Felted Bottle/Can Hug

Designed for the Knifty Knitter Loom Set © 2007 Bethany Dailey

*Supplies:* Knifty Knitter Blue Loom ~Felting Wool Worsted Weight #4 Yarn ~5.5mm Crochet Hook ~Yarn Needle ~Scissors ~Washing Machine, or Basin, Hot Water, & 1Tb Laundry Soap for Felting

*Flat Bottom Weaving*
* Using your blue loom, beginning with the first peg, wrap around the peg and stretch the yarn across the loom to the peg directly opposite the loom. Wrap around the peg, and stretch back across the loom to wrap around the second peg. Stretch across again and wrap around the peg to the right of the opposite peg previously wrapped around. Continue in this manner until the entire loom has been wrapped in this way. Snip yarn and tie end to the beginning tail in a square knot.

* Cast on 2 strands of wool yarn held as one and e’wrap knit 28 rows. E’wrap the last 2 rows very loose to avoid puckering.

* Crochet Cast off your hug. Begin with the first peg: pull the loop onto the crochet hook, then pull the 2nd peg’s loop onto your crochet hook and pull it through the last loop. Now pull the 3rd loop onto the crochet hook and pull through the 2nd loop... Work your way around to the last peg, slipping the trimmed end through the last loop and pulling tight to secure. Weave in all loose ends.

*Felting*
* Place your hug into a zippered laundry bag, or pillow case, and throw into your washing machine at Small load, Hot Water setting, along with 1 Tb laundry soap or baking soda. Throw in an old pair of light colored jeans that will not bleed onto your project, to add to the agitation process.

* Felting on this project required approx. 15 min. of agitation. Different machines may cause the felting time to vary, so just keep checking every 5 minutes after the first 10. Continue to rinse, and spin.

* Remove from washer, fit hug over your bottle or can, shaping as you go. Let air dry for as much as 24 hrs...Enjoy!