

# Flower Tea Cosy

## You need:

**For the base:** Any scrap yarn and needles to suit it.

## For the flowers:

- lots of scraps of different yarns
- needles to suit the yarns
- a collection of flower patterns – try [Knitting Pattern Central](#) to start you off. There are lots of other ideas on the internet.

**The first stage** is to make your basic cosy. For this, use any yarn(s) you don't like, as it will be completely covered.

Start at the centre of the top by making a circle as follows:

- cast on 8 sts, leaving enough of a tail to sew the sides of the piece together.
- k 1 row (making 1 ridge on right side).
- (k1, o) repeat to the last st, k1.
- k 3 rows (making 2 ridges on right side).
- (k1, o) repeat to the last st, k1.
- make 3 ridges on right side.
- (k1, o) repeat to the last st, k1.
- make 6 ridges on right side.
- (k1, o) repeat to the last st, k1.
- make 12 ridges on right side.
- (k1, o) repeat to the last st, k1.



The number of garter stitch ridges doubles between each row of increases. Continue until the circle is large enough to cover the diameter of the widest point of the teapot - probably from the tip of the spout to the outer edge of the handle.

Then make the sides\*\* by continuing to knit straight on the same number of stitches. You can continue to knit to & fro on 2 needles, but you will have to sew up more seam. If you change to a set of 4 needles & knit in the round you will just have to sew up the circle on the top.

**The next stage** is to knit a selection of flowers & leaves in random colours. Sew them onto the basic cosy.

**NOTE:** I made the sides with the yarn I didn't like. Then I got to the stage when I decided I didn't want to knit any more flowers, so the sides should be different. My idea was that the flowers were in a vase, so I made a cover for the sides, with a fluted edge round the top, & the sides in willow pattern Fair Isle. That is why you can see some plain blue at the bottom of the picture - and that is as effective as that idea gets. If I were doing this again, I would knit a plain strip to cover the sides in a nice colour. You could knit the original sides in the nice colour, but:

- The sides wouldn't be so well insulated.
- The sides would buckle under the weight of the top when the cosy wasn't in use. You may not mind that.

You could also just cover the whole thing in flowers as I'd originally planned to do.