

# JAR COZIES

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## Keep it Simple and Peek-a-boo

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### Supplies:

Size G crochet hook

Light worsted weight yarn. (or adjust pattern to fit the yarn you are using!)

One of the great things about these patterns is you can easily adjust the height on them by adding or subtracting rounds. I keep my jar handy as I crochet so that I can test the fit as I work along. Remember, you want enough space along the top edge of your jar to drink without getting your cozy wet!! I'd rather have a snug/short cozy than one too big. ☺

### Abbreviations:

sc=single crochet

sc dec or sc 2 tog=single crochet two stitches together

### Keep it Simple (Variation A)

Make a magic loop. (This is not hard! Do a quick google on it and watch a video!) Make 6 single crochets (sc) into the middle of your magic loop.

After completing 6 sc into the center of the loop, make a slip stitch into the first sc crochet you made to join round. Pull slip stitch tight so you know not to work in this stitch when you come around again. This finishes your first round. You can pull the tail of your magic loop closed now. If it comes loose again while you work, just tug it snug again.

Round 2. Chain 1. Make 2 sc in each stitch (this is an increase). Make a slip stitch into the chain 1 you did from the previous round. Pull tight. Each round you will increase by 6 stitches. So now you have 12 stitches.

*Helpful Hint:* Place a stitch marker in your chain 1 right after you make it. Then on the next round you know exactly which stitch your slip stitch goes in and you know the beginning of each round!

Round 3. Chain 1. You need to increase by 6 stitches in this round, so now you will increase every other stitch. Begin by making 2 sc in first stitch (increase). In the next stitch do a sc. Next stitch do 2 sc. So you will be doing 2:1:2:1:2:1 etc.

Once you have completed making 18 stitches, join round with a slip stitch through the chain 1. Pull tight.

Round 4. Chain 1. Again, you need to increase by 6 stitches. This time your pattern will be 2:1:1:2:1:1:2:1:1. Once you are back to the beginning of your round, slip stitch to join. Pull stitch tight. 24 stitches.

The key to making this a circle and not a hexagon, is to alternate where you place the increase. Every other row you will place it in the first stitch. Another secret is if you start a round with an increase, you will end it will a single crochet.

Round 5. Chain 1. Now your pattern will be 2:1:1:1:2:1:1:1. Join round with a slip stitch and pull tight. 30 stitches.

You have now completed the base to your jar cozy. If you think you need a wider base, or are using a different size jar, do as many rounds as you think you need. Be sure to increase a few stitches or your flat base will start to curve in. 😊

Now to make your sides! No more increasing! Just working each stitch around and around. That means you are working 30 stitches each round. (Unless you decided to go bigger, or if you screwed up. 😊 I'll be the last to judge you. Carry on.)

Chain 1. Single crochet into the back loop of every stitch. (When you do a stitch, you form a "v". You have been going under both "legs" of the V up until this point. For this round only, go under the back leg, or the leg farthest away from you.) Once you are all the way around, join with a slip stitch. Pull tight.

Round 2. Chain 1. Single crochet all the way around. (You no longer have to work into the back loop only.) Join with a slip stitch. Pull tight.

Round 3. Chain 1. Single crochet all the way around. Slip stitch to join round.

Do you see the pattern? Chain 1, sc all the way around, slip stitch. Work for a total of 18 rows. Again, if you feel the height is different for your jar, by all means, add a few rows or eliminate some.

Weave in ends.

Add a custom tag if desired! (I think you should!!!)

**Create Custom Tags:** I love this step because it gives your coasters major character points! You can use images, stamps, hand drawings, words, names...

Whichever method you choose to use below, make sure you leave yourself enough room around your image to fold under the raw edges by  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

For **ink printer** tags: Cut out a piece of freezer paper  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11". Place shiny side of freezer paper on back side of light colored fabric like muslin. Iron on. Cut out fabric to match the  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11". Using an INK JET printer, print as normal. Oh my

goodness, my brain nearly explodes with all the things you could do with this technique. Love it!!

For using **stamped** tags: On a scrap of fabric, like muslin, use the stamp you like with fabric safe ink. Set ink with iron by pressing directly down on stamped image.

Another very basic option is to simply use a permanent fabric pen and **draw** whatever you want!

### **Peek-a-boo (Variation B)**

Complete base of cozy and first 3 rounds of sides the same as you did for “Keep it Simple.”

Beginning with round 4 of sides, follow instructions below.

Round 4. Chain 1. Turn work so you are no longer working in the round but rather back and forth. sc dec (aka sc 2 tog). sc in every stitch until last 2 stitches. sc dec. 28 stitches.

Round 5. Chain 1. Turn work. sc in each stitch.

Round 6. Chain 1. Turn work. sc in each stitch.

Round 7–12. Repeat rounds 4–6 two more times. 26 stitches after row 7. 24 stitches after row 10.

Round 13. Chain 1. Turn Work. 2 sc in first stitch (increase). Sc every stitch until last stitch. 2 sc in last stitch (increase). 26 stitches.

Round 14. Chain 1. Turn work. sc in each stitch.

Round 15. Chain 1. Turn work. sc in each stitch.

Round 16–18. Repeat round 13–15 one time. Always turn work—don’t join in the round! 28 stitches.

After completing round 18, work a single crochet down the sides of your peek-a-boo opening. You can see logical spots of where to put them. You should have about 15 down each side. You don’t need to be exact though! Once you make your way up the other side, chain 15ish stitches to make a button loop. Fold chain of stitches in half to make a loop and attach near your first chain.

Throw a cute button on the other side of peek-a-boo. Weave in ends. Grab your drink of choice!!