

Spring tea cosy



Make your mum's day by knitting her our spring tea cosy

YARN DETAIL

Patons Diploma Gold DK

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Content

55% wool, 25% acrylic,
20% nylon

Weight/Length

50g/120m

Washing

Machine wash 40°C

RRP

£2.50



Start here!

● FRONT AND BACK

Using Apple Green and 4mm needles, **cast on** 133sts for lower edge.

Break off Apple Green and join in Cream. Work as follows:

Row 1: *P3, K10; repeat from *, ending P3.

Row 2: K3, *P10, K3; repeat from * to end.

Row 3: *P3, skpo, K6, k2tog; repeat from *, ending P3.

Row 4: K3, *P8, K3; repeat from * to end.

Row 5: *P3, skpo, K4, k2tog; repeat from *, ending P3.

Row 6: K3, *P6, K3; repeat from * to end.

Row 7: *P3, skpo, K2, k2tog; repeat from *, ending P3.

Keep on knitting! ➡➡

Pattern details

You will need...



Yarn

2 x 50g balls of Patons Diploma Gold DK in Cream (shade 6142)

1x 50g balls of Patons Diploma Gold DK in Apple Green (shade 6125), Lemon (shade 6222), Blue (shade 6220), Violet (shade 6242), and Dark Green (shade 6246)

1 x 50g ball of Fairytale Colour 4 Me DK in Orange (shade 4951)



Needles and hooks

3.25mm (UK size 10) and 4mm (UK size 8) knitting needles

4mm (UK size 8) crochet hook

IN THE DETAIL

Add as many flowers and leaves as you like to the top of the tea cosy. There are two kinds of flowers to choose from, both ideal for using up your stash of yarn oddments.



Finished size

To fit an average teapot

Row 8: K3, *P4, K3; repeat from * to end.
Row 9: *P3, skpo, k2tog; repeat from *, ending P3.
Row 10: K3, *P2, K3; repeat from * to end.
Row 11: *P3, skpo; repeat from *, ending P3. 43sts.
Row 12: K3, *P1, K3, repeat from * to end.
Row 13: Purl.
Row 14: Purl.
Row 15: Knit.
Row 16: Purl.

Join in Apple Green and begin patterning.

Row 1: Using Apple Green, (K3, sl1) to last 3sts, K3.
Row 2: Using Apple Green, (K3, yb, sl1, yf) to last 3 stitches, K3.

Row 3: Using Cream, K1, sl1, (K3, sl1) to last st, K1.

Row 4: Using Cream, P1, sl1, (P3, sl1) to last st, P1.

Rows 5-8: Work in st st.

Row 9: Using Apple green, K1, sl1, (K3, sl1) to last stitch, K1.

Row 10: Using Apple green, K1, yb, sl1, yf (K3, yb, sl1, yf) to last st, K1.

Row 11: Using Cream, (K3, sl1) to last 3sts, K3.

Row 12: Using Cream, (P3, sl1) to last 3sts, P3

Rows 13-16: Work in st st.

Repeat last 16 rows once more, and decrease 1st in centre of last row. 42sts.

SHAPE TOP

Row 1: (K2, k2tog) to last 2sts, K2. 32sts.

Row 2-4: Work in st st.

Row 5: (K1, k2tog) to last 2sts, K2. 22sts.

Rows 6-8: Work in st st.

Row 9: K2tog all across row. 11sts.

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: (K2tog) five times, K1. 6sts.

Break yarn and run through remaining stitches, pull up tight and fasten off. Work another piece to match.

● DAFFODILS (MAKE FIVE)

FLOWER CENTRE

Using 3.25mm needles and chosen colour, **cast on 14sts.

Work 4 rows in st st.

Change to 4mm needles.

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: K1, (yf, k2tog) to last st, K1.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: Knit.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: Knit.

Row 11: Purl. Break off the yarn, leaving a tail. Run this strand of yarn through the remaining stitches on your needle and draw up tight. Fasten off.**

PETALS (MAKE SIX FOR EACH FLOWER)

Using 3.25mm needles, **cast on** 7sts.

Work six rows in garter stitch.

Now k2tog at beginning of next and each following row until 1st remains, fasten off.

Make five more petals, as instructed above.

● CROCUS FLOWERS (MAKE SIX)

Using chosen colours, work as daffodil from ** to **.

● LEAVES (MAKE TWO LIGHT GREEN AND TWO DARK GREEN)

Using 3.25mm needles and either Apple Green or Dark Green, **cast on** 5sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: K2, M1, K1, M1, K2. 7sts.

Row 3 and following alternate rows: Knit.

Row 4: K3, M1, K1, M1, K3. 9sts.

Row 6: K4, M1, K1, M1, K4. 11sts.

Row 8: K5, M1, K1, M1, K5. 13sts.

Row 10: Knit.

Row 12: Knit.

Row 14: K2tog, work to last 2sts, k2tog. 11sts.

Rows 16 and 18: As row 14.

Row 19: K2tog, K3, k2tog. 7sts.

Row 20: K2tog, K1, k2tog. 5sts.

Row 21: P3tog.

Fasten off.

MAKING UP

Work in any ends, turn cosy pieces with the right sides facing inside. Sew the side seams, matching all colours and pattern stripes, but leaving long enough openings on each side for the handle and spout to come through. Turn the cosy right side out.

Using Apple Green and a 4mm crochet hook, work a round of double crochet around the handle and spout openings to neaten them, and fasten off.

Make the flowers. For the daffodils, sew the seam on the centre of the flower, then turn it back on itself to make a picot edging. Secure the edges with a few small stitches. Arrange the petals around the centre, and sew them into place, using the photo as a guide. Using orange Fairytale Colour 4 Me DK yarn, make a couple of French knots in the centre of each flower. For the crocuses, sew up the centres and make as instructed above for the daffodils. Embroider French knots in spare Diploma Gold DK yarn in Lemon in the middle of each the flowers.

Arrange the flowers and leaves on top of the finished cosy, using the picture as a guide. Stitch each one into place with matching yarn or thread.



“The idea for this tea

cosy came from spring flowers and the abundant colours around at that time.”

Val Pierce

TopTip

Working yarn around slip stitches is easy to get the hang of, but if it's your first time, practise knitting just those rows before you begin

IN THE DETAIL

Let the bright green yarn peek through the cream by bringing the yarn around slipped stitches. The result looks more elegant than stripes, and gives the tea cosy a dainty finish.

