Frosty the Snowman
water bottle holder

Using any number of slots for the cylinder, cast on in scrap yarn, then tie on white--either fuzzy or plain. I start at the right side of the cylinder so I know where to make the beginning of the closures.

Knit 20 rounds. Take a contrasting yarn and zig zag in and out the needles around the cylinder to mark a place to hang later. This does not have to be tied to anything and you are not cranking while you do this. Knit another 20 rounds; repeat marking procedure. Knit 35 to 40 rounds. Hang the loops from the first 15 stitches of the closest row you marked. Take a length of roving (or other suitable stuffing material) and begin stuffing it in the tube you are closing. (I used the length of my outstretched arms for each section.) Keep rehanging the marked row all the way around, stuffing as you go.

Knit 20 rounds. Locate the next marked section and repeat the stuffing procedure.

Knit 20 rounds. Locate the initial row of stitches where you first started. Hang the first 15 and stuff as with previous sections.

Once this section is stuffed, knit 5 rounds. Starting at the place where you originally began on the cylinder, move a needle over and remove the blank so that there are two stitches on the next needle. Move the next stitch over and remove the empty needle. Continue all the way around the cylinder so you end up with every other needle removed.

Knit one round.

Repeat this procedure once more, removing every other needle.

Cut a long tail of yarn and thread a blunt needle.

Take the tail through each stitch as you remove it from the machine. When you have them all off, pull tight, knot and work the ends back in the knitting.

Use 10 needles in the front, starting with scrap yarn. Knit 12 rows in white for arm; put scrap between pieces and repeat for second arm.

Using 40 needles and cast on rag, do a few rows back and forth in scrap yarn. Tie on black yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Knit 8 rows. Starting with the second stitch, move every other stitch to the next needle so there is a blank, then two stitches on
every other needle. Knit across to get all stitches back into work again. Knit 12 rows. Repeat the decreases as in the base of the snowman (removing every other needle as you go). Knit one row. Leaving a long tail, run it through the last row of stitches and pull tight. Continue sewing the seam of the hat and brim. When you get back to the edge where the brim was re-hung, go around the hat and pull somewhat tight in order to shape the inner edge of the brim. Using this same tail piece, sew the hat to the top edge of the snowman. Note: the hat should be formed so that it will fit over the bottle cap of the water bottle and positioned so it will cover the top.

Remove the scrap yarn, run through last row of stitches and sew sides of arms. Sew arms to top section of snowman.