

# Sideways Pot Holder

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*A great beginner project! Perfect for home decoration that is, of course, useful! Always use cotton yarn for pot holder because it's sturdy, durable and has a good resistance to heat.*

**Difficulty:** Beginner.

**Yarn:** Papiput Ziggy in Swimming Pool and Innocent colorways. 45% cotton, 5% spandex, 50% polyester. Super chunky weight.

**Needles:** 1 pair of 8.0mm straight or circular knitting needles.

**Sizes:** 2 sizes – small and large. It is easily adjustable.

**Special skill required:** Yarn over at the beginning of the row, basic decreases and switching colors (optional).

## How To

**Yarn over at the beginning of the row:** Put your work on your left hand then put the working yarn over the right hand needle. Hold the yarn to the back with your pointer finger. Work the next stitch.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Make a slipknot.

### Increase

**All Odd Rows (Wrong Side):** Yarn over, knit all stitches. [1 stitch increased].

**All Even Rows (Right Side):** Yarn over, knit all stitches. [1 stitch increased].

**Repeat** Odd and Even Rows until there are 21 stitches (for small size) or 29 stitches (for large size) on the needles.

**Note:** You can continue increasing until it reaches the desired width. Make sure that you will have enough yarn to finish. You can switch to the second color when you start the decrease section.

### Decrease

**Both Rows:** Yarn over, slip-slip-knit (*slip the first and second stitch on the left needle as if to knit, one at a time, insert the tip of left needle to the front legs of those 2 stitches, wrap the yarn to the right needle then pull through both legs – 1 stitch decreased*), knit until 2 stitches left, knit the next 2 stitches together as if they are 1 stitch, knit the last stitch. [1 stitch decreased per row].

**Repeat** until there are 3 stitches left.

**Next Row:** Slip the next 2 stitches at the same time as if to knit, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitches over the knitted stitch. [2 stitches decreased]. Cut the yarn about 10cm long. Thread the yarn through the stitch loop and pull it tight to secure the knot.

### Finishing

Rinse the finished piece with room-temperature water then soak with a gentle soap or detergent for 15-25 minutes. Rinse gently until clean. Lay flat onto a waterproof mat and block it without pulling it too hard. You can use a steamer to make the drying time faster. Weave all the yarn ends using your fingers.