



This gorgeous design by Patti di Cagli will bring back the memory of lazy summer cream teas, even if you're just grabbing a quick cuppa and a biscuit in the depths of winter.

# Strawberries & cream

## Materials

Blue Sky organic worsted (Aran) cotton (150yds/137m per 50g)

1 x 100g ball in shade 80 (cream)

Rowan DK cotton (92yds/85m per 50g)

A small amount of 215 red

A small amount in 090 green

A pair of 4.5mm needles (UK7:US7)

1 pair 3.25mm needles (UK10:US3)

Small quantity of stuffing (kapok or an old pair of tights)

## Special techniques

Make bobble (MB): (pl, kl, pl, kl, pl) into the same st (5sts), then pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sts (one at a time) over the first st.

## Tension

Not crucial as fabric is very stretchy

## Sides (make 2 pieces alike)

Using 4.5mm needles cast on 43 sts and work in pattern.

### Bobble rib pattern

**Rows 1 and 5 (RS):** \*P1, k1; rep from \* to last st, p1.

**Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8 (WS):** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 3 (1st bobble row):** \*P1, k1, MB; rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 7 (2nd bobble row):** P1, \*MB, p1, k1; rep from \* to end.

These 8 rows form the patt.

Rep rows 1–8 once.

Now work in p1, k1 rib until work measures 6in (15cm) from cast-on row, ending with a WS row.

*Note: adjust height here if necessary to suit the height of your teapot.*

### Shape top

**Row 1 (RS):** P1, \*skpo, p2tog; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2tog (22 sts).

**Next row (WS):** \*P1, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Next row:** P1, \*skpo; p2tog; rep from \* to last st, k1 (12 sts).

**Next row:** \*P1, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Next row:** (K2tog) 6 times.

Leave rem 6 sts on a stitch holder or spare needle, leaving a tail about 8in (20cm) long.

Complete second side to match the first, leaving final 6 sts on the needle.

## Joining the sides

Working in k1, p1 rib, work across 6 sts left from second side, then pick up and work across 6 sts from holder, joining tail ends of yarn with a knot in centre of row (12 sts).

Work across these sts in k1, p1 rib for a further 7 rows.

Cast off in rib.

## Strawberries (make 3)

Using 3.25mm (UK10:US3) needles and red, cast on 10 sts.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** \*K1, (p1, k1) into next st; rep from \* to end (15 sts).

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Row 5:** \*K1, (p1, k1) into next st; rep from \* to last st, k1 (22 sts).

**Row 6:** Purl.



**Row 7:** \*K3 red, k1 green; (k4 red, k1 green) 3 times, twisting yarns tog between cols to avoid holes, k3 red.

**Row 8:** \*P2 red, p3 green; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p2 red. Cut red yarn, leaving a tail about 8in (20cm) long.

**Row 9:** Using green, knit all sts.

**Row 10:** (P2tog) 11 times, (11 sts).

**Row 11:** (K2tog) to last st, k1 (6sts).

**Row 12:** (P2tog) 3 times (3 sts).

Work 4 rows in stocking stitch over rem 3 sts. Cast off, leaving a tail about 8in (20cm) long.

## Making up

Fold strawberry in half with right sides out. Using the green tail, join along stem edge and green part from the outside. Join the red part of the berry to about halfway, using the red tail. Fill with stuffing, then complete the seam and fasten off, pulling the strawberry to a point as you work. Fold cozy in half, right sides facing. Use long ends to join across top of cast-off edge and side seams, leaving room for the spout and handle. Sew in ends. Sew the strawberries onto the top of the cozy, using the photograph for reference.