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**Cricket Cosy by Ros Clarke**

To fit a round teapot of circumference approximately 50 cm (20").



**Materials:**

DK weight yarn as follows:

Main colour (MC): approx 50g

Scraps of contrast A and B: approx 10g each

4 mm (US 6) straight needles

4 mm (US 6) circular needle/dpns for collar and armholes (optional)

**Gauge:**

22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 cm (4 inches) on a 4 mm (US 6) needle in stocking stitch.

The cosy is worked in two pieces, front and back. These are then joined at the shoulders before the collar is worked in the round. Then the side seams are joined and the armholes are worked in the round.

**Back**

Cast on 34 stitches in MC.

Beginning with k2, work 12 rows in k2 p2 rib as follows:

Rows 1-4: MC; Rows 5-6: A; Rows 7-8: B; Rows 9-10: A; Rows 11-12: MC

Work the rest of the back in MC only.

Row 13: [k1, M1, k1, p1, M1, p1] repeat to last two stitches, k1, M1, k1 (51 stitches)

Row 14: Cast off 8 stitches, [p2, k2, p4, k2, p1] three times, p2, k2, p4, k1  
Row 15: Cast off 7 stitches, [k2, p2, c4b, p2, k1] three times, k2 (36 stitches)

Continue in cable pattern as follows (use either the written or charted instructions):

Rows 16, 18, 20: [p3, k2, p4, k2] three times, p3

Rows 17, 19: [k3, p2, k4, p2] three times, k3

Row 21: [k3, p2, c4b, p2] three times, k3

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🞎 Knit on right side of work, purl on wrong side.

∙ Purl on right side of work, knit on wrong side.

**yu** Cable 4 behind: slip 2 stitches on to cable needle, hold at back of work. Knit 2, knit

2 from cable needle.

Repeat these six rows a further four times (row 45) and repeat row 16 once more.

Row 47: Knit 27 stitches in pattern. Turn.

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Row 48: Cast off 18 stitches.

Knit in pattern to end.

Row 49: Cast off 9 stitches.

Break yarn.

Rejoin yarn to remaining 9 stitches.

Row 47 (part ii): Knit in pattern to end.

Row 48 (part ii): Knit in pattern to end.

Row 49 (part ii): Cast off 9 stitches.

**Front**

Work as Back to row 21. Repeat six-row cable pattern once more.

Maintaining the cable pattern, now divide for the v-neck as follows:

Row 28: Knit in pattern

Row 29: Knit 18 stitches in pattern. Turn.

Row 30: P2tog, knit in pattern to end. (17 stitches)

Repeat rows 29 and 30 a further 8 times, maintaining the cable pattern. (9 stitches)

Rows 47-48: Knit in pattern.

Row 49: Cast off 9 stitches.

Break yarn and rejoin to remaining 18 stitches.

Row 29 (ii): Knit in pattern.

Row 30 (ii): Knit in pattern to last two stitches, p2tog.

Repeat rows 29 and 30 a further 8 times, maintaining the cable pattern. (9 stitches)

Rows 47-48: Knit in pattern.

Row 49: Cast off 9 stitches.

**Collar**

Join 'shoulder' seams. Using either a circular needle or double pointed needles and MC, starting at the right shoulder edge, pick up 57 stitches with right side facing as follows:

Right v-neck edge: 16

Centre stitch: 1

Left v-neck edge: 16

Back neck edge: 24

Rows 1-10: Knit in k2 p2 rib to 2 before centre stitch, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2 p2 rib to end.

Change colours as follows:

Rows 1-2: MC

Rows 3-4: A

Rows 5-6: B

Rows 7-8: A

Rows 9-10: MC

Row 11: Cast off in MC

**Armholes**

Join side seams. Using either a circular needle or double pointed needles and MC, starting at the right shoulder edge, pick up 56 stitches with right side facing.

Knit in k2 p2 rib using the same colour pattern as for collar. Cast off in MC.

Weave in all ends.

If you prefer, you can knit the collar and armholes flat. Join one shoulder seam before picking up and knitting the collar. Then join the other shoulder seam. Sew the side seams after knitting the armholes.

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