

Cozy Bells

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I have been knitting Tea Cozies pretty much as long as I have been knitting. At first - they were just for me. I knit them for my pots and as gifts for friends. Once I started to design, I started to share the pattern in a whole collection of whimsical cozies.

And just because I can, and just because I think a cozy should be whimsical and more than a little over the top; This year, I have designed a Christmas Themed Cozy. Covered in Christmas themed embellishments, holly and berries, bells that jingle softly and a large poinsettia, this cozy is simply a homage to everything I love about Christmas!

Please note that the cozy is attractive without the embellishments. So, if you are not a fan of embellishing the Cozy will still look great on its own!

Materials: Worsted Weight Yarns, 150m of main, and 100m of 3 secondary colours, sample used Estelle worsted yarns, 4mm US #6 40cm 16-inch circular needles and 3.5mm US #4 dpns, markers and the regular notions. If bells are desired in the bell shapes – 1 bell per shape created will be required.
Sample shown in Medium size.

Gauge: 22 stitches and 24 rows to 4 inches using 4mm needles.

Sizes: X-small, 12-13 inch circumference, Small, 13-14 inch circumference, Medium, 15-16 inch circumference, Large, 17-18 inches circumference.

How to Size your Cozy: You will need the 3 following measurements:
Circumference at the widest part of your pot – do not include spout or handle. _____.
Height of your pot at the rim. _____.
Height your spout and handle come out of the teapot. _____.
Pick the circumference measurement that is closest to your teapot's size and use that number of sts for your initial cast-on. You will use the other measurements later in the pattern.





Abbreviations: **LH** – left hand. **RH** – right hand. **S1** – Slip one stitch; **SSK** – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the LH needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together. **M1** – Make 1 st by using your RH needle and lifting the running yarn between the last st on the RH needle and the first st on the LH needle, placing the yarn onto the LH needle and knit into the back of the yarn to twist it closed and make a new st. **M1e** – use a backward or “e” loop to make a new stitch. **YO** – bring the yarn forward between your needles and then knit your next st as normal, allowing the yarn to loop over your RH needle to form a new st. **S2KP2 – S2, K1, P2sso** – Slip the next 2 sts on the LH needle as a unit knitwise, K1 and then pass the 2 slipped sts over as a unit. **K1f&b** – make a new stitch by knitting into the front and back of the next st.

MB (make bobble) – into the next st, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1 – 5 sts. Turn, P5; turn, K5; turn P2tog, P1, P2tog; turn, K3; turn, P3tog. Bobble is complete.

To knit a Garter Ridge – working with the contrasting colour, knit 1 round, purl 1 round.

Notes: Beehive spout shaping and split lid variations also included in pattern.

Pattern

Choose your hem style, picot hem or bobble.

Working with 4.0mm cast-on 64, 72, 88 or 96 sts. Place BORM and join into a round.

Start your Cozy with a Picot Hem or Fold: (not shown) with your circular needle cast on required number of sts for your teapot’s size. Place BORM and join sts into a round, being careful not to twist your sts.

knit 5 rounds (can be 6 or 7 rounds if you wish your tea cozy to have a deeper hem).

Next round: *YO, K2tog*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Knit 5 more rounds.

For striped hem or fold – add the stripes immediately after the picot YO round. Work the contrast colour over the K2tog st and the fold colour over the YO’s.

Next round, pick-up stitches from cast-on edge to knit hem in place.

Method for pick-up – *with your needle trace the first stitch on the LH needle down to the cast-on st (or colour change sts for the picot fold), lift the loop from the cast-on and place on the LH needle and knit the loop together with the first stitch*. Repeat from * to * for every stitch on that row – picot hem (fold) is complete.

Optional – add a finish to the hem: Knit a contrasting colour garter ridge, or purl 1 round with the hem colour.

Start your Cozy with a Bobble Cast-on: With your circular needle cast on required amount of sts for your teapot’s size.

Place BORM and join into a round, being careful not to twist your sts.

Purl one round.

Bobble round: K1, *MB, K3*, repeat from * to *, ending last repeat K2.

Purl one round.

Design suggestions: alternate colours of bobbles in a pattern or randomly.

Cozy Body:

The bulk of the body of the tea cozy is knit back and forth. Either with 2 sides for a traditional teapot with traditional spout and handle or in one piece with a shaped spout opening for non-traditional pots, like a French press or a beehive teapot. If you have a large teapot with higher starting handles or spout, you can knit a few rounds before splitting your cozy to knit back and forth.

The body of the tea-cozy is usually knit with colourwork patterns. This thickens the wall of the cozy to help keep the tea warmer for longer. My favourite pattern is the Gingham pattern. It is an easy to knit pattern and works fabulously as a background for the embellishments.

Continue your cozy body as written. Work as indicated for each hem style.



Picot hem start working from the Gingham pattern chart working 32, (36, 44 or 48) sts in pattern for the first half of the cozy body. Work body in pattern to the desired height for the start of the lid. Place sts on hold. Repeat for the second half.

Bobble Hem start working from the Gingham pattern chart. Work 2 rounds in pattern before splitting the body in half. Continue working from the Gingham pattern chart working 32, (36, 44 or 48) sts in pattern for the first half of the cozy body. Work in body pattern to the desired height for the start of the lid. Place sts on hold. Repeat for the second half.

If your tea-pot is a traditional pot then knit to the required height of the lid line of your tea-pot and reconnect the body into a round. If you are knitting a cozy with a beehive style spout – follow the directions in the box.

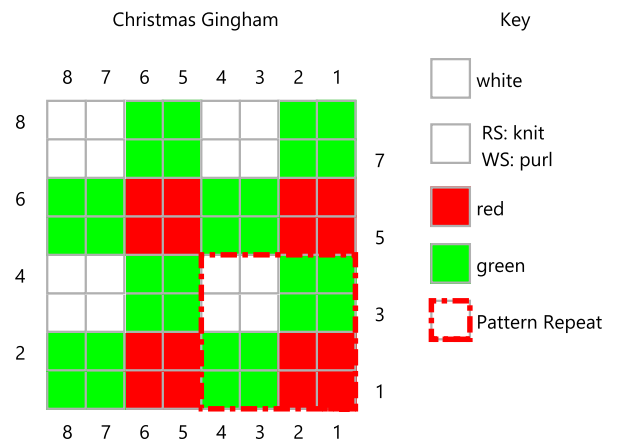
After reconnecting your cozy body into a round insert a **Picot Fold** – to insert a fold in the middle of a cozy, knit your fold as for the picot hem.

The Picot fold is easiest to do if it is in a contrasting colour. The technique is the same as the Picot-hem, except that you pick-up the last stitch of the cozy body to knit with the final row of stitches of the picot-fold. If the fold and cozy body are the same colour it is harder to keep the lines straight.

Now you can knit your cozy lid.

Garter Ridge with 4 st decrease – work this ridge for the x-small and medium sizes so that the st count is divisible by 12.

Work garter st ridge in chosen colour – red in the sample. Move to decrease chart.



Beehive or French Press Spout Variation: Place marker at the center line of the body of the cozy, exactly opposite the handle opening. At approximately ½ inch below the height that the spout starts to emerge from the body of the pot, start increasing on either side of the marker, using the M1 increase. Increase on every other row until the body and spout are at the lid height.

Work the spout stitches in a different pattern from the cozy body, usually a 1x1 stripe, if your cozy body is a 1x1 stripe, simply change one of the striping colours in the spout. When connecting the body back into the round, knit across the spout stitches and cast-off with the contrasting colour, leaving the main colour behind, this creates the cast-off edge around the outside edge of the spout. To reconnect into the round on the inside (lid side) of the spout use the main colour and a backwards loop cast-on leaving the spout open. Reconnect the contrast colour if still using. Try 2 -3 backward loops and then try the cozy on the pot to make sure that the opening is big enough.

X-small cozy –

start on round #5 of decreasing chart. Repeat the chart 5 times around the cozy.

Small cozy – start on round #3 of decreasing chart. Repeat the chart 6 times around the cozy.

Medium cozy – start on round #1 of the decreasing chart. Repeat the chart 7 times around the cozy.

Large cozy – start on round #1 of the decreasing chart. Repeat the chart 8 times around the cozy.

Once the chart has been completed there will be 5 (6, 7, 8) sts on the needles. Finish with Peppermint I-cord.

Peppermint I-cords

Work the I-cord with 2 colours alternating the yarns for every round.

I-cord from live sts:

Each of the I-cords needs to be 4 sts. And there needs to be two i-cords.

Set-up for x-small cozy – K1, M1, K1, M1 (3 sts left, hold on an extra dpn)

Set-up for small cozy – K2, M1, K1 (3 sts left, hold on an extra dpn)

Set-up for medium cozy – K2, M1, K1 (4 sts left, hold on an extra dpn)

Set-up for large cozy – K4 (4 sts left, hold on an extra dpn)

Method – Basic I-cord with no colour striping – Working with 2 dpn's, do **not** turn work, instead *slide stitches to other end of the needle and pulling the yarn tightly from the last stitch worked, knit the next row*, repeat from * to * until the cord is desired length.

Sample cords are approx. 12 – 18 inches long. They need to be long enough to tie a bow and attach bells to the ends.

Embellishments

Note – on embellishments – there will be many ends to deal with. Some will need to be woven in. Most will be used to place



the embellishments where desired. They will tack down leaves and can be used to add shape. Once on the inside of the cozy they can be tied off instead of woven in.

3.5mm dpns are used for all embellishments.

Bells – pick-up 6 sts from the cord.

Knit 1 round.

Kf&b into every st – 12 sts

Knit 1 round.

(K1, Kf&b) 6 times – 18 sts.

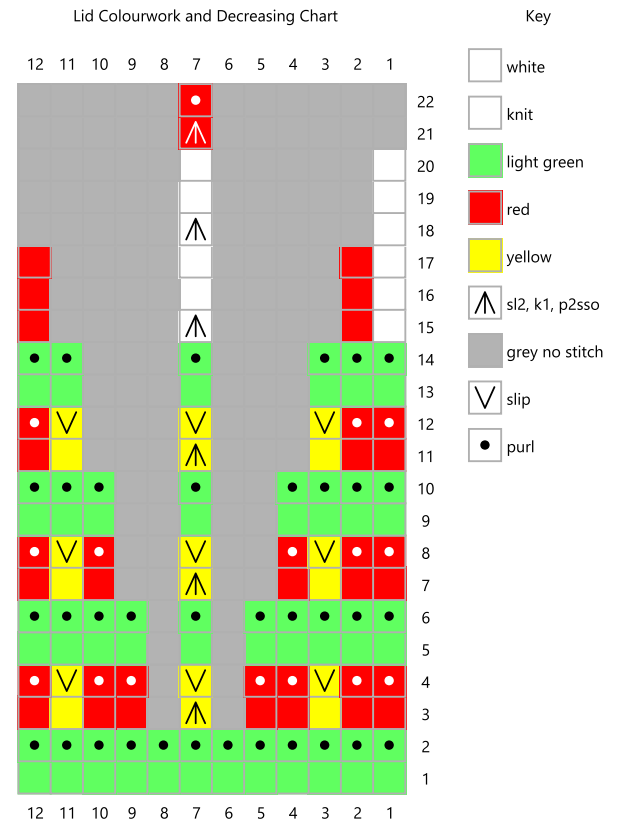
Knit to desired length.

Samples were 7 to 9 rounds deep.

Once the bell is desired length – Purl 1 round and then bind-off in knit.

Turn bell shape inside out and sew jingle bell to center.

Repeat as desired. Sample cozy had 5 bells on 1 cord and 4 bells on the other.





Holly Sprig – leaf and bobbles

Leaf – cast-on 3 sts and knit approx. 1 inch of I-cord (5-6 rounds).

Start leaf – K1, M1, P1, M1, K1 – 5 sts.

Row 2 – purl.

Row 3 – K2, M1, P1, M1, K2 – 7 st

Row 4 – purl

Row 5 – K3, M1, P1, M1, K3 – 9 sts

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – cast-off 2, K1, M1, P1, M1, K4 – 9 sts

Row 8 – cast-off 2, purl – 7 sts

Row 9 – K3, M1, P1, M1, K3 – 9 sts

Row 10 – purl

Row 11 – cast-off 2, K1, M1, P1, M1, K4 – 9 sts

Row 12 – cast-off 2, purl – 7 sts

Row 13 – K3, M1, P1, M1, K3 – 9 sts

Row 14 – purl

Row 15 – cast-off 5, M1, knit 4

Row 16 – cast-off to end

Pick-up 3 sts from the side of holly leaf stem and repeat the Holly leaf instructions for a second leaf. Once that is complete make 3 (or more) bobbles in red for the berries.

Method – pick-up 1 st where you want to put the bobble and MB. Once bobble is complete tie the start and finish ends together.



Attach holly as a unit where desired. Sample cozy had two sprigs on each side of the cozy.

Poinsettia – large detail – approx. 5 inches across – 4 layers – leaf, 2 layers of petal, and bobble center

The leaf and petals are basically the same shape. The way they start is different and the sizes are different.

Leaves

Cast-on 3 sts for i-cord. Knit 6 or 7 rounds.

Start leaf – K1, YO, K1, YO, K1.

Row 2 and all WS rows are purled.

Row 3 – K2, YO, K1, YO, K2.

Row 5 – K3, YO, K1, YO, K3

Row 7 – K4, YO, K1, YO, K4.

Row 9 – K5, YO, K1, YO, K5

Row 11 – K6, YO, K1, YO, K6 – 15 st.

Row 13 – knit.

Row 15 – K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, k1 – 13 sts.

Cut yarn and pull the yarn through the remaining st.

Pick-up 3 sts from the I-cord “stem” and create another leaf.

Large Petals

Cast-on 15 sts. All of the petals will be knit from this cast-on.

Each petal will use 3 of the cast-on sts as a base.

☀️ With RS facing, K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, turn work, P5, turn work
K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, turn work, P7, turn work



Row 17 – K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, k1 – 11 sts.

Row 19 – K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, k1 – 9 sts.

Row 21 – K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, k1 – 7 sts.

Row 23 – K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, k1 – 5 sts.

Row 25 – K1, S2KP2, k1 – 3 sts.

Row 27 – S2KP2 – 1 st.



K3, YO, K1, YO, K3, turn work, P9, turn work
 K4, YO, K1, YO, K4, turn work, P11, turn work
 K5, YO, K1, YO, K5, turn work, P13, turn work
 Knit, turn work, purl, turn work
 K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 – 11 sts, turn work, purl
 K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 – 9 sts, turn work, purl
 K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 – 7 sts, turn work, purl
 K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 – 5 sts, turn work, purl
 K1, S2KP2, k1 – 3 sts, turn work, purl
 S2KP2 – 1 st.
 Cut yarn and pull the yarn through the remaining st.
 Move to next 3 sts in the cast-on, reattach yarn and repeat petal
 from 🌟 **Work the repeat a total of 5 times to create 5 petals.**

Small Petals

Cast-on 10 sts. All of the petals will be knit from this cast-on.
 Each petal will use 2 sts from the cast-on as base.

🌟 With RS facing, K1, YO, K1, turn work, P3, turn work
 K1, YO, K1, YO, K1, turn work, P5, turn work
 K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, turn work, P7, turn work
 K3, YO, K1, YO, K3, turn work, P9, turn work
 K4, YO, K1, YO, K4, turn work, P11, turn work
 K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 – 9 sts, turn work, purl
 K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 – 7 sts, turn work, purl
 K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 – 5 sts, turn work, purl
 K1, S2KP2, k1 – 3 sts, turn work, purl
 S2KP2 – 1 st.
 Cut yarn and pull the yarn through the remaining st.
 Move to next 2 sts in the cast-on, reattach yarn and repeat petal
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Create Poinsettia

The tails are used to shape and tack the pieces in place. Do not permanently weave in or knot off these pieces until the flower has the effect that you want.
 Start by stretching and angling the leaves to fit into the space on the lid or side of the cozy. Using the tails, tack the leaf down.

Next circle and layer the large petals over the leaves. Use the tails to tack the petal in place.

Next circle and layer the small petals over the large petals. Make sure that the petals off-set each other. Use the tail to tack the petals in place.



Finish by making yellow bobbles to fill the space in the center of the petals. Using a dpn needle tip pull up a st from the lid, MB. Repeat for 5 – 7 bobbles. Tack the bobbles down.

Weave or knot in all ends. The cozy is complete!

