SURFACE TABLET COZY

Tote your new Microsoft Surface tablet in style! Simple stockinette shows off rustic Noro yarns (and handspun) beautifully. Add a touch stylus or pen pocket for extra utility. Don't have a Surface? No problem: this simple pattern can be adjusted for any device.

MATERIALS

100 m / 109 yards Noro Silk Garden or other worsted/aran weight yarn

16" US 7 circular needles, or size to gauge

16" US 5 circular needles, or two sizes smaller than above

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle & thread (optional, for sewn-on pocket)

GAUGE

1" = 4.5 st

PATTERN

The Surface cozy is knitted in the round, top-down, starting with the opening.

On the smaller needle, cast on 64 stitches.

Being careful not to twist, join in the round. Place a marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Work 6 rows 1×1 rib (k1, p1) around.

Switching to the larger needles, knit around.

For an optional touch stylus or pen pocket, see the "Pocket" section on the next page before continuing.

Continue knitting plain stockinette around until piece reaches approx. 11" in length, then knit 2 more rounds.

Cut a tail about a yard long for the bind-off.

Arrange stitches so half are on one needle, and half on the other. Bind off using Kitchener stitch.

With tapestry needle, weave in ends.

Wash and block, and you're done!

POCKET

There are two ways you can work a pocket: knitted-on or keyhole. The knitted-on version places live stitches on a holder so you can come back and knit the inside of the pocket. The keyhole version lets you just leave an open hole or sew on a thin fabric pocket. These instructions place a pocket on the upper edge of the cozy, but you can place it anywhere.

For a 5" pocket using the same worsted/aran yarn as the body, you'll need about 3 yards of yarn. This will double the thickness in that spot, so if that bothers you, consider the keyhole version with a sewn-on fabric pocket.

Knitted-on:

2 stitches before reaching the end of the second round of stockinette (or wherever you'd like to place the pocket), place 4 stitches onto a stitch holder or scrap yarn.

Using the backwards loop cast-on (we're still at 2 stitches before the end of the round), cast on 4 stitches. Move the stitch marker if necessary.

Continue knitting per the pattern.

After finishing and binding off the body, turn it inside out and pick up the stitches on the holder, making sure the right side of the cozy is facing you through the hole.

Make 1 stitch by knitting the first stitch through the front and back of the loop, knit the next 2 stitches, then make 1 stitch by knitting the last stitch through the front and back of the loop. This increases the pocket to 6 stitches wide.

Knit flat stockinette (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) to the desired length, resulting in a long flap. Bind off.

Using thread or thin yarn, sew the flap to the inside of the cozy. Pocket made!

Keyhole:

2 stitches before reaching the end of the second round of stockinette (or wherever you'd like to place the pocket), cast off 4 stitches.

Knit around, then 2 stitches before the end of the round, cast on 4 stiches using a backwards loop cast-on. This gets you back to the full stitch count and finishes the hole.

Continue knitting per the pattern.

If you just want an open hole to attach a pen to, that's all you need to do. If you want a fabric back to your pocket, cut a piece of fabric 1 ½" wide by the desired length. Then, after you're done with the body, turn the cozy inside out and sew the piece on, positioning it so the hole is completely covered at the top of the pocket.

NOTES

- Double-pointed needles or longer circular needles with magic loop will work if you don't have 16" circulars.
- If you don't get your gauge exact, don't worry. It'll stretch!
- Other things to try: ribbing all the way down, different yarns, different stitches, different edges at the top. Add embellishments. Fair isle! Maybe an i-cord strap!
- The idea behind a two-sizes-smaller rib at the beginning is so that the cozy closes a bit around the top. Don't worry too much about casting on loosely. Casting on with regular tension on the smaller needles makes for an opening that closes nicely around your device.
- I really like the Kitchener stitch to close (instructions here), but a three-needle bind-off (or any of the other bind-offs here) would also work fine.
- You can really use any yarn you wish. If it's a different weight, do a quick swatch and adjust the number of stitches accordingly. Just aim at 14" around and 11" tall.
- If you're using a skein of the Noro, a Surface-sized cozy will use almost all of it up. If you're knitting a pocket, you'll probably need more yarn; the inside of the pocket is hidden so matching the yarn isn't that important.
- If you want to adapt the pattern to different devices, try these sizes:

Device	Size	Device	Size
Surface	14" around, 11" tall	Nexus 7	10 ¼" around, 8" tall
HTC Windows Phone 8x	5 ½" around, 5 ½" tall	Nexus 10	14 ¾" around, 10 ¾" tall
Nokia Lumia 920	6 ½" around, 5 ½" tall	Galaxy S III	6 ¼" around, 5 ¾" tall
Nokia Lumia 820	6 ¼" around, 5 ¼" tall	Droid RAZR	6" around, 5 ¼" tall
Zune HD	4 ¾" around, 4" tall	Optimus G	6 ¼" around, 5 ½" tall
Zune 80/120	6" around, 4 ½" tall	Kindle	10" around, 7" tall
Zune 4/8/16	4" around, 4" tall	Kindle Fire	10½" around, 7 ¾" tall
Zune 30	6" around, 5" tall	Kindle Fire HD 7"	11½" around, 7 ¾" tall
iPad	15 ½" around, 9 ¾" tall	Kindle Fire HD 8.9"	13 ¾" around, 9 ¾" tall
iPad mini	11 ¼" around, 8 ¼" tall	Nook	11" around, 6 ¾" tall
iPhone 4	5 ½" around, 4 ¾" tall	Nook HD	11" around, 8" tall
iPhone 5	5 ¼" around, 5 ¼" tall	Nook HD+	13 ¾" around, 9 ¾" tall
iPod touch	5" around, 5 ¼" tall		

These measurements are just based on specs, so to be sure, measure your device around the middle, then measure it top-to-bottom. Work out how many stitches to cast on using your gauge and your measurements (go with an even number of stitches so the bind-off works), and give it a fitting as you work.