

Crochet Tea Cup Pincushion

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This reminds me so much of Nana Jess, my maternal grandmother – a cup of tea was a tradition with specific steps. “One spoonful of tea leaves for each person and one for the pot”, “stir only 3 times and always clockwise”, “Never, under any circumstance tap your spoon on the rim of the cup!”



Australian method

Pattern requirements

8 ply yarn (white)
8 ply yarn (brown)
Gold yarn for edge rows
White pipe cleaner
2.50 crochet hook (English size 12)
Tapestry needle
Stuffing (poly filling)

Abbreviations used

ch = chain
bpdc = back post double crochet
crab stitch = reverse double crochet (aka Cord stitch)
dc = double crochet
dec = decrease
inc = increase
rep = repeat
rnd = round
sl st = slip stitch
tr = treble

see http://www.cleckheaton.biz/media/how_to/crochet.pdf for general crochet instructions

American method

Pattern requirements

Double knitting yarn (white)
Double knitting yarn (brown)
Gold yarn for edge rows
White pipe cleaner
C-2 crochet hook
Wool needle
Stuffing

Abbreviations used

ch = chain
bpssc = back post single crochet
crab stitch = reverse single crochet (aka Cord Stitch)
sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet
dec = decrease
inc = increase
rep = repeat
rnd = round
sl st = slip stitch

see http://www.anniesattic.com/crochet/content.html?type_id=S for general crochet instructions

Cup

Using white yarn, ch 4, sl st join to make ring.

R1: ch 3, 14 tr into ring, sl st join at 3rd ch (15 st)

R2: ch 3, 2 tr into each tr, sl st join at 3rd ch (30 st)

R3: ch 2, bpdC to end of row, sl st join at 2nd ch

R4-7: ch 2, dc to end of row, sl st join at 2nd ch

R8: ch 2, *4 dc, 2 dc into next dc* rep to end, sl st join at 2nd ch

R9: ch 2, *5dc, 2 dc into next dc* rep to end, sl st join at 2nd ch

R10: ch 2, dc to end of row, sl st join at 2nd ch

R11: ch 2, *4 dc, 2 dc into next dc* rep to end, sl st join at 2nd ch

R12-16: ch 2, dc to end of row, sl st join at 2nd ch

R17: ch 2, *3 dc, 2 dc into next dc* rep to end, sl st join at 2nd ch

Cast off

Using gold yarn

R18: Crab stitch the edge.

Cast off

Saucer

Turn cup upside down, rejoin white at base of cup with RS of cup facing you, base of cup away.

R1: ch 2, dc to end of row, sl st join to 2nd ch

R2: ch 2, *4 dc, 2 dc into next dc* rep to end, sl st join to 2nd ch

R3: ch 2, *1 dc, 2 dc into next dc* rep to end, sl st join to 2nd ch

R4-5: ch 2, dc to end, sl st join to 2nd ch

R6: ch 2, *1 dc, 2 dc into next dc* rep to end, sl st join to 2nd ch

R7-9: ch 2, dc to end, sl st join to 2nd ch

Cast off

Using gold yarn

R10: Crab stitch the edge

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R4-7: ch 2, sc to end of row, sl st join at 2nd ch

R8: ch 2, *4 sc, 2 sc into next sc* rep to end, sl st join at 2nd ch

R9: ch 2, *5 sc, 2 sc into next sc* rep to end, sl st join at 2nd ch

R10: ch 2, sc to end of row, sl st join at 2nd ch

R11: ch 2, *4 sc, 2 sc into next sc* rep to end, sl st join at 2nd ch

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Cast off

Using gold yarn

R10: Crab stitch the edge

Cast off

Handle

Using white yarn

Ch 23, turn

R1: 4 tr, insert pipe cleaner in front of tr, *dc over pipe cleaner (ease loops to same size as tr)*, rep to end

Cast off

Coffee/tea

This is to be sewn inside the cup.

Ch 3, sl st join to make ring

R1: 6 dc into ring make this a continuous round so *do NOT sl st the end*, instead continue around, inc as required to keep the work flat until the circle is the right size to fit inside the cup 1 cm down from lip.

Cast off

Assembly

Cut pipe cleaner length to 5 cm at each end. The 4 tr end is the base of the handle. Bend into a handle shape.

At the cup row end side, Insert the base end of the pipe cleaner through the cup at approx 1 cm from base/saucer join.

Insert the top end of the pipe cleaner through the cup at approx 1 cm from lip of cup.

Twist the pipe cleaner ends together to secure the handle to the cup.

Thread the handle end threads through the cup and tie off.

Using white yarn, sew the brown circle 1 cm down inside the cup, stuff firmly when 3 cm left to join.

Finish sewing the circle in.

Done! So, what do you think? Another 5 and you have a tea party that just needs the cupcakes ☺

Cast off

Handle

Using white yarn

Ch 23, turn

R1: 4 dc, insert pipe cleaner in front of dc, *sc over pipe cleaner (ease loops to same size as dc)*, rep to end

Cast off

Coffee/tea

This is to be sewn inside the cup.

Ch 3, sl st join to make ring

R1: 6 sc into ring. Make this a continuous round so *do NOT sl st the end*, instead continue around, inc as required to keep the work flat until the circle is the right size to fit inside the cup ½ inch down from lip.

Cast off

Assembly

Cut pipe cleaner length to 1½ inches at each end. The 4 dc end is the base of the handle. Bend into a handle shape.

At the cup row end side, Insert the base end of the pipe cleaner through the cup at approx ½ inch from base/saucer join.

Insert the top end of the pipe cleaner through the cup at approx ½ inch from lip of cup.

Twist the pipe cleaner ends together to secure the handle to the cup.

Thread the handle end threads through the cup and tie off.

Using white yarn, sew the brown circle ½ inch down inside the cup, stuff firmly when 1½ inches left to join.

Finish sewing the circle in.

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