Canning jar cozy

You will need about an ounce of worsted weight cotton yarn, a size F crochet hook, and a hair elastic.

Gauge is 15 stitches / 8 rows to 4 inches, in double crochet. Fits best on a standard-mouth canning jar; if you wish to use it with a wide-mouth jar, you may wish to make it one row shorter, as these jars are shorter.

Abbreviations in this pattern:

sl st = slip stitch

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

Round 1: Sl st into hair elastic, ch 3, then dc 35 into hair elastic. Sl st into top of ch-3. You should have 36 stitches if you count the ch-3 as a dc. (This is the top of your cozy.) Do not turn your work at the ends of the rounds.

Rounds 2-8 - Ch 3, dc in each dc, sl st into top of ch-3. Again, you should have 36 stitches counting the ch-3.

Round 9: Now we begin decreases for the bottom. Ch 3, dc 1, dc 2 tog; *dc 2, dc 2 tog* to end of round. Sl st into top of ch-3. (26 stitches, counting ch-3.)

Round 10: Ch 3, dc 2 tog; *dc 1, dc 2 tog* to end of round. Sl st into top of ch-3. (18 stitches, counting ch-3.)

Round 11: Ch 3, dc 2 tog; *dc 3 tog* to end of round. Sl st into top of ch-3. (7 stitches, counting ch-3) Fasten off. Use yarn tail to sew up the hole as you weave it in. Weave in top tail also.

I like a handle on my water container. If you would like one as shown, make a chain about 2" longer than you want your handle to be. (Mine is about 15".) Now you're going to sc on both sides of your foundation chain: Sc in the back loop of the second ch from hook, and in back loop of each remaining ch. Sc 5 in end ch. Turn and sc in the remaining loops of your foundation chain. Sc 4 in the end loop, and sl st into first sc. Fasten off. Stitch the ends very securely to sides of your cozy - if you made your yarn tails long enough, you can just use those for the sewing.