

Teacosy by Rose Ovenden



Double layered, in 5 or 8 ply ESN on Standard Gauge Machine This is knitted in two parts, with the lining attached top and bottom, and sides sewn later. Size is for medium teapot, about 3-4 cup; add or subtract stitches for different sizes, in groups of 12 (if using a 12 stitch punch card) plus 2 sts. Tension is about 8, or looser. 'Knit' side is right side.

Materials: about 100gm each of yarn for outside and lining, plus extra in other colours, if doing fair-isle. 12 stitch pattern card, or compatible 24 st card: eg. Singer nos. 2, 8 or 18.

- Select 50 alternate needles, 25 each side of 0, starting with the one to the *left* of 0 if using 12 st pattern card. Push latches back and hang dummy rag, or knit some rows in waste yarn.
- Hang claw weights each side. Knit across with nylon cord at T = 9 or 10, if using dummy. RC = 000, carriage in stocking stitch setting.
- Knit 2 or more rows at T = 8 in MC; it's handy for sewing up if 30 cm ends are left.
- When ready to begin pattern, insert card, memorise on next row, add C2 to second feeder, reset carriage to fair-isle, T = 9, and knit desired number of rows. Remember to move weights up, and select end stitches to st st (not fair-isle) to form a neater edge for sewing up.
- Reset to stocking stitch and MC, T = 8, and remove card, when fair-isle pattern completed. Note down exactly which rows your pattern began and ended, and the tensions.
- Knit to RC=50 rows, or more if teapot is taller than wide. (You can make a rough estimate of *how many more rows*, by taking the weights off temporarily, measuring the teapot, and measuring your rows per inch. Do the sums, & replace the weights!)
- Next row: make an eyelet every 3rd st - ie transfer every 3rd st to next needle, leaving empty needle in work.
- Knit 10 or 12 rows.

- Next row: make an eyelet every 2nd st: this is the picot edge turning row: cut MC, leaving 30cm tail, and begin next row with lining colour. Take note of RC number, and make sure your lining equals the same number of rows. T=8
- Knit 10 or 12 rows as before, and then make an eyelet every 3rd stitch as before.
- Then knit plain rows till RC is double what it was at the picot edge turning row, making last row at slightly looser tension.
- Remove weights; pick up cast-on edge and hook it onto its original needles, so beginning and end can be joined together.
- Remove nylon cord and dummy rag, then knit next row together by hand (ie needle by needle), casting off as you go, or cast off, by hand again, next row, using either the MC or the lining colour, for a different effect .
- Cast off loosely or round gate pegs.
- Make the other side the same; make sure you have the same no of sts and rows, and that your fair-isle is on the same rows each side - don't laugh, it's easy to get it wrong if you haven't noted down what you did before - I've done it!
- Mattress stitch up both sides of each piece, then place the two pieces together, linings facing each other (right sides out) and sew them together top and bottom, leaving holes for the handle and spout.
- Make an i-cord in the main or lining colour, and thread it through the eyelets, which should, more or less, match up on outer and lining.
- Tie a nice bow on whatever side you think looks better, and voila!