

Rough Camper Cook Set

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A great project using stash yarns for a quick-knit gift. The rough edges and sturdy texture make this set score with the guys on your gift list.

Wool Mitt

This rugged, no-frills camp mitt is surprisingly durable and heat-resistant. Its double thickness provides added protection as a potholder, or can be used as a mitt with the hand slipped inside. This, in combination with the Panhandle Cozy, could be given with a cast-iron skillet and a bag of gourmet fish fry breading or chili seasoning to round off the gift for your favorite camper.



Note: This set is worked on smaller needles than would normally be suggested for this weight of yarn. This is done intentionally. The denseness of the design provides better heat protection, therefore larger needles are not recommended.

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Supplies:

- Two partial skeins of worsted weight yarn: 1 blue, 1 brown –or–
- Instead of using worsted yarn, knit with 1 strand of fingering weight and 1 strand of light worsted or DK weight (in similar colors), held together as one strand to create a heathered look. This is a great way to use stash yarns!
- Size 5 straight needles
- 1 small piece of leather 1 ¼” wide x 5” long (I only use leather in projects if I am re-purposing it from another source- any medium weight leather will work)
- Sewing machine, or yarn needle

MC (Main Color): Blue

SC (Secondary Color): Brown

Cast on 30 stitches in MC and work in stockinette stitch (knit the right side rows, purl the wrong side rows) for 6 ½”. Attach SC and work two rows, then reattach MC and knit one row, then work two more rows in SC (cutting or reattaching yarn as necessary), and finish the piece with 1 more inch of MC and bind off.

Repeat this process, reversing the colors, to create the opposite side of the mitt. You should have two finished pieces roughly 6” x 8 ¼” long.



Weave in the loose ends on the wrong side. Place wrong sides together, and stitch ¼” around the outer edges on three sides, leaving one short end open.



This can be done on a regular sewing machine with a neutral color thread (I used brown), or with a yarn needle matching yarn.



Fold leather band in half and stitch in the center of the back side of the mitt (with the leather piece on the inside of the mitt), approximately ½” below the top edge. Stitch a double seam for added durability.

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Panhandle Cozy

A simple solution for hot handles. Tell your favorite guy it's a "hot handle grabber", but between you and me- *it's a Panhandle Cozy.*



Supplies:

- Size 4 double point needles
- Same yarns as listed above
- Size E or F crochet hook, if desired

Cast-on 25 stitches in MC and knit once across. Join in the round, dividing stitches roughly equally among three needles and working in the round with a fourth needle. Knit every round in MC for four rounds, then attach SC and knit two rows, then work one row in MC, then two more rows in SC. Cut off the SC strands with a few inches dangling (to weave in later), and continue to knit in the round using MC until piece measures 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Bind off all stitches knit-wise. Weave in ends, and use crochet hook (if desired) with an additional strand of MC yarn to crochet a stabilizing edge around the bottom of the cozy. This is an optional step.

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