



# Orange Cozy

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This **Orange Cozy** will keep your orange fresh and safe in your lunch bag or purse, and will look adorable in the process! I knit this cotton cozy in **seed stitch** as a play on the texture of an orange peel.



## **Materials:**

- ❖ 100% cotton 4-ply worsted weight yarn, such as Sugar'n Cream or Lion Brand Kitchen Cotton: one ball main color and a small amount of contrasting color for the leaf.
- ❖ One set of 4 double-pointed needles in size 7 (4.5 mm) or size to obtain gauge.
- ❖ Size H crochet hook.
- ❖ One  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (15 mm) button.

## **Gauge:**

- ❖ 20 sts = 4 inches (10 cm) in stockinette

## Abbreviations:

- ❖ **K1:** knit.
- ❖ **P1:** purl.
- ❖ **K1f&b:** knit one stitch through the front and back, making 2 stitches.
- ❖ **P2tog:** purl two stitches together, making 1 stitch.
- ❖ **K2tog:** knit two stitches together, making 1 stitch.
- ❖ **Sl1:** slip one stitch knitwise onto the working needle without knitting.
- ❖ **PSSO:** pass the slipped stitch over the next stitch.

## Directions:

Cast on **12 stitches** in main color. Divide evenly onto three needles (4 stitches on each needle). Join in the round.

**Round 1:** On each needle, K1, P1, K1, P1.

- Round 2:** On each needle, K1f&b, K1, P1, K1f&b.
- Round 3:** On each needle, P1, K1, repeat to end.
- Round 4:** On each needle, K1f&b, P1, K1, P1, K1, K1f&b.
- Round 5:** On each needle, K1, P1, repeat to end.

Repeat these four rounds, increasing every other round and maintaining seed stitch (knit the purls, purl the knits) as best you can until you have 54 stitches total (18 stitches on each needle).

Knit **three rounds** even in seed stitch (knit the purls, purl the knits).

Now it's time to stop knitting in the round. Instead, turn the work and begin knitting back and forth and decreasing:

- Row 1 (wrong side):** On each needle, P2tog, K1, P1, repeat to last two stitches, K2tog.
- Row 2 (right side):** On each needle, K1, P1, repeat to end.
- Row 3:** On each needle, K2tog, P1, K1, repeat to last two stitches, P2tog.
- Row 4:** On each needle, P1, K1, repeat to end.

Repeat these four rows until you have **12 stitches** left (**4** on each needle).  
Cast off.

### **Make the Leaf:**

Cast on **3 stitches** in contrasting color.

**Row 1 (right side):** K all stitches.

**Row 2 (wrong side):** P all stitches.

**Row 3:** K1f&b, K1, K1f&b (5 stitches).

**Row 4 - 8:** P all stitches on wrong side, K on right side.

**Row 9:** K2tog, K1, K2tog.

**Row 10:** P all stitches.

**Row 11:** Sl1, K2tog, PSSO. Break yarn and BO final stitch.

### **Finishing:**

Thread the tail yarn and use it to cinch up the bottom 12 stitches. Attach the button near the top of the orange at one side of the opening. Use the crochet hook to crochet a 12 st. single-chain loop and attach it opposite the button. Attach the leaf along the top border. Weave in all ends.