FREE PATTERN

Koala Mug Cozy

A complete free knitting pattern from AlandTina



From Aussie Animal Mug Cozies Vol 1

One of 12 Aussie animal mug cozy knitting patterns

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Materials

DK weight (8-ply) yarn in the colours given per pattern (about 15 g per cozy, plus scraps for the motif); 4 mm (US 6) straight needles; one 15–20 mm button per cozy; tapestry needle; sewing needle and thread for the button.

Gauge

20 sts × 26 rows = 10 cm (4 in) in stockinette stitch. The button loop is sized on your own mug, so small gauge differences adjust themselves.

The motifs

Each motif is a small chart worked in duplicate stitch over the finished band — centre it, stitch it, then sew the button. No floats, no intarsia, and the cozy stays stretchy. The four band textures rotate through the set so a dozen cozies never feels like knitting the same thing twice.



Pattern 1

Koala Mug Cozy

Sage green, koala face

Type	Mug cozy
Size	Fits a standard 350 ml (12 oz) mug; band about 9 x 3.5 in (23 x 9 cm)
You will make	Band with button tab and loop.
Colours	Sage green DK; cream DK (stripes); grey and black scraps (motif); one 18 mm button.
Level	Confident beginner

The koala face centred on a soft green band — the office desk koala, on duty for every cuppa.

BAND (sage green)

CO 44 sts with sage green (44 sts)

Rows 1-4: K (garter edge) **(44 sts)**

Row 5 (RS): K3, work the body pattern from the section below to the last 3 sts, k3 **(44 sts)**

Rows 6-19: Work in stockinette st (k RS rows, p WS rows) between the garter edges **(44 sts)**

Final 4 rows: K (garter edge) **(44 sts)**

BO loosely (44 sts)

BUTTON TAB AND LOOP (sage green)

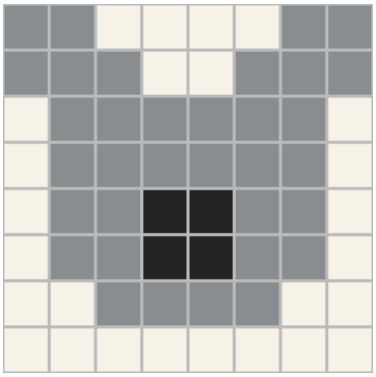
Button: sew a 15-20 mm button to the centre of one short edge

Loop: with sage green, chain or cast a 10 cm strand; sew it as a loop on the opposite edge, sized to the button

Fit check: wrap the cozy around your mug, handle in the gap, and button it snug — not tight

Motif (duplicate stitch)

A koala face — grey ears and the big black nose.



Finishing

1. Weave in all ends.
2. Sew the button and loop as directed in the pattern, checking the fit on your own mug.
3. Block flat for an hour under a damp cloth — cozies sit better afterwards.

Gift idea

A mug cozy makes a brilliant gift — one evening per cozy, twelve by Friday.

One down, 11 to go!

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