

Tea cosy

★★ *The choice of colours for this retro-style tea cosy will give it its appeal. You can opt for interesting combinations, such as the lavender and lime chosen here.*

You will need

- Patons Diploma Gold DK:
 - 1 x 50g ball in **MS** – lavender (shade no. 06242)
 - 1 x 50g ball in **C** – lime green (shade no. 06125)
- Pair of 4½mm (US 7) knitting needles

Tension and finished size

- Based on a stocking stitch tension of 21 stitches and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) using 4½mm (US 7) needles.
- Tea cosy to fit a standard size teapot.

Special note

The pleats of the tea cosy are formed by the yarn not in use being stranded quite tightly across WS of work. When working WS rows, remember to take the yarn to the front (WS) of the work before changing colours. Twist yarns together at the back of the work where necessary to prevent holes from forming.

First side

With 4½mm (US 7) needles and MS, cast on 56 sts.

Work in garter st for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

**Join in C.

Patt thus:

Row 1 (RS) Using MS k1, *using C k6, using

MS k6; rep from * to last 7 sts, using C k6, using MS k1.

Rows 2 to 6 As row 1.

Rows 7 to 12 Using MS k7, *using C k6, using MS k6; rep from * to last st, using MS k1.

Row 13 and 14 As row 1.

Last 2 rows form patt for rest of Side.

Cont in patt for a further 26 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE TOP

Row 1 (RS) Using MS k1, *using C k2tog, k2, k2tog, using MS k2tog, k2, k2tog; rep from * to last 7 sts, using C k2tog, k2, k2tog, using MS k1 (38 sts).

Row 2 Using MS k1, *using C k4, using MS k4; rep from * to last 5 sts, using C k4, using MS k1.

Row 3 Using MS k1, *using C (k2tog) twice, using MS (k2tog) twice; rep from * to last 5 sts, using C (k2tog) twice, using MS k1 (20 sts).

Row 4 Using MS k1, *using C k2, using MS k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, using C k2, using MS k1.

Row 5 Using MS k1, *using C k2tog, using MS k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, using C k2tog, using MS k1 (11 sts).

Row 6 Using MS k1, *using C k1, using MS k1; rep from * to end.**

Break off C and cont using MS **only**.

Row 7 K1, * M1 (by picking up horizontal loop lying before next st and knitting into back of it), k into front and back of next st to inc 1; rep from * to last st, M1, k1 (30 sts).

Break yarn and leave these 30 sts on a holder.

Second side

With 4½mm (US 7) needles and MS, cast on 56 sts.

Work in garter st for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cont as for First Side from ** to **, using C in place of MS and MS in place of C.

Break off C and cont using MS **only**.

Row 7 K1, * M1, k into front and back of next st to inc 1; rep from * to last st, M1, k1 (30 sts).

Do NOT break yarn but leave these 30 sts on a holder.

Make up

Do NOT press.

TOP FRILL

With **WS** facing, 4½mm (US 7) needles and MS, k30 from second side, then 30 from first side (60 sts).

Work in garter st for 9 rows, ending with **WS** facing for next row. Cast off.

Join Sides along row-end edges, leaving openings for handle and spout. Using 2 strands each of MS and C, make a twisted cord approx 30cm (12in) long and knot ends, forming tiny tassels. Thread cord through last two-colour row of Sides, pull up tight and tie in a bow.



The colours are carried across the back of the work, and pulled tight enough to form 'pleats' on the front. For other stranded colourwork, take care NOT to pull the yarns so tight!

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