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# Hot Water Bottle Cape Pattern

*Use 200-250g chunky yarn with a 5mm hook. This pattern covers a 2 litre hot water bottle. As you'll need the cover to fit your own hot water bottle perfectly, make sure you try it for size at regular intervals. You may need extra or fewer chains in round 1 to fit the width and add in or reduce the number of rounds to fit the height.*

*Feel free to share this pattern, however please do not alter it or remove credits. If you have any questions or find any errors, please get in touch via my blog.*

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**Stitches used:**
*ch = chain*
*ss = slip stitch*
*sc = single crochet*
*dc = double crochet*
*tr = treble crochet*
*fptr = front post treble crochet*
*bptr = back post treble crochet*

**Body**
*We start at the bottom of the bottle and work our way up. If you change the number of chains in R1 to fit your bottle, make sure you have an even number.*

R1.   ch60, ss in 1st ch to join, being careful not to twist the chain. (60)

R2.   ch1, sc in next ch, sc in each ch, ss in 1st sc to join. (60)

R3.   ch2, dc in next sc, dc in each sc, ss in 1st dc to join. (60)

R4.   ch3, fptr in same dc, fptr in next dc, bptr x 2, *fptr x 2, bptr x 2* repeat ** 13 more times. (60)

R5.   ch3, fptr in same st, fptr in next st, bptr x 2, *fptr x 2, bptr x 2* repeat ** 13 more times. (60)

R6 - R17.  Repeat R5 (*or keep going until it reaches the shoulders of your bottle*).

Do not fasten off.

*The front post and back post treble crochets make a lovely chunky ribbed pattern, which makes it thick enough to protect you from the hot rubber bottle, but thin enough to allow the warmth to escape and gives a bit of stretch for a snug fit.*

*Patons Art 025 Licorice*

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**Flaps!**
*These flaps fold over the shoulders of the bottle and fasten with a single button in the centre of the front, like a little cape. Cute. Pop your bottle inside the jacket to start this bit.*

R1.  ch3 (counts as fptr), fptr in next st, bptr x 2, fptr x 2, bptr x 2, fptr x 2, bptr x 2, fptr x 2, bptr, ch26 (*or enough to make a loop around the neck of the bottle that can easily slip over the top*), ss into 1st ch, bptr in next st, fptr x 2, bptr x 2, fptr x 2, bptr x 2, fptr x 2, bptr x 2, fptr x 2. (30 not inc. chains) Turn.

R2.  ch3 (counts as bptr), bptr in next st, fptr x 2, bptr x 2, fptr x 2. (8) Turn.

R3.  Repeat R2.

Pull the flap down to see if it reaches the top centre of the front of the body. If it doesn't, repeat R2 until it does.

R4.  The buttonhole – Make a row of chains big enough to fit your button (my button took 6) and ss to join. Fasten off.

Repeat R1 - R4 working on the other shoulder.

*Sew a lovely button to the top centre of the body to fasten the flaps.*

**Neck**
*Attach your yarn to the bptr (where you started the chain loop) in the back centre of the body.*

R1.  ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next 2 fptr (enveloping the chain loop and so skipping 2 ch), tr in next 20 ch, tr in next 2 fptr (enveloping the chain loop and so skipping 2 ch), tr in last bptr, ss into 1st tr to join. (26)

R2.  ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each tr, ss in 1st tr to join. (26)

Repeat R2 until the neck is at least 1 row taller than the bottle neck. Fasten off and roll the top row over to form a collar.

*Turn your work upside down and identify the centre most 14 stitches at the bottom of the neck. Attach your yarn to the 14th stitch.*

R1.  ch1, sc in same st, sc, dc x 2, tr x 6, dc x 2, sc x 2. (14) Turn.

R2.  Repeat R1.

R3.  ss in next 5 stitches, ch 8 (*or enough to make a button hole that will reach the same button being used for the flaps*), skip 4 stitches, ss in remaining 5 stitches. Fasten off.

*Insert bottle, button shoulder flaps, button neck collar, fill with hot water, cuddle.*