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BEEHIVE TEA COZY | KNIT



MATERIALS

Patons® Classic Wool Roving™ (3.5 oz/100 g; 120 yds/109 m)

2 balls 77615 (Yellow)

Size 6 mm (U.S. 10) knitting needles or size needed to obtain tension. Optional bee applique: Black and gold worsted weight yarn. White sewing thread. Small piece of cardboard. Glue.

ABBREVIATIONS: www.yarnspirations.com/abbreviations

P2tog = Purl next 2 Approx = Approximately. stitches together.

Beg = Beginning. $\mathbf{P} = \text{Purl}$.

 $\mathbf{K} = Knit.$ **Psso** = Pass slipped stitch

K2tog = Knit next 2over.

stitches together. Rep = Repeat. **RS** = Right side. **SI1** = Slip next stitch. St(s) = Stitch(es).

INTERMEDIATE

SIZE

Approx 8½" x 9" [21.5 x 23 cm] to fit 6-8 cup tea pot.

GAUGE

15 sts and 20 rows = 4'' [10 cm] in stocking st.

INSTRUCTIONS

Front And Back (make 2 pieces alike).

Cast on 27 sts loosely.

1st row: (RS). Knit. Place markers at each end of last row.

2nd row: Knit. 3rd row: Purl.

4th to 8th rows: Rep last 2 rows twice 13th row: K2. *K2tog. K2. Rep from * to more, then rep 2nd row once.

9th row: (RS-Make pleat). *Pick up horizontal loop at WS of st from marked row directly below next st and place on left-hand needle. Knit this stitch tog with next st on needle. Rep from * to end of row. 27 sts.

10th row: Purl. 11th row: Knit. 12th row: Purl.

13th row: Knit. Place markers at each end of last row.

Rep 2nd to 13th rows 3 times more, then

rep 2nd to 10th rows once more.

Shape top

1st row: (RS). K2. *K2tog. K3. Rep from * to end of row. 22 sts.

2nd row: Purl.

3rd row: Knit. Place markers at each end of last row.

4th row: Knit. 5th row: Purl.

6th to 10th rows: Rep last 2 rows twice

more, then rep 4th row once.

11th row: (RS-Make pleat). *Pick up horizontal loop of st from marked row directly below next st . Place beside next st on left-hand needle and K2tog. Rep from * to end of row. 22 sts.

12th row: Purl.

end of row. 17 sts.

14th to 22nd rows: As 2nd to 10th rows. **23rd row:** (RS-Make pleat). *Pick up horizontal loop of st from marked row directly below next st . Place beside next st on left-hand needle and K2tog. Rep from * to end of row. 17 sts.

24th row: Purl.

25th row: K2. *K2tog. K1. Rep from * to end of row. 12 sts.

26th to 34th rows: As 2nd to 10th rows. **35th row:** (RS-Make pleat). *Pick up horizontal loop of st from marked row directly below next st. Place beside next

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st on left-hand needle and K2tog. Rep from * to end of row. 12 sts.

36th row: Purl.

37th row: (K2tog) 6 times. 6 sts. **38th row:** P2. P2tog. P2. 5 sts.

39th row: K1. Sl1. K2tog. psso. K1. 3 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end and draw

tightly through rem 3 sts.

FINISHING

Sew side seams allowing pleats to lie flat and sewing through all thicknesses. Leave openings for handle and spout approx 41/2" [11.5 cm] on each side.

Optional bee applique: Cut cardboard to measure ¼" x ¾" [.5 x 2 cm]. Secure black yarn at back with glue and wrap around cardboard to cover completely. Wrap gold yarn to make 3 stripes. With white sewing thread, embroider eyes. Make wings with 8 strands of sewing thread and stitch with loops at either side of body. Sew to Tea Cozy.

