

# Beehive Tea Cosy Knit

## Materials:

- Chunky Yarn in Yellow - 2 Balls
- Size 6mm knitting needles (or size needed to obtain tension)
- **Optional bee applique:** Black and gold DK yarn, White sewing thread, Small piece of cardboard and Glue

## Abbreviations:

- Approx = Approximately
- Beg = Beginning
- K = Knit
- K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together
- P2tog = Purl next 2 stitches together
- P = Purl
- Pss0 = Pass slipped stitch over
- Rep = Repeat
- RS = Right side
- Sl1 = Slip next stitch
- St(s) = Stitch(es)



## Size:

Approx 8 ½ " x 9 " [21.5 x 23 cm] to fit 6-8 cup tea pot

## Tension:

15 sts and 20 rows = 4" [10cm] in stocking st.

## Instructions:

**Front and Back** (make 2 pieces alike).

Cast on 27 sts loosely

**1st row:** (RS). Knit. Place markers at each end of last row

**2nd row:** Knit

**3rd row:** Purl

**4th to 8th rows:** Rep last 2 rows twice more, then rep 2nd row once

**9th row:** (RS-Make pleat). \*Pick up horizontal loop at WS of st from marked row directly below next st and place on left-hand needle. Knit this stitch tog with next st on needle. Rep from \* to end of row. 27 sts

**10th row:** Purl

**11th row:** Knit

**12th row:** Purl

**13th row:** Knit. Place markers at each end of last row. Rep 2nd to 13th rows 3 times more, then rep 2nd to 10th rows once more.

## **Shape top**

**1st row:** (RS). K2. \*K2tog. K3. Rep from \* to end of row. 22sts

**2nd row:** Purl

**3rd row:** Knit. Place markers at each end of last row

**4th row:** Knit

**5th row:** Purl

**6th to 10th rows:** Rep last 2 rows twice more, then rep 4th row once

**11th row:** (RS-Make pleat). \*Pick up horizontal loop of st from marked row directly below next st. Place beside next st on left-hand needle and K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 22sts

**12th row:** Purl

**13th row:** K2. \*K2tog. K2. Rep from \* to end of row. 17 sts

**14th to 22nd rows:** As 2nd to 10th rows.

**23rd row:** (RS-Make pleat). \*Pick up horizontal loop of st from marked row directly below next st. Place beside next st on left-hand needle and K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 17 sts

**24th row:** Purl

**25th row:** K2. \*K2tog. K1. Rep from \* to end of row. 12 sts

**26th to 34th rows:** As 2nd to 10th rows.

**35th row:** (RS-Make pleat). \*Pick up horizontal loop of st from marked row directly below next st. Place beside next st on left-hand needle and K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 12 sts

**36th row:** Purl

**37th row:** (K2tog) 6 times. 6 sts

**38th row:** P2. P2tog. P2. 5 sts

**39th row:** K1. S1. K2tog. Pss0. K1. 3 sts. Break yarn leaving a long end and draw tightly through rem 3 sts.

#### **Finishing:**

Sew side seams allowing pleats to lie flat and sewing through all thicknesses. Leave openings for handle and spout approx 4 ½ " [11.5cm] on each side

#### **Optional bee applique:**

Cut cardboard to measure ¼ " x ¾ " [0.5 x 2cm]. Secure black yarn at back with glue and wrap around cardboard to cover completely. Wrap gold yarn to make 3 stripes. With white sewing thread, embroider eyes. Make wings with 8 strands of sewing thread and stitch with loops at either side of body. Sew to Tea Cosy.

