of them!

Amounts are based on an average DK of 100m per 50g or fingering (held double) of 200m per 50g. Samples use Filcolana Saga, Woolly Mammoth Fibre Co Hearth/Natural Sock, John Arbon Textiles Exmoor Sock, all held double. Grams (g) apply to both DK and fingering held double.

	MC	CC1	CC2	CC3	CC4	CC5
3 colour Mini	35-45g	6-7g	4-8g	-	-	-
6 colour Mini	30-35g	5-6g	2-3g	4-5g	7-8g	3-4g
3 colour regular	50-60g	20g	20g	-	-	-
6 colour regular	50g	12g	10g	10g	8g	5g

Construction

Worked bottom up and in the round starting with Judy's Magic Cast On, increases are made to shape the bottom of the cover. The body of the cover is worked using stranded colourwork (charted) with no more than 2 colours being used at once. The neck is shaped with decreases and finished with a 1x1 or 2x2 rib collar worked using the magic loop method or on DPNs.

Instructions

Using Judy's Magic Cast On method, CO a total of 52 **72** sts (26 **36** on each needle) with your MC. A tutorial for this by Very Pink Knits can be found [here](#).

Alternatively, CO 52 **72** sts using the backwards loop method and join to work in the round. You will need to close the bottom of your cover with mattress stitch if using this method.

Work 1 round in stockinette (K every st), remembering to work the twisted sts through the back loop if using the Judy's Magic Cast On method, placing a removable st marker after 26 **36** sts.



Increases

R1 - *K1 **2**, M1L, K til 1 **2** st(s) before M, M1R, K1 **2**, rep from * once more

R2 - K to end

Work R1 & 2 a total of 3 **6** times, 12 **24** sts increased. You should have 64 **96** total sts, 32 **48** on each needle/between markers.

Colourwork

Follow the colourwork chart for 31 **48** rounds. Chart is worked bottom to top, right to left.

Red boxes indicate each motif repeat. 4 stitch repeats are worked 16 **24** times per round, 16 **12** stitch repeats are worked 4 **8** times per round. If you're new to reading charts, there is a great video by Very Pink Knits [here](#).

Decreases

Using MC only, work 1 round in stockinette.

R1 - *K0 **1**, SSK, K til 2 **3** sts before M, K2tog, K0 **1**, rep from * once more

Work R1 a total of 7 **13** times, 28 **52** sts decreased. You should have 36 **44** sts, 18 **22** on each needle/between markers.

Collar

For a 1x1 rib collar, (K1, P1) to end

For a 2x2 rib collar, K1, (P2, K2) til 1 st rem, K1

Continue in chosen rib pattern until collar measures approx 12.5 **14** cm / 5 **5.5**".

Bind off all sts using a stretchy method of your choice. Samples use a tubular bind off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Gently block your cover to help even your colourwork tension and bring the sts together. Insert your bottle by folding it lengthways into a tube. You can do this when your cover is still damp to help shape your cover, fill it with hot water and it will dry nice and quickly too! Don't forget to flip it a few times whilst it's drying.

Abbreviations

CC	contrast colour	mm	millimetres
cm	centimetres	R	round
CO	cast on	rep	repeat
g	grams	rem	remain(s)(ing)
K	knit	st(s)	stitch(es)
M	marker	"	inches
MC	main colour		

Techniques

K2tog	knit the first 2 stitches on the left needle together as if they were 1 stitch. 1 stitch decreased.
SSK	slip one stitch knitwise, slip one stitch purlwise, place stitches back onto the left needle, K together through the back loop. 1 stitch decreased
M1L	Left leaning increase. Make a stitch by inserting left needle under the bar between sts from front to back , then K through the back loop.
M1R	Right leaning increase. Make a stitch by inserting left needle under the bar between sts from back to front , then K through the front loop.



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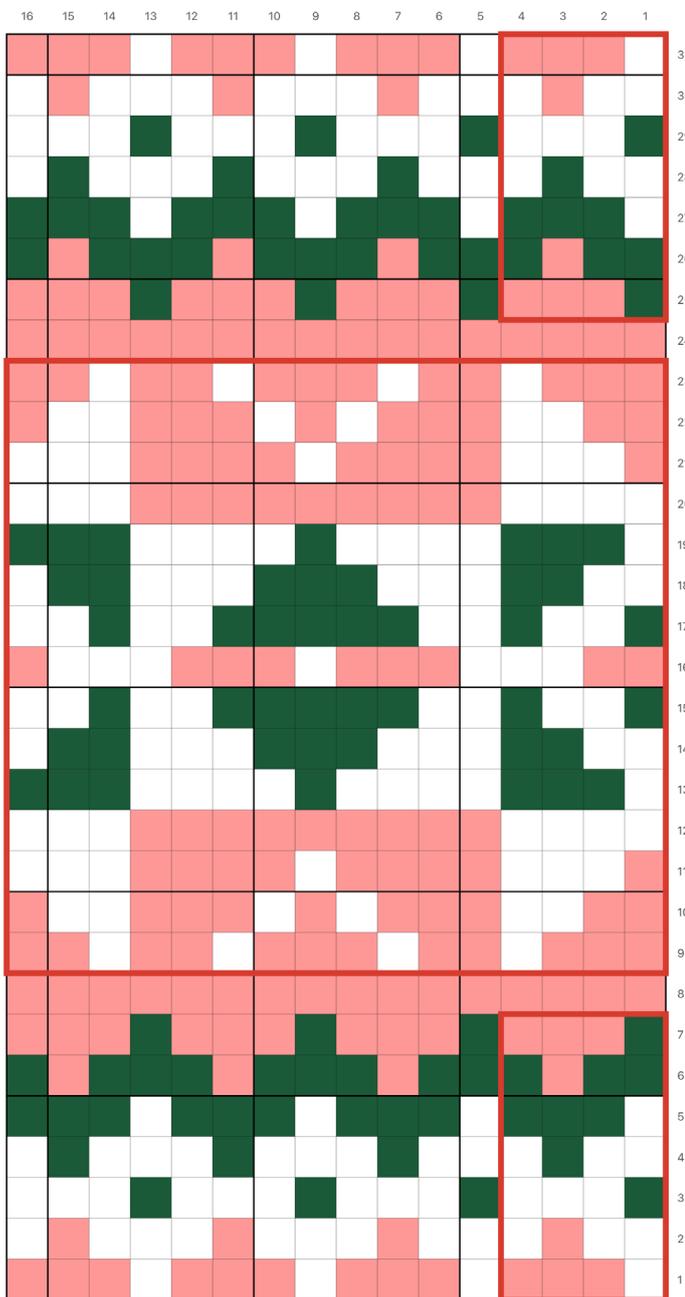
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Mini Charts

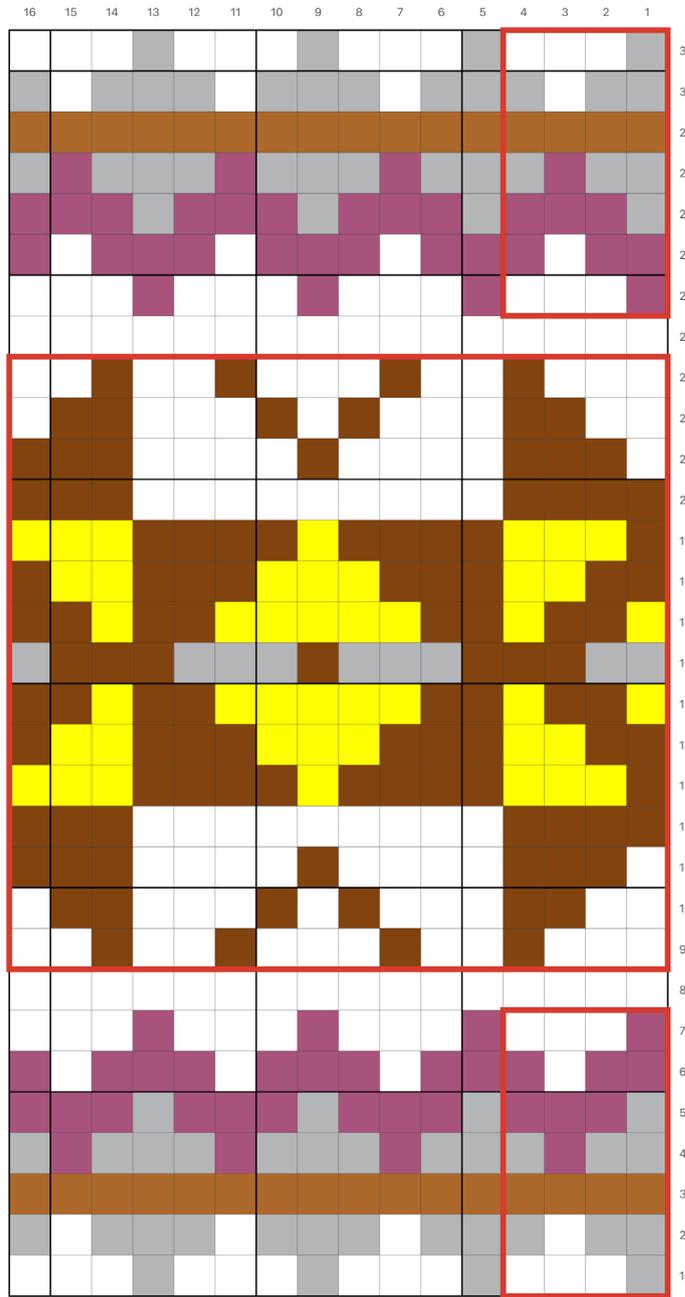
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3 colour



- MC
- CC1
- CC2

6 colour



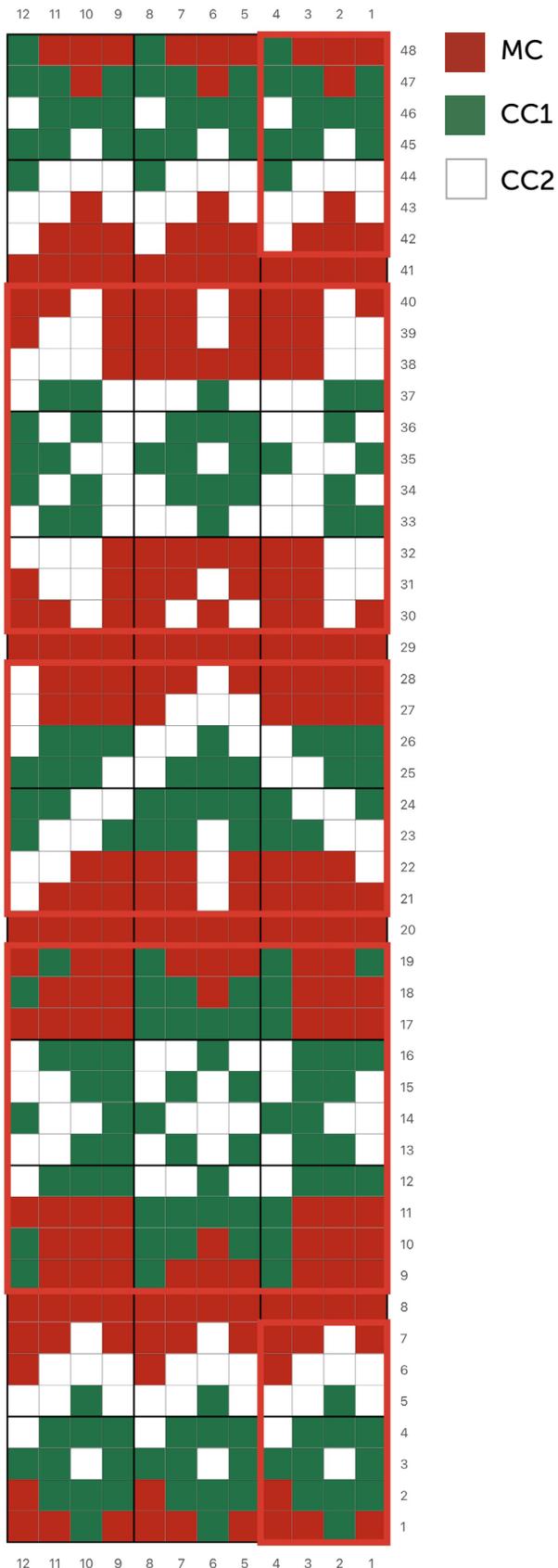
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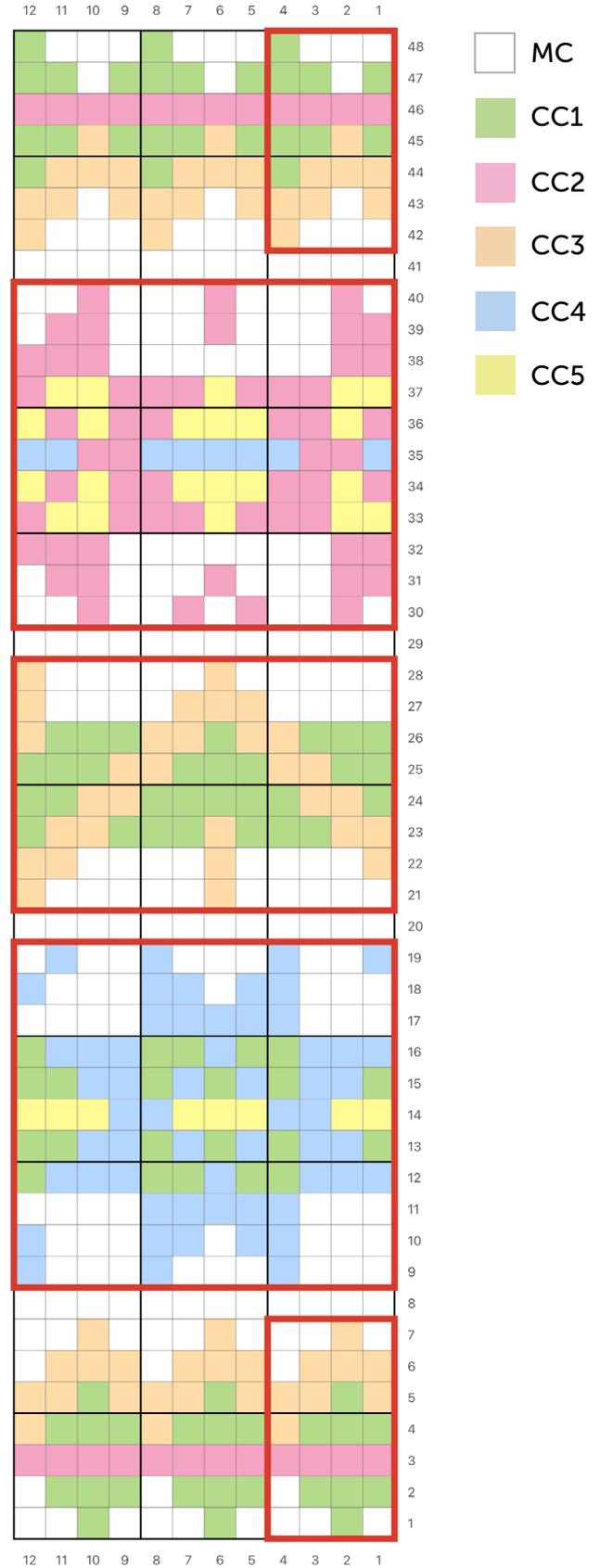
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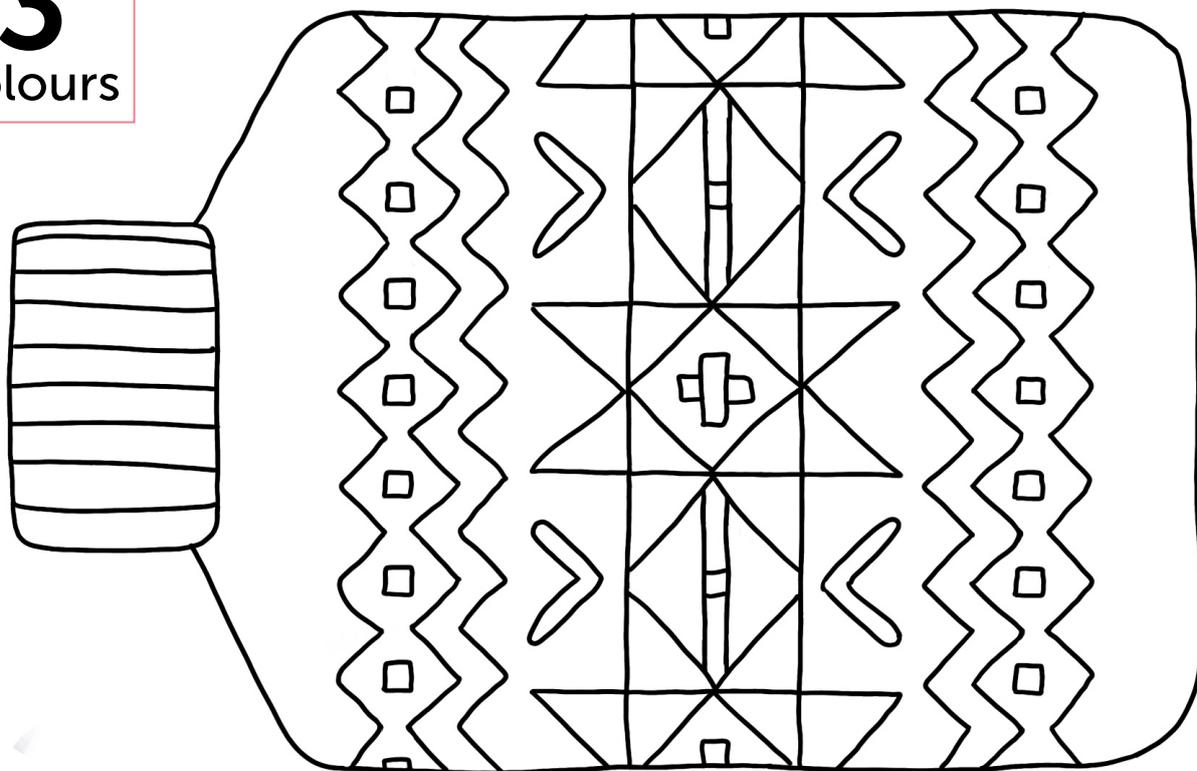


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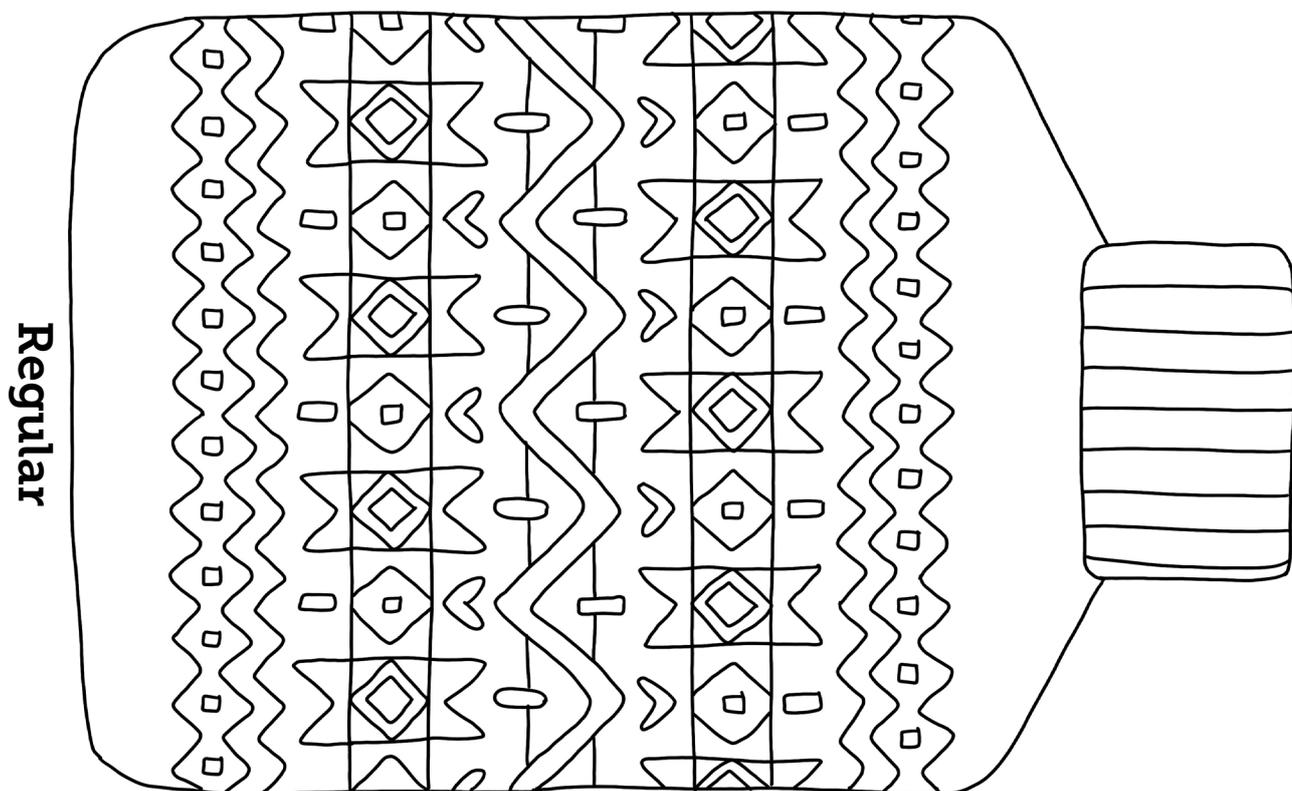


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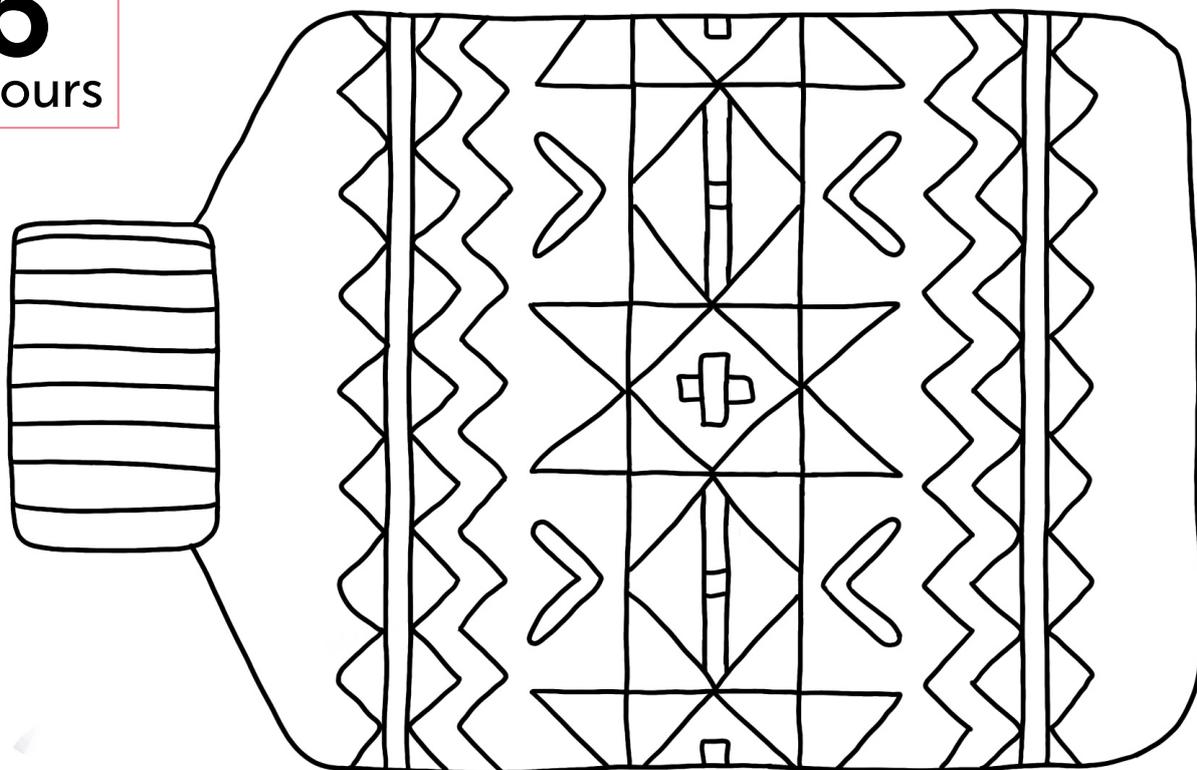


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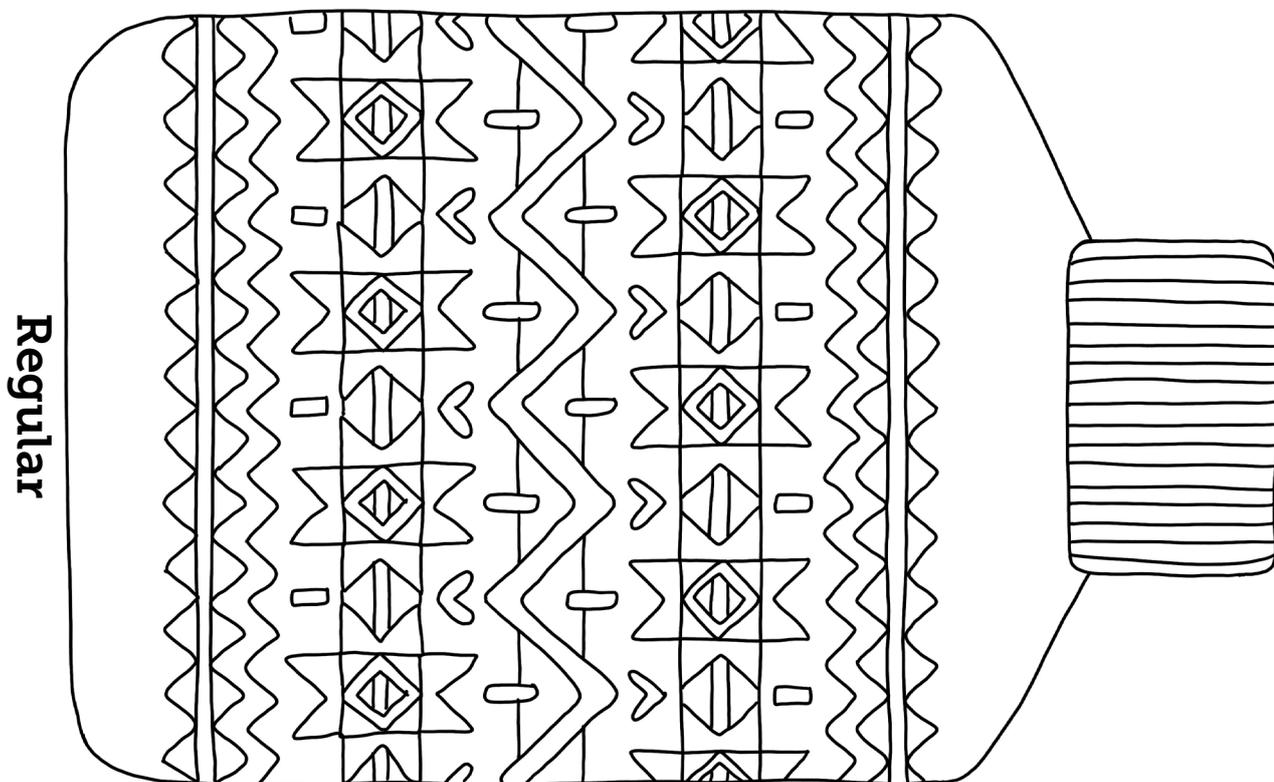


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