

## Wine bottle Cover

These make wonderful gifts whether placing over wine bottles or the sparkling fruit drink bottles that are like the wine bottles.

I prefer the look of the ribbed top, but it can be made with a large hung hem top. This was knit on the 72 needle cylinder, though any cylinder will work in your normal sock tension. I'll mainly give you directions in inches, so have some type of measuring tool handy. Also, will have some row instructions for the 72 & (60).

Materials: sock yarn – less than 2 oz. of main color (MC) green  
less than 1 oz. of second color (SC) red  
3 jingle bells

Set-up for a ribbed top: hang set-up bonnet on every other cylinder needle, add scrap yarn, knit a couple rows, then add ribber & knit a couple more rows. Tie on MC project yarn.

In a 1X1 rib beginning as you would the top of a sock, knit 1 row with ribber, 2 rows ribber out of work, then switch ribber "in"

Knit 3" 1X1 rib – 30 (25) rows. Put in all cylinder needles. Then move all ribber stitches onto the "added" cylinder needles. Remove ribber attachment.

Knit 1 row.

OR – Set-up for a hung hem top: Hang set-up bonnet on every cylinder needle, add scrap yarn, knit several rows, tie on MC project yarn.

Knit about 5" - 50 (40) rows. Hang hem.  
Knit 5 rows.

Continue for both ribbed & hung hem tops:

Transfer the stitch every 4<sup>th</sup> stitch to the next needle. This makes the eyelet holes for the pull string. (You can make this a plain wine bottle cover by just knitting a plain tube for 11" but the directions below are for the fancier cover shown.)

Knit almost 3" - 27 (23) rows. Change color to SC

Knit 14 (12) rows, hang hem. Change color to MC

Knit 2" - 19 (16) rows. Change color to SC

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Knit 2" - 19 (16) rows. Change color to SC

Knit 14 (12) rows, hang hem. Change color to MC

Knit 4" - 38 (32) rows.

Cut yarn leaving an 18" tail. Thread needle with tail & take needle into each stitch on the cylinder needles. Then with no yarn in yarn carrier, crank around to remove your wine bottle cover from the machine. Hold onto those weights. Pull yarn to gather. You might want to sew through a second time for added strength, but you don't have to pull this very snug. If making several covers in tandem, skip that last part but leave the 18" tail, tie on scrap yarn & knit several rows.....

Pull string - 28". You can make a 3-stitch I-cord, string from SC or ribbon

Sew bells to each of the hung hems.