



## Handicraft

For our handicraft lesson, we will crochet a colorful tea cozy to honor the British tradition of drinking tea!

This is a beginner-friendly crochet pattern, though some prior knowledge is required. If you are a complete beginner, we recommend checking out the crochet section of our handicraft library to find links to simple stitch tutorials.

*"I've filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him skill and know-how and expertise in every kind of craft to create designs ... he's an all-around craftsman."*

~ Exodus 31:3-5

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# Beginner-Friendly Striped Tea Cozy

## Supplies Needed:

- Yarn in any colors you like
- 3.75 mm (F) crochet hook
- Scissors
- Pom pom maker (or cardboard rings)

## Glossary of Terms

- CH = Chain
- SC = Single Crochet
- DC = Double Crochet
- ST = Stitch
- T = Turn your work
- SK = Skip
- SL ST = Slip Stitch
- FO = Fasten Off (cut yarn and pull tail through loop to close)



**Row 1:** Chain (CH) 72. Starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, make 1 single crochet (SC) in each chain across. At the end, chain 3 and turn your work. You should have **71 stitches**.

**Row 2:** Skip 2 stitches, then make 3 double crochets (3DC) in the next stitch. Repeat this all the way across. At the end, make 1 double crochet (DC) in the very last stitch. Turn your work. You should have **23 clusters**.

(From now on, change yarn color at the start of each new row.)

Now we will make a small space where the teapot spout will poke out.

**Row 3:** Join your new yarn to the first stitch. CH 3, then make 3DC into the next gap (the space between clusters). Keep making 3DC into each gap until you've made **11 clusters**. Fasten off (FO) and cut your yarn.



Skip one cluster and join yarn in the next cluster. CH 3, then 2DC in the same space. Make 3DC into each gap across again (**11 clusters**). End with 1 DC in the last stitch, and FO.

**Row 4:** Join your yarn to the stitch. CH 3, 2DC in the same space, and make 3DC in each gap across (**11 clusters total**). End with 1 DC in the last stitch and FO. Skip the cluster again and join in the next cluster. Make 3DC in each gap across (**11 clusters**).

Repeat the patterns of Rows 3 and 4 three more times (8 rows total) or until the gap is tall enough for your teapot spout to fit through.

**Round 5:** Now we'll work in rounds (going in a circle) instead of rows. Join your yarn to the first stitch and CH3. Make 1DC in the same stitch, then 3DC into each gap around (**10 clusters**). When you reach the spout hole, make 2DC into the last stitch before the hole and 2DC into the first stitch after the hole. Continue with 3DC in each gap until you reach the beginning. SL ST to the top of the CH3 to close the round. (**24 clusters**)

**Round 6:** CH3, make 2DC in the same space, then 3DC in each gap around. SL ST to join. Repeat Round 6 until your tea cozy is as tall as you want (for most teapots, do this round 2 more times).

**Round 7:** CH3, 1DC in the same space, 2DC in next gap, 3DC in next gap. Repeat this pattern (2DC, 2DC, 3DC) all around. SL ST to join.

**Round 8:** CH3, 1 DC in same space, then make 2DC in each gap around. SL ST to join.

**Round 9:** CH3, 2DC in same space, skip next gap, 3DC in next gap, skip next gap, and repeat all the way around. SL ST to join. (**12 clusters**)



**Round 10:** Join your yarn in the first gap. CH3, 1 DC in same gap, and make 2DC in each gap around. SL ST to join. **(24 stitches)**

**Round 11:** SC2, then SC 2 together. Repeat this 6 times. **(18 stitches)**

**Round 12:** SC1, then SC 2 together. Repeat 6 times. **(12 stitches)**

Cut your yarn and pull the tail through. Use your yarn needle to pull the tail through the front loops of the last 12 stitches and tug tight to close the top hole.

SL ST in one of the bottom corners of the bottom row and CH51. Cut and pull tight. Repeat in the second corner. (These will be for tying the tea cozy in place beneath the handle.)

**Optional:** If you wish to add a hem to spout hole/handle hole, SL ST or SC across the edges of the gap, alternating 1 stitch in the first row, 2 stitches in the second row, repeating each row.)

**Make the Pom-pom:** Use a 3-inch pom pom maker or cardboard circles. Wrap with yarn in the same color as the top of the tea cozy. Tie tightly, trim to make it fluffy, and sew it to the top of your tea cozy.

**Make Tea:** Put the kettle on and enjoy a cuppa with tea kept warm in your new cozy!