

# PEACOCK TEA COZY



This is a free crochet pattern for a felted tea cozy. Recently I bought a small teapot from Marimekko. Usually I am not into Marimekko's bold retro patterns, but this pot spoke to me and now gives me warmth during chilly fall nights.

Again I used Plötulopi yarn from Istex for felting. This yarn is great to felt with, since the yarn is unspun and it results in a fabric where the crochet stitch definition is almost vanished. I get it at my LYS, but it can also be imported online.

## Materials

**Yarn** 2 skeins Plötulopi from Istex in white, 100g/300m - 3,53 ounces - 328 yards, 100 % wool.

**Hook** 8mm US: 11/L

1 big button

Fabric for lining

Sewing thread

Sewing needle

Scissors

Baking paper

DMC 25 embroidery thread in yellow #444, blue #995, dark blue #939, offwhite # 712, light green #989 and turquoise #958.

**Gauge** 10cm x 10cm 2½ inches x 2½ inches = 8,5 stitches x 5 rows

**Size** height: 14cm - 5½ inches diameter: 20cm - 8inches

## Pattern

Work the yarn double stranded throughout the whole work.

Make a magical ring. I have a tutorial for the magical/adjustable crochet ring on my blog in *Tips & Tutorials*.

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## Round 1

Chain 3, 13 double crochets in ring, 1 slip stitch in this row's 3'rd beginning chain. (13 double crochets).

## Round 2

Chain 3, [ 2 double crochets in next stitch]. Repeat 13 times between [ ]. 1 slip stitch in this row's 3'rd beginning chain. (26 double crochets).

## Round 3

Chain 3, [ 1 double crochet in next stitch, 2 double crochets in next stitch]. Repeat 13 times between [ ]. 1 slip stitch in this row's 3'rd beginning chain. (39 double crochets).

## Round 4

Chain 3, [ 1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 2 double crochets in next stitch]. Repeat 13 times between [ ]. 1 slip stitch in this row's 3'rd beginning chain. (52 double crochets).

## Round 5

Chain 3, [1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 2 double crochets in next stitch]. Repeat 13 times between [ ]. 1 slip stitch in this row's 3rd beginning chain. (65 double crochets).

## Round 6

Chain 3, [1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 2 double crochets in next stitch]. Repeat 13 times between [ ]. 1 slip stitch in this row's 3rd beginning chain. (78 double crochets).

## Round 7

Chain 3, [1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 1 double crochet in next stitch, 2 double crochets in next stitch]. Repeat 13 times between [ ]. 1 slip stitch in this row's 3rd beginning chain. (91 double crochets).

## Round 8

Chain 3, 91 double crochets across, 1 slip stitch in this row's 3rd beginning chain.

## Round 9 - 16

Crochet as row 8.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

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Put the cozy into the washing machine at 60 Celcius/140 Fahrenheit. The crocheted fabric will felt quite a bit. After felting and while the cozy is still damp use your hands and to bring the cozy into the right shape. I did this by pushing my fists into the cozy, so it gets a nice rounded shape. Leave it for a night and it will be dry. With the scissors cut off all extra fluffy wool.



## Embroidery

I found a peacock motif in a book and drew it on a piece of baking paper. Florals or other designs on gift paper will also work. (You can copy a motif, because the baking paper is slightly translucent.) Equipped with the little drawing, I embroidered the peacock with chain stitches.

## Button

Sew the button on top of the tea cozy.

## Lining

Cut a circle in diameter 22cm - 8½inches.

Measure the circumference of your tea cozy. (For my cozy this gives 63½cm - 25 inches).

Cut a rectangle, that is the circumference of your tea cozy, plus 2½cm - 1 inch = 66cm x 14cm = 26inches x 5½ inches.

Sew the long strip together at the sides. Iron the seams.

Pin the right sides of circle and rectangle together and sew together.

Put the lining into the teacozy and sew to the bottom by hand. Voila! A nice tea cozy to go with the pretty teapot.

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## Coaster

If you wish, you can make a matching coaster for the pot. Follow the pattern for row 1-7 and felt the same way as tea cozy.



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