

## You will need...

### YARN AND NEEDLES

Rowan, Pure Wool  
Aran (100% wool,  
100g/170m)  
Yarn A 2 balls Burlesque  
(689)  
Yarn B 1 ball Vert (686)  
A pair of 4½mm  
needles  
Two stitch holders  
Five buttons  
For yarn stockists,  
contact Rowan  
01484 681881  
www.knitrowan.com

### TENSION

Yarn used knits as  
aran to this tension:  
19 sts and 25 rows to  
measure 10x10cm  
(4x4in) over st st

### ABBREVIATIONS

cont continue  
dec decrease  
inc increase  
K knit  
k2tog knit 2 sts together  
P purl  
rem remaining  
rep repeat  
RS right side  
sl slip 1 stitch  
sp space  
st(s) stitch(es)  
tog together  
WS wrong side  
For a full list see [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)



**C**uddling up with a hot water bottle is something no one ever grows out of. It makes the cold seem more bearable, and it's essential if you're feeling poorly. Emma King's hot water bottle cover makes a perfect gift for everyone – just change the colours for the men in your life.

## Start knitting here...

### FRONT

Cast on 31 sts using 4½mm needles and yarn A.  
Working in stocking stitch, changing colours as indicated and using the intarsia technique, work rows 1-66 from the chart. Keeping stocking stitch correct, continue as follows:  
Next row Decrease 1 st at each end of next 5 rows. [33 sts]  
Next row Purl.  
Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. [21 sts]  
Leave 21 sts on a holder.

### BACK

#### LOWER SECTION

Cast on 31 sts using 4½mm needles and yarn B.  
Row 1 Knit.  
Row 2 Purl.  
Row 3 Inc in 1st st, knit to last st, inc 1. [33 sts]  
Row 4 Purl.  
Change to yarn A.  
Row 5 Inc in 1st st, knit to last st, inc 1. [35 sts]  
Row 6 Inc in 1st st, purl to last st, inc 1. [37 sts]

Rep last 2 rows once more. [41 sts]

Change to yarn B.

Row 9 Inc in 1st st, knit to last st, inc 1. [43 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Change to yarn A.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 Purl.

Change to yarn B.

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 Purl.

Change to yarn A.

Row 17 Knit.

Row 18 Purl.

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 Purl.

Change to yarn B.

Row 21 Knit.

Row 22 Purl.

Change to yarn A.

Row 23 Knit.

Row 24 Purl.

Change to yarn B.

Row 25 Knit.

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 Knit.

Row 28 Purl.

Change to yarn A.

Row 29 Knit.

Row 30 Purl.

Row 31 Knit.

Row 32 Purl.

Change to yarn B.

Row 33 Knit.

Row 34 Purl.

Change to yarn A.

Row 35 Knit.

Row 36 Purl.

Change to yarn B.

Row 37 Knit, increasing 1 st in centre of

### Tip

Use a row counter to keep track as you knit to make sure the spotted pattern is perfect.



Debora Bradley

"The spotty pattern is very jolly (as are the stripes on the reverse) and will brighten up the chilliest day!"



this row. [44 sts]  
Row 38 P4, (K4, P4) to end.  
Row 39 K4, (P4, K4) to end.  
Repeat last 2 rows once more.  
Row 42 P4, (K4, P4) to end.  
Cast off in rib pattern.

#### UPPER SECTION

Cast on 44 sts using 4½mm needles and yarn B.

Row 1 K4 (P4, K4) to end.  
Row 2 P4 (K4, P4) to end.  
Row 3 K4 (P1, cast off 2 sts, P1, K4) to end.  
Row 4 P4 (K1, turn, cast on 2 sts, turn, K1, P4) to end.  
Row 5 K4 (P4, K4) to end.  
Row 6 P4 (K4, P4) to end.  
Change to yarn A.  
Row 7 Knit, decreasing 1 stitch in the centre of this row. [43 sts]

Row 8 Purl.  
Row 9 Knit.  
Row 10 Purl.  
Change to yarn B.  
Row 11 Knit.  
Row 12 Purl.  
Row 13 Knit.  
Row 14 Purl.  
Change to yarn A.

Row 15 Knit.  
Row 16 Purl.  
Change to yarn B.  
Row 17 Knit.  
Row 18 Purl.  
Change to yarn A.  
Row 19 Knit.  
Row 20 Purl.  
Change to yarn B.  
Row 21 Knit.  
Row 22 Purl.  
Row 23 Knit.

Row 24 Purl.  
Change to yarn A.  
Row 25 Knit.  
Row 26 Purl.  
Row 27 Knit.  
Row 28 Purl.  
Change to yarn B.  
Row 29 Knit.  
Row 30 Purl.  
Change to yarn A.  
Row 31 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [41 sts]  
Row 32 P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [39 sts]  
Change to yarn B.  
Row 33 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [37 sts]  
Row 34 P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [35 sts]  
Row 35 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [33 sts]  
Row 36 Purl.  
Cast off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows. [21 sts]  
Leave 21 sts on a holder.

#### TO MAKE UP

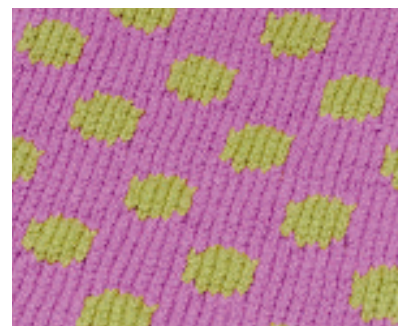
Join the front to the upper section of the back by sewing together the left-hand sets of cast off stitches.

Work neck of cover as follows:  
With RS facing and using yarn A, knit the 21 sts from the front holder and then the 21 sts from the back holder. [42 sts]  
Row 1 (WS) K2 (P2, K2) to end.  
Row 2 (RS) P2 (K2, P2) to end.  
Repeat last 2 rows until neck measures 5in (13cm).  
Cast off loosely in rib pattern.

Line up the lower section of the back with the upper section of the back, ensuring



A contrasting colour scheme makes the most of the stripy pattern.



Simply follow the chart and the spotty pattern will be a breeze.

that the ribs overlap, and sew around all edges. Position the 5 buttons along the rib of the lower section of the back (so that they line up with the buttonholes) and sew into place. 🧵

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