

PICC LINE COVER CROCHET WITH FAUX KNIT RIBBING



Designed by Aunt Susan specifically for Knots of Love

Materials:

Hook: G (4.0 mm)

Yarn: 75 yards

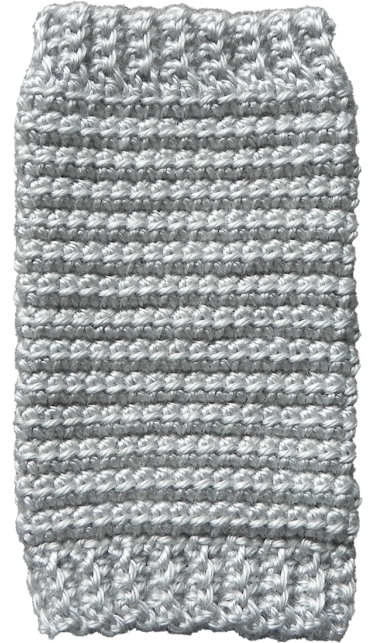
- Loops & Threads Soft and Shiny
- Yarn Bee Soft Secret
- or comparable yarn on KOL approved yarn list

Skill Level: Intermediate

Approximate finished size:

Length: 8" Circumference: approx. 9.5" unstretched

*Increases/decreases: multiples of 2, resulting in an even number as total.



Definitions:

BLO: back loop only

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

hdc: half double crochet

LDC: linked double crochet (Insert hook into horizontal bar of current stitch, pull up a loop [2 loops on hook], hook into next stitch, pull up a loop [3 loops on hook], finish stitch same as for dc.)

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st(s): stitch(es)

rnd(s): round(s)

INSTRUCTIONS:

BOTTOM RIBBING – *to be worked back and forth in rows.*

Row 1: Ch 5, sc in 2nd chain from hook and across. (4)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO across. (4)

Repeat Row 2 (34 more times to approx. 8" in length without stretching) (36* total rows).

Connect ribbing: Ch 1, line up the last Row worked to the Foundation Chain and join by sc in the BLO of both Rows. Bottom Ribbing complete.

Turn the ribbing inside out. You are now working on the Right Side.

BODY – *to be worked in a spiral.*

Rnd 1: Ch 2, hook into 2nd ch from hook, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), hook into edge of 1st row, pull up 3rd loop, finish dc as usual. Continue with LDC around capturing at least 2 strands of yarn at the end of each row of ribbing. (36) Join by hooking into front bar of current st, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), then join to ch st with a sc, ending with pulling through 3 loops on hook.

BODY - *continued*:

Rnd 2: Dc in 1st st, place st marker on 1st st, LDC around, but skip the sc from Rnd 1 before starting Rnd 3. (36)

Rnd 3: LDC around, maintaining st marker on 1st st. (36)

Repeat Rnd 3 until total length measures approx. 6.5". (about 13 rnds.)

Step-down round: Proceed as in Rnd 3 until 4 sts before end of round. Hook into front bar of current st, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), hook into next st and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. Hdc in next st, sc in last 2 sts. (36) Join with a sl st to 1st st.

TOP RIBBING – *to be worked in rows like BOTTOM RIBBING around the Body opening.*

Row 1: Ch 5. Turn work sideways, sc in 2nd chain from hook and in remaining 3 chains toward edge of Body. (4) Sl st in the next 2 sts (st #2 and #3) of Body to anchor ribbing, turn.

Picture at right shows step-down round and beginning of Top Ribbing. →



Row 2: Skip the 2 sl sts, and in BLO, sc across ribbing. (4) Ch 1, turn.

As pictured at right, Row 2 is done with yarn held under and across front portion of hook and toward the back. Shown with hook into back loop of 1st st. →



Row 3: In BLO, sc across to edge of Body. (4) Sl st in next 2 sts of Body, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 & 3 until you have sl st'd to the last st (#36) and the sl st of Body. Complete one more Row 2, then sc BLO in final 4 sts of ribbing, ending at Body edge.

Connect ribbing: Ch 1; line up the first and last rows worked with edges facing inward (so seam will be inside the PICC). Turn inside out if necessary. Working on the inside/wrong side, connect the ribbing rows to each other with sc in the BLO of both rows as was done with Bottom Ribbing.

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

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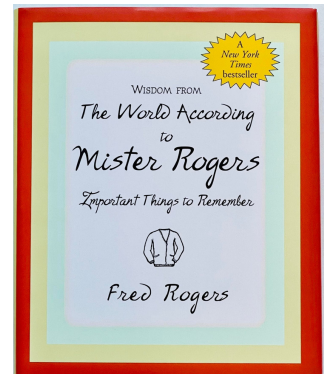
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