

## Wine Bottle Cover Knitted on a Circular Sock Machine

This is a quick & easy project that can be made from left-over sock yarn. What a nice way to wrap a gift of wine...and the cover is re-usable!

These were made using a 72 slot cylinder, but the pattern can be easily adapted to other sizes & other weights of yarn.

Materials: Approximately 30 grams of fingering weight sock yarn



1. Follow the directions given elsewhere in this booklet for 3/1 Scalloped Ribbing (or begin the 3/1 ribbing with another method of your choice).
2. Crank 25 rounds of ribbing, or the number of rounds that will create the length of ribbing you desire at the top of the bottle cover. If you are intending this cover for a particular bottle, measure the neck of the bottle to determine the length of your ribbing. On the last round, stop at the 6 o'clock position.
3. Beginning at the 3 o'clock position, insert cylinder needles in the empty slots & transfer each ribbing stitch to its cylinder needle. Remove ribber needles as you work around. Crank around as necessary to complete the removal of all the ribber needles. (When I reach the 3 o'clock position, I tighten the tension so that the cover will hug the wine bottle snugly.) Take off the ribber attachment after the last ribber needle is removed.
4. Crank around until you are at the 6 o'clock position. Starting at the 3 o'clock position, transfer every 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch to an adjacent needle. (Do not remove the cylinder needles as you do this.) Crank around as necessary to complete all the yarn-overs. Crank around one more time to close the yarn-over holes. This creates the eyelets through which you can thread the ribbon or twisted cord tie. Of course, if you want to eliminate the tie option, you can skip this step.
5. Crank around in stockinette stitch until you reach the desired length for your wine bottle cover. I generally do about 100 to 105 rounds. If you'd like to create a rolled edge at the bottom of the cover, crank about 10 rows extra.
6. Bind off the stitches on the cylinder using a crochet hook or latch hook. Another option is to crank several rows of waste yarn, remove the cover from the machine, and bind off as desired using a crochet hook, latch hook or knitting needles.
7. Insert a twisted cord or ribbon through the eyelets and tie a bow. To create the twisted cord, cut two 72" lengths of matching sock yarn. Holding them together, fold in half & hook over a convenient door knob or other object. Holding all four ends in your hands, rotate repeatedly until the cord is tightly twisted. Bring the ends to the attached end, remove the attached end & let the cord twist over itself—it will do this automatically. Tie a knot at either end of the cord, leaving about an inch of free ends.