



Christmas Tea Cozy

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To fit a six cup 8" tall and 10" around teapot

- **Yarn**
 - Approximately 150 yards of various yarns leftover from projects.
 - The main body is made using Cascade 220 red, green & yellow yarn.
 - The fringe bobble yarn is Lion Brand Fancy Fur I carried along with the Cascade 220.
- **Needles**
 - Two US 6 circular needles 16".
 - One set of US 6 double-pointed needles
 - (or size you need to obtain correct gauge)
- **Gauge**
 - 18 stitches = 4" in stockinette stitch
- **Other supplies**
 - Tapestry needle, yarn holders, marker

The Instructions for the Tea Cozy

Knitting the rib

With red yarn on circular size 6 needles cast on 88 stitches and join into a round. Be careful not to twist stitches. Work K1, P1 rib until piece measures 1" from beginning.

Knitting the front

Move 44 stitches to the second set of circular size 6 needles slipping the stitches as if to purl.

Row 1: Knit
Row 2: Purl
Row 3: Knit
Row 4: Purl

Repeat rows 1 – 4

Continue working back and forth on the front stitches until the piece measures 2" from the beginning.

Tie on the green yarn.

Repeat rows 1 – 4

Continue working back and forth on the front stitches until the green piece measures 3" from the beginning.

Attach Fancy Fur yarn with green and knit until piece measures 4" from the beginning.

Cut Fancy Fur leaving 6" tail to weave in and continue working back and forth on the front stitches with the green yarn repeating rows 1 – 4 until the piece measures 4.5" from the bottom. Place stitches on a stitch holder.

Knitting the Back

Work the back the same as the front.

Knitting the Top

To join the front and back, (RS row) using one set of circular needles. knit the back stitches place marker for beginning of round, and knit the front stitches. You are ready to knit in the round again.

Knit 4 rounds.

Next Round *K20, K2 tog repeat from*. (84 stitches)

Knit 1 round even

Begin regular decreases as follows.

Decrease Round 1: *K12, K2tog, repeat from *. (78 stitches)

Decrease Round 2: Knit

Decrease Round 3: *K12, K2tog, repeat from *. (72 stitches).

Decrease Round 4: Knit

Continue in this manner, decreasing 6 stitches on every other row until 42 stitches remain ending with a knit row.

Change to double pointed needles and work decrease only rounds (no plain rounds between decrease rounds) until 12 stitches remain. Change to yellow yarn.

Next Round: *K2tog; repeat from *. (6 stitches).

Next Round: *K2tog; repeat from *. (3 stitches).

Knitting the Topknot

With 3 remaining stitches, knit 3-stitch I-cord for 3.5". Cut the yarn, fasten off, weave in end and tie in top knot.