

Drink Protectors

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This is based on the “Beaded Drink Cover” from Lynda’s Craft Room. Hers is crochet; this, of course, is knitted.

Place this over your glass when sitting outside. It will stop those little flying critters that often end up in your drink. Sharing is great, but not with insects. It also makes a great decoration when draped over a glass.

Notes:

- The diameter of the cover without fringe is dependent on needle size and yarn weight.
- Any size bead with a hole large enough to accommodate the yarn.
- Emily Ocher’s Circular Cast on is recommended. Directions are at the end of the patterns.

Abbreviations

Ch	Chain
Inc	Left Lifted Increase: Insert the left needle in the left side of the stitch 2 rows below the stitch on the right-hand needle. Lift it and place on left-hand needle. Knit in the back leg of the stitch.
K	Knit
M1L	M1L produces a left-leaning stitch. With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from front to back. Knit in back loop.
Rnd	Round
SC	Single crochet
St(s)	Stitch(es)



Gauge: Not required

Diameter without fringe: approximately 4" across to 4.5" depending on yarn weight

Materials

- Less than 10 grams of yarn, fingering weight or DK
- Yarn needle
- 16 beads
- 4mm DPNs
- 4mm Crochet hook

String beads onto yarn

Cast on 8 sts, join being careful not to twist. Preferred cast on is Emily Ocher’s Circular Cast-on.

Rnd 1 and every odd rnd: K through Rnd 19.

Rnd 2: Inc in each st. (16 sts)

Rnd 4: *Inc, k1*, repeat to end of rnd. (24 sts)

Rnd 6: *Inc, k2*, repeat to end of rnd. (32 sts)
 Rnd 8: *Inc, k3*, repeat to end of rnd. (40 sts)
 Rnd 10: *Inc, k4*, repeat to end of rnd. (48 sts)
 Rnd 12: *Inc, k5*, repeat to end of rnd. (56 sts)
 Rnd 14: *Inc, k6*, repeat to end of rnd. (64 sts)
 Rnd 16: *Inc, k7*, repeat to end of rnd. (72 sts)
 Rnd 18: *Inc, k8*, repeat to end of rnd. (80 sts)
 Rnd 19: K.

Bind off loosely; do **not** cut yarn.



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Hint: When you have bound off all of the sts with one st left on the right needle, pick up the first bound of st, knit it and bind off as usual.

Insert crochet hook in loop.

Rnd 20: *Ch 7, sc in 5th bind off st *, repeat to end of rnd. Sl into first sc.

Rnd 21: In the first loop, sl 1, sl in 3rd ch, sl 1, sc in middle of the loop, *ch7, sc in middle of next loop*, rep * * to end of rnd, sl into top of sc.

Rnd 22: In the first loop, sl 1, sl in 3rd ch, sl 1, sc in middle of the loop, *ch4, sl bead, ch 5, sc in middle of next loop*, rep * * to end of rnd, sl into 1st sc.

Cut yarn, weave in ends. Block.

This is the same pattern but uses M1L instead of a lifted increase.

Rnd 1 and every odd rnd: K through Rnd 19.

Rnd 2: *M1L, k1*, rep to end of rnd. (16 sts)

Rnd 4: *M1L, k2*, repeat to end of rnd. (24 sts)

Rnd 6: *M1L, k3*, repeat to end of rnd. (32 sts)

Rnd 8: *M1L, k4*, repeat to end of rnd. (40 sts)

Rnd 10: *M1L, k5*, repeat to end of rnd. (48 sts)

Rnd 12: *M1L, k6*, repeat to end of rnd. (56 sts)

Rnd 14: *M1L, k7*, repeat to end of rnd. (64 sts)

Rnd 16: *M1L, k8*, repeat to end of rnd. (72 sts)

Rnd 18: *M1L, k9*, repeat to end of rnd. (80 sts)

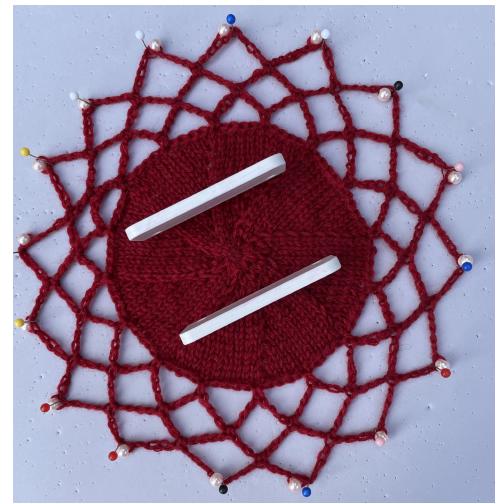
Rnd 19: K.

Bind off loosely; do **not** cut yarn.

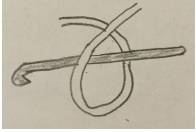
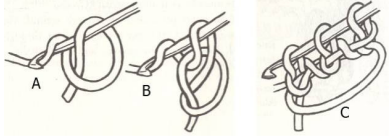
Repeat Rnds 20 – 22.

Cut yarn, weave in ends.

Block.



Emily Ocher's Circular Cast-on.

1. Make a ring. Do not pull it tight; keep it loose. Grasp the loop where the strands meet with your left thumb and index finger. You can make the loop with the tail going up. You will then have to weave in the tail. 
2. Insert the hook into the loop from front to back. Grab the yarn with the hook (yo) and bring through the loop. You now have one loop on the hook.
3. Insert the hook into the loop again; you will be going under the yarn tail as well. Hook the yarn (yo) and bring through the loop. Hook the yarn again and bring through the loop on the hook as if you were making a chain. You now have two loops on the hook. Repeat this step until you have the required number of loops. 
4. Carefully replace the hook with your needles and begin knitting in the round. After you have finished a few rounds, pull the tail to close up the circle and weave in.

You now have a nice, tight circle with no hole in the middle.