

Irish Coffee Cozy

Go Green with this cute beaded shamrock cup cozy to celebrate luck and laughter in the Irish tradition.

Forego cardboard sleeves at your local coffee shop and use instead this attractive beaded cup huggie to turn plain coffee into a no-added-calorie, non-alcoholic way of making "Irish coffee".

Basic knit stitch and an easy beading technique combine to make this cup sleeve quick and fun.



No special sizing is required, either. Thanks to stretchy garter stitch and chain stitch selvages, Irish Coffee Cozy fits takeout cups from small to large.

Pattern includes detailed instructions for no-sew minimalist seaming using a combination of simple half-hitch cast on and 3-needle bind off.

Need a gift idea? Knit some for co-workers and friends, even if they are not Irish.

Yarn, Beads and Needles

30 yards fingering weight yarn.

Size 1 US (2.25 mm) knitting needles suggested or size needed to obtain gauge of $7\frac{1}{2}$ stitches per inch over garter stitch. You will be knitting flat, so you can use your choice of any type of needles for knitting knitting back and forth.

A needle 2 or 3 sizes larger than the needle size used to obtain gauge. This needle is used for binding off only, so any type knitting needle you have handy will do.

243 size 8/0 (3 mm diameter) glass seed beads (approximately 7 g).

Bead stringing needle or nylon dental floss threader.

Finished Measurements

$2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide; 7 inch circumference un-stretched. Garter stitch will stretch to fit a wide range of cup sizes.