

Handy Hobby Holder

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Finished size: Approx 4" tall X 3" in diameter (with bulky yarn and 6 mm / English size 4 needles). Best effect is with two or three different colours of yarn.

This holder is knit and crocheted with leftover yarn. Bulky yarn produces a firm holder that can hold knitting needles, crochet hooks, and small scissors, as well as wool/darning needles and other small items.

The holder is knit from the centre. The width across will equal the height of the holder.

Choose three colours of bulk yarn. With the colour for the centre, cast on about 12 stitches (10 for super bulky). Knit every row (stockinette stitch) until a tight circle can be formed for the middle. Switch to the second colour and knit enough rows to circle the centre twice. Now take the third colour (or repeat the first if using just two colours) and knit enough rows to completely circle the second colour tightly. Cast off all stitches.

Roll up the knitting from the middle, firmly, but without stretching. With a wool needle and the last yarn used, whip stitch the last knitted row to the first one along the width, to complete the circle of the second colour.

To make the base, use a suitably-sized crochet hook and chain (ch) 6. Slip stitch (slst) to first chain. Ch 2 and make 10 double crochet (dc) into centre hole of ch 6, keeping trailing end inside the crochets. Then pull the loose end tight. Slst into top of ch 2. Ch 2 and make *1 dc in back of first dc stitch (not both and not through the space), then 2 dc in next dc, repeat from * around. Make 1 dc in final dc, single crochet in top of ch 2 and a slst into next dc. Finish off by pulling yarn through slst.

With a wool needle, whip-stitch the crocheted circle to the bottom of your holder at the edge. Tie yarn and weave in ends.

