

E-reader Cover

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I chose to make a simple sleeve that would envelope my entire e-reader, with a long flap that would fold over and cover its entire front and button at the bottom. This gives the e-reader's screen two layers of protection: one from the sleeve and one from the flap. Making the flap the length of the device also allowed me to position the buttons over the e-reader's hard plastic casing, so they are nowhere near the screen and would not damage it if accidentally pushed in against the e-reader. I also chose to use needles smaller than called for on the yarn's label to create a dense fabric that would help protect the device.

YARN

1 hank Malabrigo Twist (100% pure baby merino wool; 150 yds/3.5 oz), shown at right in color 37 lettuce.

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

US 7 (4.5 mm) dpns, set of 4.

2 buttons, $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter.

Darning needle to finish.

GAUGE

4.5 sts and 6.5 rows = 1" in St st.

FINISHED SIZE

To fit an e-reader measuring 6.5" tall x 4.5" wide x 0.34" thick.



NOTES

The cover is comprised of two parts: the sleeve that is knitted in the round and into which the e-reader slides, and the flap that is knitted flat and folded over the sleeve. The sleeve is knitted from the bottom up, using waste yarn to cast on so the bottom is seamless. The width and thickness of the e-reader determines the cover's circumference, which in turn is determined by the number of stitches cast on.

This cover was designed to fit the basic model Kindle, though because the yarn is somewhat stretchy, it would likely accommodate almost any of the Kindles since most are similar in width and thickness. For a taller device, continue knitting in the round until the sleeve is the correct length and continue knitting flat until the flap fully covers the sleeve.



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INSTRUCTIONS

Using waste yarn of similar weight to the project yarn, CO 42 sts. PM, join to work in the rnd, and k one rnd with waste yarn. Switch to project yarn, leaving an 18" tail, and cont to k in the rnd until piece measures 6.5" (or height to fit your e-reader) from joining of project yarn.

Create Top of Sleeve

Next rnd: BO 21 sts pwise; k to end of rnd (the other 21 sts).

The bound-off sts form the top of the sleeve, where you'll slide in your e-reader. You will no longer be working in the rnd, but will be working flat, back and forth, over the remaining 21 sts to create the flap.

Create Flap

To help the flap lay flat against the sleeve (and not have curled edges), the 2 sts at each edge are kept in garter st (i.e., k the first two and last two sts on each row).

Row 1 (WS): k2, p17, k2.

Row 2: k.

Rep these 2 rows until flap measures just under 6" (or about 1/2" less than desired length of flap), ending on a WS row.

Buttonhole Row

Next row: k2, k2tog, YO, k13, YO, k2tog, k2.

Rep rows 1 and 2 once more, ending on a RS row.

Next row (WS): BO somewhat tightly all sts kwise. (Over time and with repeated use, edges will tend to curl. However, if you BO somewhat tightly, this should help lessen the curling.) Cut yarn leaving 6" tail.

FINISHING

Carefully pull out waste yarn and put live sts onto 2 dpns (21 on each needle). Thread the 18" CO tail onto darning needle and use Kitchener stitch to close sleeve's bottom. Secure yarn and weave in end.

Thread 6" tail at flap bottom onto darning needle, secure yarn and weave in end.

Put e-reader into sleeve and determine correct button placement (having the e-reader in the sleeve will stretch it slightly, so you'll want to line up your buttons with the buttonholes while your device is in the sleeve). Remove e-reader from sleeve and sew on buttons.



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Left Photo: cover, open with flap folded behind sleeve and very top of e-reader visible.

Right Photo: cover, open and viewed from its back, with flap fully extended.



ABBREVIATIONS

BO	bind off	pwise	purlwise, as if to purl
CO	cast on	rep	repeat
cont	continue	rnd(s)	round(s)
dpns	double-pointed needles	RS	right side
k	knit	st(s)	stitch(es)
kwise	knitwise, as if to knit	St st	Stockinette stitch
k2tog	knit two sts together	tog	together
mm	millimeter(s)	WS	wrong side
oz	ounce(s)	yd(s)	yard(s)
p	purl	YO	yarn over
PM	place marker		



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