

8-Bit Wine Bottle Cozy Bag

Overview: Cast on at the center bottom, increase to make a disk, add a round of purl to turn the corner, then work stockinette in a cylinder upward. After a few inches, switch to the stranded 8-bit design, then stockinette with button holes near the top. Felt. Make an I-cord or use ribbon to tie the top.

Supplies: 2 colors DK weight feltable wool yarn, 150 yds of MC (main color), 90 yds of CC (contrasting color)
US size 10 (6.0mm) long circular for magic loop or DPNs
Smaller DPNs for I-cord or a lucet
Stitch marker, top-loading washer, swishy bag

Instructions - Base:

Rnd 1: Cast on 6 in MC. Join to work in the round; place marker.
Rnd 2: Kfb around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3: K all
Rnd 4: Kfb around. (24 sts)
Rnd 5: K all
Rnd 6: (k5, kfb) around. (28 sts)
Rnd 7: K all
Rnd 8: (k6, kfb) around. (32 sts)
Rnd 9: (k3, kfb) around. (40 sts)
Rnd 10: K all
Rnd 11: (k1, kfb, k3) around. (48 sts)
Rnd 12: K all
Rnd 13: (k5, kfb, k6) around. (52 sts)



Rnd 14: K all
Rnd 15: (Kfb, k12) around. (56 sts) Check the diameter. It should be about 4.5" across.
Rnd 16: P all. (56sts) This is the turning point, from bottom disk to cylinder.
Rnd 17: K all for about 4"

8-Bit Design:

Rnd 1: (K4 with MC, k4 with CC) around. (56 sts) Keep stranding on the loose side and be consistent.
Rnd 2-4: Repeat Rnd 1.
Rnd 5: K2 with MC, k4 with CC. Resume (K4 with MC, k4 with CC) around to last 2 sts. K2 in MC.
Rnd 6-8: Same as Rnd 5.
Rnd 9-16: Same as Rnd 5 but swap MC and CC to make the 8-bit spiral.
Repeat rounds 1-16 until the cylinder is about 17" above the turning point purl round.

Top with Buttonholes:

Work in stockette with CC for 1".

Rnd 1: K5, BO 2 sts, K14, BO2, K10, BO2, K14, BO2, K5.
Rnd 2: K5, CO 2 sts, K14, CO2, K10, CO2, K14, CO2, K5.

Continue stockinette with CC for another 1". Bind off loosely enough that it does not pull in..

Felting & Finishing:

Weave in ends and trim excess.

Place wine cozy inside a "swishy" bag used for delicates and wash with jeans or towels in hot water in a top loading washing machine. Remove bag from washer periodically and fit over a wine bottle to make sure it isn't getting too small. To dry, place a wine bottle inside the cozy/bag, and squish it down to make a couple of rings at the bottom. Allow to air dry completely, then pin the rings in 3 places with large safety pins to hold in place while you use scrap MC yarn or sewing thread to sew through the rings and secure them.