

# Cabled Tea Cosy

This tea cosy is ideal for the smaller teapots that are so popular at the moment.

But it can easily be adapted for a larger teapot.

The stitch pattern is in multiples of 11 with a knit 5 border. To make it larger cast on an extra 11 stitches and add an extra cable and purl section. Just make sure you 'try it on' your teapot once in a while.

## You will need to know how to:

- Cast on
- Knit
- Purl
- 3 Stitch Back Cable (C3B)
- Bind off
- Sew a running stitch.

## Equipment needed:

4.5mm needles

50g of 8 ply or DK weight yarn (you'll probably use less)



## Pattern instructions:

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Row 1: K5 P5 K6 P5 K6 P5 K6 P5 K5

Row 2: K5 K5 P6 K5 P6 K5 P6 K5 K5

Row 3: K5 P5 K6 P5 K6 P5 K6 P5 K5 (Same as Row 1)

Row 4: K5 K5 P6 K5 P6 K5 P6 K5 K5 (Same as Row 2)

Row 5: K5 P5 C3B P5 C3B P5 C3B P5 K5

Row 6: K5 K5 P6 K5 P6 K5 P6 K5 K5 (Same as Row 2)

Repeat these 6 rows 7 times (or until it reaches the top of your tea-pot).

Make 2 pieces.

Seam the two pieces together (making sure both cable sides are facing each other) at the top and then the bottom leaving a big gap in the middle for the handle and the spout.

Then do a simple running stitch through the top (again measure it on the teapot to see what looks best) then pull the running stitch tight to create a ruffly look.



Turn it proper side out. Voila! Toasty and cosy tea.

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## How to cable without a needle.

A lot of people are daunted by cables, probably in the same way that I am currently daunted by colour-work.

The secret with cables is to be brave, always have a crochet hook handy to catch errant slipped stitches, and use yarn that has a high twist. You want a yarn that you can take off your needles and still see well defined loops.

Please note that I did not invent this method, but I find myself explaining it to other knitters so often that I decided to write a tutorial for it.

## Cable instructions:

### *3 x 3 Right Facing Cable (C3B).*

Bring yarn to front

Slip 3 stitches purl wise

Bring yarn to back

Knit 3 stitches

Insert the left needle in the back of the 3 stitches you slipped.

Pinching the base of the 6 stitches, remove the right needle from the 3 knitted stitches and insert it into back into the 3 knitted stitches on the right hand needle.

This has brought those 3 stitches behind the 3 stitches you slipped.

Knit the 3 slipped stitches that are now on your left hand needle.

### *3 x 3 Left Facing Cable (C3F) – not used in this pattern, but useful to know*

Slip 3 stitches purl wise.

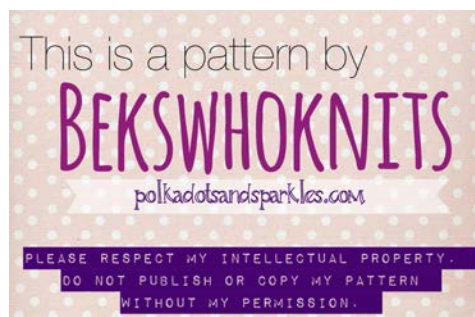
Knit 3 stitches,

Insert the left needle in the front of the 3 stitches you slipped.

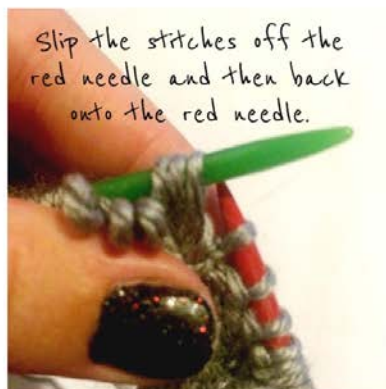
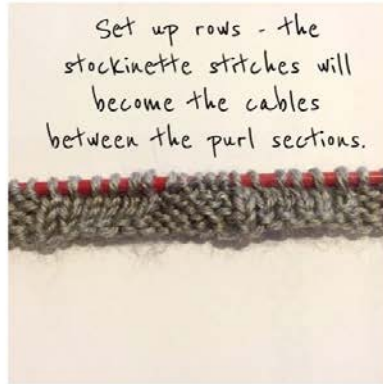
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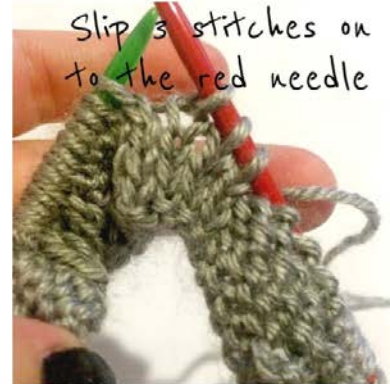


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