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Yarn: 1. Rowan Pure Wool Worsted, colour Granite plus scrap of contrasting yarn for leaves
Needles: US 7 (4½mm)
2 markers, cable needle, darning needle
2 small, two-hole buttons for eyes
Gauge: 20 stitches x 25rows per 4 inches (10cm)

- C1F: slip next stitch to CN and hold in front, K next stitch, K stitch from CN (2 sts.)
- C1B: slip next stitch to CN and hold in back, K next stitch, K stitch from CN (2 sts.)
- BC: slip 3 stitches to CN and hold in back, K next 2 stitches then K 3 from CN (5 sts.)
- FC: slip next 2 stitches to CN and hold in front, K next 3 stitches then K 2 from CN (5 sts.)
- K1FB: K1 through front and back of stitch (to increase)

Starting at the bottom, cast on 48 stitches, place marker A at beginning of row and marker B at 24th stitch. Knit in the round increasing 4 sts. on each row as follows: (knit to one st. before marker, K1fb, SM, K1fb, k to end) repeat. Increase this way for 6 rows to 72 stitches.. Check size, make more or less increases to customize. Next, knit 8 rows then begin pattern below. Keep both markers in.; marker A is the beginning of round, marker B will be used again at shoulder decreasing.

Rounds 1-6: K5, P1, K1, P1, K to end, slipping marker B and knitting all "back" stitches. **Round 7:** K6, C1F, knit to end

Round 8: K7, C1F, knit to end Round 9: K8, C1F, knit to end Round 10: K9, C1F, knit to end Round 11: K10, C1F, knit to end Round 12: K11, C1F, knit to end Round 13: K12, C1F, P16, knit to end Round 14: K10, C1B, K6, P1, K10, P1, knit to end Round 15: K9, C1B, K6, P1, BC, FC, P1, knit to end **Round 16:** K8, C1B, K7, P1, K10, P1, knit to end Round 17: K7, C1B, K8, P1, K10, P1, K to end **Round 18:** K17, P1, K10, P1, knit to end **Round 19:** K6, C1B, K9, P1, K10 P1, knit to end Round 20: K17, P1, K10, P1, knit to end Round 21: K5, C1B, K10, P1, K10, P1, knit to end Round 22: K4, C1B, K12, P1, K10, P1, knit to end Round 23: K3, C1B, K12, P1, K10, P1, knit to end Round 24: K2, C1B, K13, P1, K10, P1 Round 25: K1, C1B, K14, P1, BC, FC, P1, knit to end Rounds 26-30: K17, P1, K10, P1, knit to end **Round 31:** K17, P1, BC, FC, P1, knit to end Rounds 32-41: Knit all stitches

Now measure your work and add more or less knit rows to suit your bottle. To decrease for shoulders: (K2tog, K to 2 sts. before marker B, K2tbl). SM and repeat decs. for back, 4 sts. dec. each row. Repeat this dec. row each row to 48 sts. Begin funnel: K2P2 rib for 4 in (10cm). or to fit. BO loosely.

Make 2 leaves as follows: CO 5 sts.

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Row 1: (RS) K2,YO, K1,YO, K2 (7 sts.)
Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl
Row 3: K3,YO, K1,YO, K3 (9 sts.)
Row 5: SSK, K5, K2tog (7 sts.)
Row 7: SSK, K3, K2tog (5 sts.)
Row 9: SSK, K1, K2tog (3sts.)
Row 11: Sl 1, K2tog, PSSO (1 st.)
Faster off.
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Sew on leaves using a slip stitch. Sew on button eyes and seam bottom. Fold bottle in half and fit through funnel opening. Fill with hot water and relax!

As written, the cover will fit a bottle 7.5x12.5 inches.

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