

Stained Glass Tea Cosy

1 skein each Shepherd Classic in white, 1 skein Kraemer Naturally Nazareth in Dusk

Size 4.5mm needles

Gauge 20 stitches, 26 rows to 4"

Pattern Stitch – multiple of 6 stitches

Row 1: Using contrasting colour, purl all stitches

Row 2: Using contrasting colour, knit all stitches

Row 3: Using Main colour, Knit 4 slip 2

Row 4: Using Main Colour, Purl all knit stitches, slip all slipped stitches

Row 5: Using Main colour, Knit 4, slip 2 – repeat to end of row

Row 6: Repeat row 4

Row 7: Repeat row 1

Row 8 Repeat row 2

Row 9: Using Main colour, Knit 1, *slip 2, knit 4* repeat from * to * to end of row, ending with knit 3

Row 10: Repeat row 4

Row 11: Repeat Row 9

Row 12: Repeat Row 4

These 12 rows make up the pattern

Using contrasting colour, cast on 48, using Picot cast on. Begin pattern stitch at row 1, and complete 4 repeats (48 rows). Using B, purl one row.

Knit 6 rows in a K1, P1 rib

Begin decreasing for top:

K2tog across row – 24 stitches

Knit 6 rows in K1, P1 rib

K2tog across row – 12 stitches

Knit 6 rows in stockinette

Cast off 12 stitches. Make another side the same.

Make the Ras Tea curls:

With 5 mm crochet hook, chain 20 stitches. Skip first chain, 2 sc in next chain, 1 sc in next. Repeat from * to end of chain. Do not break yarn! You're making a string of curls. Attach colour B and make another curl the same. Alternating colours, make about 25 – 30 curls. Piece will be about 12" long. Break both yarns, leaving about 12" tail on each. Sew curls on top of tea cosy as follows: lay cosy flat, position curls about one half inch from top of cosy, and tack into place, winding the top edge of the curl strip around top of cosy.



To Make Up The Cosy

First join the top of the cosy, then place on a teapot and pin both sides above and below the spout and handle. Remove from the pot and sew together the pinned portions. With a 4.5mm, crochet hook, work round the spout and handle openings in crochet using B, thus: 1 d.c. into the last k. st. at the lower end of the opening, * 3 ch., miss 1 k. st., 2 tr. Into the next st., 3 ch., miss 1 st., 1 d.c. into next st.; repeat from * to end of round, where sl.-st. to first st. and fasten off.

Sew on the Ras-Tea curls by dividing the strip of curls into thirds – sew one third on to one side just slightly below the top seam, carry on in the same manner and join the second third to the other side, now bring the remaining third up and sew it onto the top seam. Weave in ends. Shake the cosy to allow the curls to fall into place.

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