

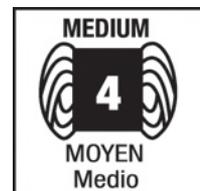
Smocked Mug Jacket

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A quick cozy knit to keep a mug snug and warm. Stitch pattern uses a simple trick to get the smocked effect, with no cable needle needed!

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MATERIALS

Yarn

Brand Name Cascade Yarns *Cascade 220* (100% wool), color 8010 Natural, 220 yds/X meters per skein, 1 skein (You will be able to knit at least 2 - 3 mug jackets with 1 skein).

Cascade 220 is labeled as a worsted/9 wpi/4 Medium yarn (Australia/New Zealand: 10-ply)

Needles

1 pair 4.0 mm/US 6 straight needles (or size needed to get gauge)

1 set 4.0 mm/US 6 double-pointed needles (or size needed to get gauge)

Notions: tapestry needle to weave in ends

Gauge/Tension: 24 sts/32 rows in 2x2 ribbing, unstretched = 4"/10cm

Techniques

i-cord: must use dpns. *k all sts, then slide all sts to the right side of the needle. DO NOT TURN. Bring yarn around from back of work and k all sts.* Repeat from * to *

smocking stitch: adapted from Barbara G. Walker's *A First Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, Schoolhouse Press

2x2 rib: ribbing of 2 knit stitches followed by 2 purl stitches

Abbreviations used

beg = begin

dpns = double-pointed needles

k = knit

kfb = knit front and back (increase)

p = purl

sl = slip (for this pattern slip stitch as it is presented)

st = stitch

sts = stitches



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SIDES

Cast on 58 sts and knit 3 rows of 2x2 ribbing as follows:

Row 1: sl 1, p1, *k2, p2*

Row 2: sl 1, k1, *p2, k2*

Row 3: sl 1, p1, *k2, p2*

Begin smocking stitch:

Rows 1 (wrong side): sl 1, k1, *p2, k2*

Row 2: sl 1, p1, *k2, p2*

Row 3: repeat row 1

Row 4: (smocking stitch) sl 1, p1, *insert right-hand needle from front between 6th and 7th sts on left-hand needle and draw through a loop; sl loop onto left-hand needle and knit it together with the 1st st on left-hand needle, k1, p2, k2 (smocked stitch completed), p2*

Row 5: (repeat row 1) sl 1, k1, *p2, k2*

Row 6: (repeat row 2) sl 1, p1, *k2, p2*

Row 7: (repeat row 1) sl 1, k1, *p2, k2*

Row 8: (smocking stitch) sl 1, p1, k2, p2, *insert right-hand needle from front between 6th and 7th sts on left-hand needle and draw through a loop; sl loop onto left-hand needle and knit it together with the 1st st on left-hand needle; k1, p2, k2 (smocked stitch completed), p2*. End row with k2, p2.

Repeat rows 1 - 8 until sides are about 1"/3 cm shorter than desired, ending on a smocked row.

Cut yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave in. With new strand, cast 6 sts onto a dpn and join to work by using this needle to begin knitting across the work in 2x2 rib (beginning with p2), adding double-pointed needles as needed. At the end of the row, join to beginning of row and join, placing a marker at the first cast on stitch.

Knit 5 rounds of 2x2 rib.

Note: if the handle of the mug is very close to the base, the pattern can be altered by working 3 rows of 2x2 knitting before casting on the additional 6 stitches, then working 2 rounds of ribbing after joining to work in the round. This may be a bit too shallow to stay up on the mug, however, and you may prefer to forego the base altogether by simply working 5 rows of 2x2 ribbing after the last row of smocking, then binding off. Skip down to the directions for adding the loop & button.

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BASE

Continue to knit in the round with dpns, starting with a purled round to give a crisp edge to the finished cozy.

Round 1: p all (64 sts)

Round 2: k all sts

Decrease 8 sts in each round until 8 sts remain.

Round 3: *k6, k2tog*

Round 4: k all sts (56 sts)

Round 5: *k2tog, k5*

Round 6: *k4, k2tog*

Round 7: *k2tog, k3*

Round 8: *k2, k2tog*

Round 9: *k2tog, k1*

Round 10: *k2tog*

Cut yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave in. Thread through remaining stitches and pull tight to close the base.

LOOP

With dpns, cast on 3 sts and knit 20 rows of i-cord. Place stitches on a holder (a paper clip works well).

Exact placement and position of the loop and button will vary depending on the size of the mug. Slip the jacket onto the mug and pin the ends of the loop to one of the open sides of the jacket, and determine placement for the button on the opposite open side. Adjust length of i-cord as needed by knitting or unraveling rows and then bind off. Remove jacket, and sew the loop and button into place.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. To block, handwash gently, press out as much water as possible, and then slip it onto a dishtowel that has been rolled up to be just a little smaller than the mug diameter and let dry.

NOTES

PERSONAL USE

This knitting pattern is intended for personal use. Individuals may use this pattern to make and sell up to 12 items (for example, at a local craft fair or on Etsy). If you sell finished pieces, I'd love to know about it, and I may be able to send some business your way.

CUSTOMIZING FIT

Mugs come in a wide variety of sizes and you may need to adapt the pattern to fit your favorite.

As designed, the sides are intended to be 1 - 2²/₃ - 5 cm smaller than the circumference of the mug, to leave enough room for the handle and have a snug fit around the sides.

The smocked stitch pattern takes a multiple of 8 + 2 stitches; I added 4 more stitches for the edge. For the decreases, you may need to use round 2 of the base to juggle the number of stitches to be divisible by 8 (this will make the decrease rounds easier).

Since the release of the original version of this pattern in 2007, hundreds of knitters have made a mug jacket and many of them have made modifications that can be seen on Ravelry.com.

TECHNICAL EDITING

Professional technical editing of this pattern was done by Eleanor Dixon, "The TECHsorcist" (www.knittinginflipflops.blogspot.com). I highly recommend her services!

ABOUT THIS PATTERN

This pattern has proved to be tremendously popular, with anywhere from 3 to 11 downloads per day in 2011! Updated and improved for 2012, it will continue to be offered free of charge. However, if you enjoy this pattern, I do hope you'll consider joining Tricoteuses Sans Frontières/Knitters Without Borders by making a donation in any amount to Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit the TSF homepage at www.yarnharlot.ca/blog/tsffaq

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