

# SNOWFALL TOWN

## Hot Water Bottle Cover

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*Even though I live somewhere it rarely snows, I've always dreamed of a quiet, storybook town where snow falls on winter nights. That's what inspired this piece. Whenever I hold this hot water bottle in its hand-knit cover, it gives me a gentle, comforting sense of warmth and emotional support.*

### Size

Cover will fit 31.5cm × 20.5cm hot water bottle

(If you want to make it wider or narrower, just add or take away 18 stitches. To make it longer or shorter, you can add or remove some of the snowflake patterns in the middle.)

### Yarn

Two strands fingering weight yarn held together × [50g/320m wool skein]

White: 24.9g Berry: 5.2g

Wood: 5.5g Dark Gray: 17.7g

Small amount of yellow

### Needles

3.5mm long circular needles

### Gauge

10cm × 10cm = 22 stitches × 25 rows

### Construction

The cover is worked from the bottom up, beginning with Judy's Magic Cast-On. Increases are worked on both sides to shape the base, followed by the colorwork chart section. Decreases are then worked on both sides, and the piece is finished with a ribbed collar knit in the round.



## Setup

Using Judy's Magic Cast-On, cast on 70 stitches in total.

Divide stitches evenly onto two needles, with 35 sts on each needle.

Join to work in the round carefully, making sure not to twist.

*Note: Judy's Magic Cast-On creates a seamless, closed base that's ideal for this shape.*

## Increase Section

### Rnd 1:

K all stitches.

*(This sets up your base round without shaping.)*

### Rnd 2 (Increase Rnd):

Needle 1:

K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1.

Needle 2:

K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1.

*4 sts increased this rnd (74 sts total)*

### Rnd 3–6:

Repeat Rnd 2 a total of 4 more times.

*Increase 4 sts per rnd.*

Final stitch count after Rnd 6

90 sts total (45 sts per needle).

## Colorwork Section

Work the colorwork chart using the specified yarn colors.

Chart Reading: Follow the chart from right to left on each round, working from bottom to top. The motif is repeated 5 times in each round.

- Small yellow window sections can be added later by embroidering over the plain stitches if desired.

*Tip: Maintain even tension in stranded colorwork. If floats are long, catch them at the back to avoid snagging.*

## Decrease Section

### Decrease Round:

Needle 1: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

Needle 2: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

*4 sts decreased this rnd (86 sts total).*

Repeat the Decrease Round, 12 times in total.

Final stitch count: 42 sts total (21 sts per needle).



## Ribbed Collar

Work in [K2, P1] ribbing in the rnd for 14 cm.

*This creates a stretchy, flexible neck that hugs the bottle opening.*

Then work 1 rnd of [K1, P1] ribbing.

Bind off all stitches using the Italian Bind-Off method for a neat, stretchy edge.

## Finishing

Fold the ribbed collar inward toward the wrong side to double it for a tidy finish.

Weave in all ends securely.

*Optional: Lightly steam or wet block the cover to even out stitches and help the colorwork relax.*

## Finishing Notes

Slip your hot water bottle into the cover.

Fold the doubled collar neatly inward for a polished look.

Embroider any additional details (e.g., yellow windows) at this stage if desired.

**Congratulations—you've finished your cosy hot water bottle sweater!**

**Stay warm and enjoy!**

## Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

kfb = knit into front and back of same stitch

ssk = slip, slip, knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

sts = stitches

rnd(s) = round(s)

## Reference

Three-color stranded knitting video link

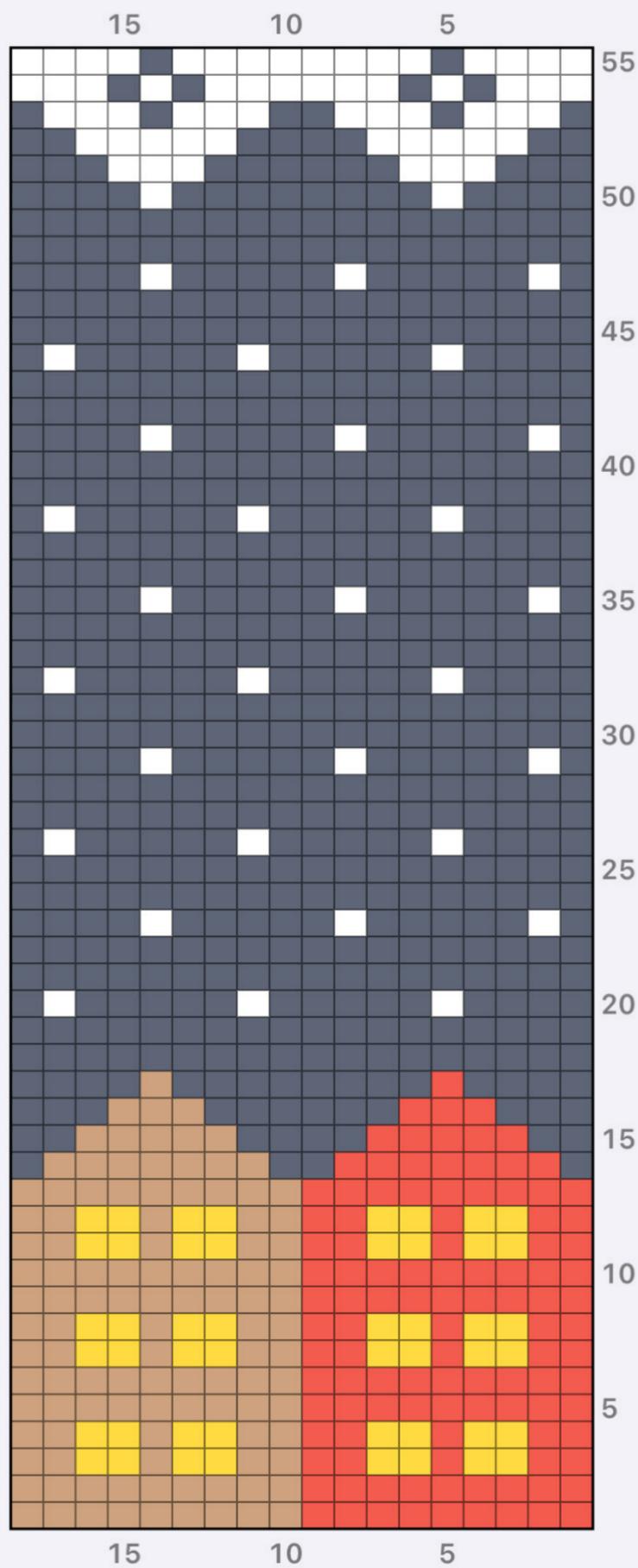
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3gbuXQu8G8>

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## Colorwork Chart

-  Yellow
-  Dark Gray
-  White
-  Berry
-  Wood

