

Jakityak's Adaptable Slipped Stitch Tea Cosy

I've made this pattern to be adaptable to any size teapot using any size yarn (within reason). Thus, this pattern is more of a recipe or a formula. Because you are knitting to measure, I do not provide stitch counts. I also cannot tell you how many repeats of the pattern you will need to get the length you want, nor information on yardage requirements. You should choose a needle size that gives you a fabric you like with the weight yarn you have chosen. For my example cosy, I used the following:

- 2 different colored fingering-to-sport weight yarns, 60 yards (almost exactly) of the gray, and even less of the blue.
- Size 4 US needles



Stitch Key:

MC: Main Color

CC: Contrast Color

RS: Right Side

WS: Wrong Side

KFandB: an increase where you knit twice into every stitch “into the front and back leg”

M1: Make one. I do this by lifting up the bar between stitches, giving it a twist and knitting into it.

M1P: Make one purl. Lift up the bar between stitches, give it a twist and purl into it.

Slip1WYIB: Slip one stitch holding the yarn in back of the work.

Slip1WYIF: Slip one stitch holding the yarn in front of the work.

[]: Repeat what occurs between the brackets according to directions

Crown

Using your main color:

Cast on 6 stitches and join in the round.

Row 1. Knit.

Row 2. K2F and B2 to end of round.

Row 3. Knit.

Row 4. [K1, M1.] Repeat to end of round.

Row 5. Knit.

Row 6. [K2, M1.] Repeat to end of round.

Row 7. Knit.

Row 8. Knit.

Row 9. [K3, M1.] Repeat to end of round.

Row 10. Knit.

Row 11. Knit.

Row 12. [K4, M1.] Repeat to end of round.

Row 13. Knit.

Row 14. Knit.

Row 15. [K5, M1.] Repeat to end of round.



Continue expanding in this incremental manner (2 rows plain knit followed by 1 row of increases) until the crown is wide enough to cover the teapot such that the sides won't be straining too hard if you extended them straight down. You are unlikely to need more than 10 stitches per wedge of even the lightest weight yarn, unless your teapot holds more than a quart (liter).

Sides

- Knit one round.
- Divide the stitches in half and place one half on a piece of waste yarn or a large stitch holder. From this point forward until you rejoin the two sides, you will be knitting flat.
- The slipped stitch pattern calls for a multiple of 4, plus 3. Because there are 6 wedges you may be off in the number of stitches you need. In this row, you will be “correcting” your stitch count by adding in those extra stitches to get the side panel to meet the multiple of 4, plus 3, pattern. To make your life easier, I worked out a chart for you so you know how many stitches need to be added depending on the number of stitches you have in your wedges:

# of stitches in wedge	# of stitches per side before adding stitches	# of stitches you need to add per side
5	30	1
6	36	3
7	42	1
8	48	3

- (WS) Purl a row on the live stitches with MC, distributing the M1Ps from the table above evenly. (If you only need to add one stitch, just pick a spot!)

Begin the slipped stitch pattern:

Row 1. (RS) With CC: P1, [K1, P1.] Repeat to end of row.

Row 2. (WS) With CC: P1, [K1, P1.] Repeat to end of row.

Row 3. (RS) With MC: P1, K1, P1 [Slip1WYIB, P1, K1, P1] Repeat to end of row.

Row 4. (WS) With MC: P1, K1, P1 [Slip1WYIF, P1, K1, P1] Repeat to end of row.

- Repeat these 4 rows until side measures about an inch and a half above the table when placed atop the teapot.
- Repeat Rows 1 and 2.
- Make a note of how many repeats it took for side 2. Place the side 1 stitches on a needle holder.
- Repeat the entire process above for side 2, except don't bother putting the stitches on a holder at the bottom.

Rejoining and finishing

- Pick up the stitches that were placed on a holder and using MC knit one row to join the sides back together at the bottom.
- Now you must reduce the number of stitches to be divisible by 4. Count your stitches and sort out how many stitches you need to eliminate (if any). Knit a row, distributing the number of decreases evenly using the method of your choice (e.g. ssk or k2tog).
- Subsequent rows: K2 P2 in the round for 3 rows.
- K2, P2tog. Repeat to end of row.
- K2 P1. Repeat to end of row.
- Repeat last row until desired length.
- Bind off with a stretchy bind-off.
- Weave in ends, brew a pot of tea and enjoy!

Optional finishing touches:

- Attach an i-cord loop or pompom to the top of the cosy to make it easy to pull off. Thanks to harleyanne of ravelry for the suggestion!
- If your teapot is tall, add button-and-loop closures to minimize gapping.