

Jaunty Mug Sweater and Tam

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Keep your hot beverage warmer longer with this coffee mug sweater and hat. The "hat" covers a plastic lid to help keep in the warmth, and is easily removable for cleaning.

Size

To fit an average 12-oz (355 ml) mug. Mug in photo is 3.5" high and 10.5" in circumference.

Finished Measurements

Mug sweater is approximately 3" high and 9" wide (7.6 cm x 22.8 cm), excluding button flap. Tam fits plastic lid of about 3.75" to 4.5" (9.5 to 11.5 cm) across. Lid shown is 3.75".

Materials

- ❖ **Yarn:** Approximately 1 oz (28-29 grams) worsted weight wool, such as Cascade 220.
- ❖ **Knitting Needles:** US 8 (5 mm) straight [for sweater] and DPNs [for tam], or size to obtain gauge.
- ❖ **Plastic lid** from yogurt or other similar container – 3.75 to 4.5" (9.5 to 11.5 cm) in diameter.
- ❖ **One Button:** 7/16" to 1/2" (11-12 mm)
- ❖ **Yarn Needle**
- ❖ **Crochet hook** in appropriate size for yarn (optional)

Gauge

22 stitches and 28 rows over 4" (10 cm) over pattern chart.

Abbreviations

c1 over 2 right: slip 2 sts to cable needle, hold in back. K1, k2 from cable needle

k	knit
m1	make 1
p	purl
k2tog	knit two sts together
p2tog	purl two sts together
rnd	round
RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over



Mug Sweater

Worked flat. Cast on 53 sts.

Work **Chart A** once, then bind off all sts.

Note that the buttonhole flap is NOT centered vertically. This is intentional to leave space at the top of the mug for drinking.

Alternate text instructions if you prefer not to use charts:

Cast on 53 sts using straight needles.

R1 (RS): k1, p1, k1, (p2, k3, p2, k1, p1, k1) 5 times

R2 (WS): p1, k1, p1, (k2, p3, k2, p1, k1, p1) 5 times

R3: repeat row 1

R4: repeat row 2

R5: k1, p1, k1, (p2, c1 over 2 right, p2, k1, p1, k1) 5 times

R6: repeat row 2

R7: repeat row 1

R8: repeat row 2; then cast on 4 sts at end of row using cable or knitted cast-on (57 sts). **Note:** the button flap will be worked in seed stitch, not ribbing.

R9: k1, (p1, k1) 3 times, (p2, c1 over 2 right, p2, k1, p1, k1) 5 times

R10: p1, k1, p1, (k2, p3, k2, p1, k1, p1) 5 times; p1, k1, p1, k1

R11: k1, (p1, k1) 3 times; (p2, k3, p2, k1, p1, k1) 5 times

R12: p1, k1, p1, (k2, p3, k2, p1, k1, p1) 5 times; p2tog, yo, p1, k1

R13: repeat row 9

R14: repeat row 10

R15: repeat row 11

R16: repeat row 10

R17: bind off 4 sts, k1, p1, k1, (p2, c1 over 2 right, p2, k1, p1, k1) 5 times (53 sts)

R18: repeat row 2

R19: repeat row 1

R20: repeat row 2

Bind off

Finishing:

Weave in ends. Sew button on edge opposite the buttonhole. If possible, place the cozy around the size mug you plan to use to determine the button placement. You'll want it to be snug, since the cozy will stretch from the heat of the mug. Block.

Note on sizing:

The heat from the hot beverage will cause the cozy to stretch out a bit after use. If it becomes too loose, reblock, stretching the cozy vertically. If the cozy stretches out of shape too easily, or if you want to have more adjustable sizing (especially if you will use it with different mugs, or it's a gift), you may want to put a second button a little farther away from the edge for use with smaller mugs. If you want a slightly smaller cozy, try going down a needle size or two. If you find that the cozy is still too large for your mugs, you could omit the button flap and just knit a buttonhole into the edge of the cozy.

Tam

With double-pointed needles, cast on 8 sts leaving at least a 6-8" (15-20 cm) tail.

Distribute the stitches evenly over 3 or 4 needles.

Knit one round (don't worry about the center hole - you'll deal with it later.)

Next rnd (**increase rnd**): * k1, m1; repeat from * around. (16 sts)

Knit 3 rounds even
Work an increase rnd (32 sts)
Knit 6 rnds even
Work an increase rnd (64 sts)
Knit 2 rnds even
Purl 2 rnds even
Knit 1 rnd even
Next rnd: **(decrease rnd)** k2tog around (32 sts)
Bind off as follows: k1, *k1, slip the tip of the left needle into the two stitches on the right needle, and knit the two stitches together through the back loop. Repeat from * around.
Break yarn and draw through remaining loop.

Finishing:

Thread a needle onto the tail of cast-on edge. Weave the needle through the cast-on stitches, and draw them tight with the yarn.

Weave in ends. Wet-block the hat by positioning the damp hat over the desired plastic lid. Leave it upside down on a flat surface to dry (see below).

Optional: If you want a top loop for the hat, crochet a chain of yarn about 1 ¼ to 1 ½" (3-4 cm) long, and attach to the top center, weaving in the ends. You may want to omit the loop if you want the hat to double as a coaster, although the loop will lay pretty flat. Alternatively, you could add a little pom-pom instead, for a more traditional tam.



