



I've been having fun making pretend food for my 5 year-old's play kitchen. This pattern for some sweet and simple bottles, one for milk and one for juice, is oh-so simple. Cork stoppers are fun to play with and the light-weight bottles are surprisingly sturdy.

Watch a video tutorial of how to hand-felt small knits at: www.duofiberworks.com/felting-video.

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Milk and Juice Bottles

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Tools

- Size 10½ dpns or circular needle
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Materials

- I used Paton's wool in for the milk bottle and Lamb's Pride Worsted for the juice bottle. You could use just about any non-superwash worsted weight wool.
- Wool felt scrap about ¾" x 1½"
- Embroidery floss
- Stuffing for shaping- you can use wool or newsprint.
- Corks

Size

Milk bottle: about 12" long before felting and 7" tall after felting.

Juice bottle" about 13" long before felting and 8" tall after felting.

Gauge

About 4 sts x 4 rows/1" but gauge is not critical here.

Abbreviations

Sts - Stitches

K - Knit

KFB – Knit into the front and back of a stitch

K2tog - Knit two together

The Pattern

Using size 10½ double point or circular needles, cast on 20 sts. Join for working in the round.

Rounds 1-11: Knit

Round 12: K 4 sts, KFB; repeat 3 more times. [24 sts]

Round 13: K 5 sts, KFB; repeat 3 more times [28 sts]

Round 14: K 6 sts, KFB; repeat 3 more times [32 sts]

Rounds 15-56: Knit 42 rounds

Round 57: Purl

Round 58: K 14 sts, K2tog, K 14 sts, K2tog. [30 sts]

Round 59: K 4 sts, K2tog; repeat 3 more times [25 sts]

Round 60: Purl

Round 61: K 3 sts, k2tog; repeat 3 more times [20 sts]

Round 62: Purl

Round 63: K 2 sts, k2tog; repeat 3 more times [15 sts]

Round 64: Purl

Round 65: K 1 st, k2tog; repeat 3 more times [10 sts]

Round 66: Purl

Round 67: K2tog; repeat 3 more times [5 sts]

Pull yarn through remaining stitches.

To felt, add a squirt of dish soap to a dishpan and fill it with really hot water. Put the piece in the water and let it soak a bit. Press it under the water and let it soak for a few moments. Now roll and squeeze it in your hands, swish it around and knead it like bread dough. At first the piece grows but soon the stitches start coming together and shrinking.

Continue felting until the stitches disappear. Felting the piece completely is necessary for the potholder to be sturdy, so don't stop prematurely. You really need to felt until the piece is super-solid and feel noticeably thicker. Rinse in cold water to remove any soap and then roll in a towel to remove excess water.

To shape, press in the center of the bottle bottom. This makes it stand well on its own. Stuff with wool or newsprint, really tug and form it into the shape you want- it will stay that way once it's dry. Allow piece to dry thoroughly. Remove stuffing.

For the label, using a pencil, lightly write "milk" or "juice" on a scrap of wool felt.

Work over the writing using three strands of embroidery floss. I used split stitch, but you could also use back stitch.

Glue or stitch label to the bottle.

Add a cork topper if you like, I found my cork at the hardware store.

