Clare's Handspun Cozy

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This Hot Water Bottle Cozy was made for my lovely Auntie Clare, who had no requirement other than that it should be purple, which, there is no denying, it certainly is. The yarn was handspun by my Stitch'n'Bitch buddy Lynne (http://tasknitterspins.blogspot.com/) and was buttery and soft and tweedy, very nice. The stripes diminish in width from bottom to top, until they are only two rows wide at the top. An easy knit and a great gift.

Measurements	Approx. 41cm high and 22cm wide
Yarn	Tasknitter Spins Purple Rain approx 100gms and Ladies in Lavender approx 100gms
Needles	4.00mm circular
Gauge	20sts and 30 rows to 10cm in stocking stitch
Other Notions	Large eye blunt needle, ribbon and buttons or beads

Cast on 84 sts and join for working in the round.

In colour A work 14 rounds stocking stitch
In colour B work 14 rounds stocking stitch

In colour A work 12 rounds stocking stitch
In colour B work 12 rounds stocking stitch

In colour A work 10 rounds stocking stitch
In colour B work 10 rounds stocking stitch

In colour A work 8 rounds stocking stitch
In colour B work 8 rounds stocking stitch

In colour A work 4 rounds stocking stitch.

Next round: Using colour A *K2 K2tog rep from * to end
Next round: Eyelet round: Using colour A K1 *yfwd K2tog rep from * to end

In colour B work 6 rounds stocking stitch

In colour A work 4 rounds stocking stitch
In colour B work 4 rounds stocking stitch

In colour A work 2 rounds stocking stitch
In colour B work 2 rounds stocking stitch

Repeat last 4 rounds until 2cm less than desired length ending with 2 rounds colour B.

Next round: In colour A Knit
Next round: In colour A *kfb rep from * to end

Continue in colour B:
Knit 1 round
Purl 1 round
Next round: *K1 kfb rep from * to end
Purl 1 round
Knit 1 round
Purl 1 round
Cast off loosely in knit.

To finish:
Using mattress stitch sew bottom seam. Thread needle through eyelet row and close with bow.
Thread buttons or beads onto each end of ribbon and tie off.