

Pug Tea Cosy

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Dress up your teapot with an adorable pug tea cosy! No one will be able to resist sharing a cup of tea with this cutie. The tea cosy is a quick knit in two main pieces, front & back, which are then seamed along the sides, leaving gaps for the teapot handle and spout. The ears are knit separately in contrasting yarn, so that they can be positioned, along with the button eyes & tail, to your liking to give your pug a unique character. Five pompoms are used to create the finishing touch - four paws & a black snout. The best part is that this pug will loyally sit and keep your tea warm for hours. Should your pug get dirty, the acrylic yarn is machine washable and dryable, although washing inside out on a delicate setting is recommended.



Knitted Measurements

Sized for a 6-cup teapot

Yarn

Vanna's Choice by Lion Brand (100g/156 m per ball): 2 balls in *Linen*, 1 ball in *Black*

Materials

- Pair of 5.0 mm needles (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Tapestry needle (for finishing)
- 2 buttons, 15 mm diameter
- Pompom maker or cardboard
- Stuffing (for head)

Gauge

18 sts, 20 rows in stockinette = 4"/10 cm

Stitch Glossary

SKP: Slip 1 st knitwise from left needle to right needle, k1 st, then pass slipped st over knit st.

M1R: Make 1 st by inserting the left needle from *back to front* under the yarn connecting the previous st, and the next st. Using the right needle, knit into the *front* loop.

M1L: Make 1 st, similar to above, except insert left needle from *front to back*, and use the right needle to knit into the *back* loop.

M1: Make 1 st using any method of your choice.

Instructions

BACK

In *Linen* colour yarn, cast on 39 sts. Leave long cast-on tail to sew side seam.

Row 1 (RS): Knit

Row 2 (WS): Knit

Rep these 2 rows 2 more times.

Inc Row (RS): k8, [m1, k6] 5 times, k1 (44 sts).

Next Row: k2, purl until 2 sts rem, k2.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: k2, purl until 2 sts rem, k2.

Rep these 2 rows until piece measures 4.5".

****Row1 (RS):** k8, [k2tog, k5] 5 times, k1 (39 sts).

Row 2 and all even rows (WS): Purl.

Row 3: [k4, k2tog] 6 times, k3 (33 sts).

Row 5: k1, [k2tog, k3] 6 times, k2 (27 sts).
Row 7: k2, [k2tog, k1] 8 times, k1 (19 sts).
Row 9: k2, [k2tog, k1] 5 times, k2 (14 sts).

Work even for 2 rows.

Row 1 (RS): k2, M1L, k3, M1L, k4, M1R, k3, M1R, k2 (18 sts).

Row 2 and all even rows (WS): Purl.

Row 3: k2, M1L, k4, M1L, k6, M1R, k4, M1R, k2 (22 sts).

Row 5: k2, M1L, k5, M1L, k8, M1R, k5, M1R, k2 (26 sts).

Work even for 10 rows.

Row 1 (RS): k1, SKP, k4, SKP, k8, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1 (22 sts).

Row 2 and all even rows (WS): Purl.

Row 3: k1, SKP, k3, SKP, k6, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1 (18 sts).

Row 5: k1, SKP, k2, SKP, k4, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1 (14 sts).

Row 7: BO rem 14 sts.

FRONT

In **Linen** colour yarn, cast on 39 sts. Leave long cast-on tail to sew side seam.

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): k10, p6, k7, p6, k10.

Rep these 2 rows 2 more times.

Inc Row (RS): k5, m1, k11, m1, k3, m1 k4, m1, k11, m1, k5 (44 sts).

Next Row (WS): k11, p6, k10, p6, k11.

Row 1 (RS): k2, p9, k6, p10, k6, p9, k2.

Row 2(WS): k11, p6, k10, p6, k11.

Row 3: k3, p8, k6, p10, k6, p8, k3.

Row 4: k2, p2, k7, p6, k10, p6, k7, p2, k2.

Row 5: k5, p6, k6, p10, k6, p6, k5.

Row 6: k2, p4, k5, p6, k10, p6, k5, p4, k2.

Row 7: k7, p4, k6, p10, k6, p4, k7.

Row 8: k2, p6, k3, p6, k10, p6, k3, p6, k2.

Row 9: k9, p2, k7, p8, k7, p2, k9.

Row 10: k2, p8, k1, p8, k6, p8, k1, p8, k2.

Next Row (RS): Knit.

Next Row (WS): k2, purl until 2 sts rem, k2.

Rep these two rows until piece measures 4.5".

Shape neck & head as for BACK, starting from **.

EARS

In **Black** colour yarn, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit.

Rep these two rows 2 more times.

Next Row: Slip 1, k2tog, pssso, k1, k3tog (3 sts).

Next Row: Slip 1, k2tog, pssso. (1 st).

BO last st.

TAIL

Cast on 6 sts, leaving long cast-on tail for sewing seam.

Rows 1 & 3: Knit.

Rows 2 & 4: Purl

Row 5: [k1, m1, k1, m1, k1] twice (10 sts).

Work even until piece measures 2".

Next Row (RS): [k1, k2tog, k2tog] twice (6 sts).

Work 3 rows even.

Next Row (RS): [k3tog] twice (2 sts).

Next Row (WS): p2tog. BO rem st.

Sew side seam & stuff tail. Sew tail to the bottom middle the BACK. To 'curl' tail, sew both bottom and tip of tail to BACK.



POM POMS

Make a total of 5 pompoms, approximately 2" in diameter (4 **Linen** pompoms for paws, 1 **Black** pompom for snout.)

Finishing

Using tapestry needle, sew bottom 1.5" of side seams. Leave a 2"-3" gap in each side seam for teapot handle and spout.

Continue sewing to seam neck and head.

Sew on ears, button eyes, and pompoms.

Weave in all loose ends.