

# KYOB – Knit Your Own Brew

Size: One

Finished Measurements: Approximately the same size as one bottle of beer

Gauge: 6 sts/inch, 9 rows/inch

- Materials:
- 1, 110 gram skein sportweight brown (or green, if you're knitting yourself a Heineken!) yarn
  - 1, 110 gram skein sportweight beige yarn
  - Scrap amount of gray or silver yarn for bottle cap
  - Scrap amount of contrasting yarn for label decoration
  - Set of 5 size 3 US double pointed needles
  - Yarn needle
  - Stitch marker
  - Row counter
  - Small piece of cardboard
  - Polyfill
  - A few small rocks or other small, heavy item to weight down the bottom of the bottle
  - Beer, for inspiration (optional)



Directions:

CO 8 sts onto 4 double pointed needles (place 2 sts on each needle) with brown yarn.

Join together and place stitch marker in between the first and second stitch. Knit the following rounds:

1. Knit.
2. Kf&b of every stitch (16 sts).
3. Knit.
4. \*K1, kf&b\* x 8 (24 sts).
5. Knit.
6. \*K2, kf&b\* x 8 (32 sts).
7. Knit.
8. \*K3, kf&b\* x 8 (40 sts).
9. Knit.





This has formed the base of your bottle. At this point, go ahead and cut a piece of cardboard into a circle roughly 2 ¼" – 2 ½" across. I just traced the bottom of my inspiration beer onto the cardboard and cut that out. This is going to be used to make the base of the bottle firm and stable after it's been knitted.

Keep knitting every round until stitches measure about an inch from the base. You can check this by popping your cardboard base into the center of the stitches and measuring from the flat bottom.

You don't have to knit with the cardboard circle in place yet, just pop it in every so often to check how much further you have to knit.

After you've knit an inch, weave in the bottom tail of yarn.

Break working yarn. Begin knitting with label color. Again, just knit every round. After you've knit about an inch of the label color, weave in ends from the color change. Continue knitting in label color until the entire length of the label is about 3 ½".

Switch back to bottle color and knit 4 rounds. Weave in ends from color change.

Using scrap yarn in a contrasting color to the label yarn, embroider your label design. Since embroidery is not my area of expertise, I went with the simple, yet classic, "BEER" and a one strand rectangular border. I expect other people with far more skill than I have will be able to do something much more impressive. After embroidery is complete, weave in ends.

Place cardboard base firmly in bottom of bottle. Next, put a small amount of polyfill on top of the base and nestle your rocks or whatever you're using as a weight on top of the polyfill. I wound up using two rocks, each about 1 ½" in diameter. If you're not concerned with weighting down the bottom of your bottle, you can skip the rocks. Continue stuffing with polyfill until you've almost reached the working edge of the bottle. At this point, you want to stuff the bottle as you knit, due to the small opening you'll have at the end.

The next step is to knit the decreases for the bottle neck. Knit the following rounds:

- 1 – 3. Knit.
4. \*K3, K2TOG\* x 8 (32 sts).
5. Knit.
6. \*K2, K2TOG\* x 8 (24 sts).
7. Knit.
8. \*K1, K2TOG, K3\* x 4 (20 sts).
- 9 – 28. Knit.
29. \*K2, K2TOG, K1\* x 4 (16 sts).
- 30 – 35. Knit.
36. \*K1, kf&b\* x 8 (24 sts).

Switch to bottle cap color, if desired (I made one without the cap on, too!).

- 37 – 38. Knit.
39. \*K1, K2TOG\* x 8 (16 sts).
40. Knit.
41. \*K2TOG\* x 8 (8 sts).
42. Knit.

Break yarn. Run end through loops of last stitches on the needles and pull tight. Knot. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations:

CO = Cast on

K = Knit

Kf&b = Knit in the front and back of a stitch (increase 1)

K2TOG = Knit two stitches together (decrease 1)

\*...\* x 8 = Repeat the instructions inside the stars eight times (or as many times as noted)



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