

# Tom Crean Tea Cosy Hat

An Original Patten by Archives and Old Lace



**Finished size:** fits a large tea-pot or adult head (approx. 22 inches around un-stretched)

## **Materials:**

100g 4ply Hebridean wool

2.75 mm circular needle and one 3mm straight needle

Darning needle for weaving in ends

**Gauge:** 6 stitches and 8 rows to 1 inch in rib (un-stretched)

## **Abbreviations:**

K – Knit

P – Purl

## **Recipe:**

With the 2.75mm circular needle cast on 152 stitches using a cable cast on. Join in the round being careful not to twist.

Work in k2, p2 rib for 3 inches

Work in stocking stitch for 5 ½ inches

The tea cosy/hat should now measure 8 1/2 inches. You could increase the depth of the rib or the length of the stocking-stitch section if you like but I recommend that you keep the same proportions and that the stocking stitch section should be slightly less than double the height of the rib.

Now complete a three-needle cast off.

Hold the two ends of the circular needle in your left hand. This has the effect of folding the work so that half the stitches are on the 'front' left –hand needle (we'll call this front left) and half on the 'back' needle (we'll call this back left). Take the 3mm straight needle in your right hand and knit through the first stitch on the front left needle AND the first stitch on the back left needle at the same time. You will have one stitch on the right needle. Repeat for the second stitch on front left and back left needles. When you have two stitches on the right needle, lift the one closest to your hand over the one that's closest to the tip of the needle to cast off. Repeat these steps until all the stitches have been cast off.

Cut yarn leaving a 6-inch tail. Weave in ends

Make two tassels. Secure the tassels to the top 'corners' of the hat.

Put on a tea pot or head of your choice.