

Rooster Tea Cosy

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I was asked by a dear friend if I could make a Red Rooster Tea Cosy. He has a standard sized tea pot with a circumference of about 22", and a height of about 8". This tea cosy fits it perfectly, and the body has a slight sideways "give" so would fit a bigger tea pot.

This pattern is really simple, using basic stitches. Although there are 8 parts, they're straightforward, so if you are comfortable with basic stitches and construction, this pattern shouldn't present any technical difficulties.



I've given the yarn requirements below for the Red Rooster, but you can mix it up and use any colours you fancy!



Size:-

Bottom circumference – about 23" (58cm)

Height of body – about 8" (20cm)

Height to top of comb – about 12" (30cm)

Materials for the Red Rooster:-

- Stylecraft Special Chunky (157yds / 144m)
 - Main body, wings, tail, comb and wattles – 1 skein red
 - Head and tail – small amount of gold
 - Beak – oddment of cream.
- Crochet Hook size 5.5mm
- Small amount of stuffing
- 2 safety eyes – approx 6-8mm – or if you prefer not to use safety eyes, you can sew them on in black.

Abbreviations:-

ch = chain	MR = magic ring
ss = US slip stitch	sc = US single crochet scdec = US single crochet decrease
hdc = US half double crochet	dc = US double crochet
st / sts = stitch /es	sk = skip
BLO = back loop only	FLO = front loop only

Instructions – using US terms throughout

BODY

With Red yarn, chain 27. We're working side to side, one st into each st across. Chains at start of rows do not count as a stitch.

Row	Instruction	st count
1	sc in second chain from hook and sc in each st across. Turn.	26
2	Ch 2. In BLO here and throughout every even numbered row of the body, working one st in each st across: 15dc, 3hdc, 3sc, 5ss, turn.	26
3	Ch 1. In FLO here and throughout every odd numbered row of the body, work one sc in each st across.	26
4 - 21	Repeat rows 2 and 3	26
22	Ch 2. In BLO, 5dc, 13ch, sk next 13 sc, 3sc, 5ss.	13 sts 13 ch
23	Ch1. 1sc into each st and ch across. You may find it helpful to use safety pins to hold the opening together, and stop it stretching out.	26
24-43	Repeat rows 2 and 3	26
44	Repeat row 22.	13sts 13ch
45	Using a ss, join last row to first row, with right sides together. Make sure not to do this too tightly.	26

	To finish, run a gathering thread around the top, pull to close and fasten off securely – In the picture below I've left a hole at the top. This needs to be closed, so it's better to pull the gathering thread tight enough to close the hole . If you have a hole as shown in the picture, work some stitches over it to cover the hole, otherwise the head stuffing will fall through. Ask me how I know this...	
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HEAD

This time, work in a spiral. Use a stitch marker in the first st of each round so you know when you've completed a round.

Round	Instructions	st count
1	With Gold yarn, work 6sc into a MR	6
2	Work 2sc into each st around	12
3	(1sc in next st, 2sc in next st). Repeat section in brackets 5 more times.	18
4	(1sc in each of next 2sts, 2sc in next st). Repeat 5 more times.	24
5 - 8	1sc in each st round. Insert safety eyes between rounds 5 and 6, spaced approx 5 sts apart, or embroider eyes using black yarn.	24
9	(1sc in each of next 2sts, 1scdec in next st) X 6	18
10-14	1sc in each st around. Begin stuffing.	18
15	(1sc in each of next 5 sts, 2sc in next st) X 3	21
16	(1sc in each of next 6 sts, 2sc in next st) X 3	24

HEAD (continued)

17	(1sc in each of next 7 sts, 2sc in next st) X 3	27
18	(1sc in each of next 8 sts, 2sc in next st) X 3	30
19	This row gives you the ruffled edge round the bottom of the neck. You could work it in the same colour, or a different colour if you wish. sc in each of next 2 sts, (sk1, sc in next, sk1, 5dc in next) X 7, and then in the start of the next round, sk1, ss in next.	
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail with which to sew the head on. Stuff the head down to bottom of neck. Now you can see why you need to make sure the hole on top of the body is fully closed! Sew the head to the body, with the front edge of the head just above the spout opening, and the back edge of the head covering the centre top of the body.	



BEAK – worked in a spiral

Round	Instruction	st count
1	With Cream yarn, work 6sc into MR	6
2	(1sc in next st, 2sc in next st) X 3	9
3 - 4	Sc in each st	9
	Fasten off, leaving an long tail. Using that tail, sew beak to head, placing the top of the beak one row below the eyes. You may wish to add a small bit of stuffing.	

WATTLES

Row	Instruction	t count
1	Ch7. (Dc in 3 rd ch from hook, then in remaining sts, dc, hdc, 2sc, ss)	5 sts 1ss
2	Ch 7. Repeat section in brackets in row 1 above.	
	Fasten off. Using the starting tail, sew the wattles together for a few sts at the join. Using the end tail, sew the wattles below the beak.	

COMB

1	Chain 12.	
2	In 2 nd st from hook, ss. In next chains work sc, (hdc, dc, hdc), sc, ss, (hdc, dc, hdc), sc, ss, (hdc, dc, hdc), sc, ss.	
	Fasten off and sew to top of head.	



WINGS – make 2. The wings are worked in a spiral

1	With Red yarn, work 6sc into a MR	6
2	2sc in each st around.	12
3 – 5	1sc in each st around.	12
6	(1sc in each of next 4 sts, scdec over next 2 sts) X 2	10
7	1sc in each st around.	10
8	(1sc in each of next 3 sts, scdec in next st) X 2	8
9	1sc in each st around. Fasten off.	8
	Repeat rounds 1 – 9 but on the second piece, don't fasten off after round 9. You're now going to join the two pieces together.	
10	Starting in the last st of the first piece, work 1sc in each of the 8 sts from the first piece, then work 1sc in each of the 8sts from the second piece.	16
11	1sc in each st around.	16
12	(1sc in each of next 6 sts, scdec over next 2 sts) X 2	14
13	(1sc in each of next 5 sts, scdec over next 2 sts) X 2	12
14	(1sc in each of next 4 sts, scdec over next 2 sts) X 2	10

WINGS (continued)

15	1sc in each st around. Finish off, leaving an end to sew to body.	10
	Repeat rounds 1 – 15 to make the second wing.	
	Sew the wings to the body. Rather than sewing the 5 sts from the top of the wing to the body in one go, better to sew the top 5 sts to the body, then flip the wing up and sew the remaining 5 sts underneath.	

**TAIL FEATHERS**: make 1 x small, and 1 x large – both worked in a spiral.

	SMALL	
1	Work 6sc into a MR	6
2	2sc into each st around.	12
3	(2sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 3 sts) X 3	15
4	(2sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 4 sts) X 3	18
5 – 7	1sc in each st around	18
8	(scdec over next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 4 sts) X 3	15
9	(scdec over next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 3 sts) X 3	12
	Fasten off, leaving a long enough tail for sewing on.	

WINGS (continued)

	LARGE	
1 – 2	Repeat rounds 1 – 2 from small tail	12
3	(2sc in next st, 1sc in next st) X 6	18
4	(2sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 2 sts) X 6	24
5 – 7	1sc in each st around.	24
8	(scdec over next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 6 sts) X 3	21
9	(scdec over next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 5 sts) X 3	18
10	1sc in each st around.	18
11	(scdec over next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 4 sts) X 3	15
12	(scdec over next 2 sts, 1sc in each of next 3 sts) X 3	12
	Fasten off, leaving a long enough tail for sewing on.	
	Sew the small tail piece just above the handle opening, and the large tail piece above it. Again, rather than sewing through both layers of each tail piece, sew them around.	

Well, there it is, good luck, and if you spot any bloopers in this pattern do please let me know!



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