

TIME FOR TEA COSY



Today we are going to make a Tea Cosy from a Tea Towel. All you need to complete this project is one tea towel, some lining fabric, some wadding and some inch wide bias binding.



Step 1 You will need to make two measurements. Firstly the circumference of the teapot at the widest point including the spout and the handle, secondly measure from the bottom of one side, over the tallest point and back down to the bottom of the other side. Now for the tricky maths calculation. Add 6cm to each of your measurements for me 62cm x 44cm. Then divide by two giving 31cm x 22cm. Using these dimensions draw a rectangle on your tea towel. Round off the two top corners.



Step 2 Cut two identical pieces with curved corners from the tea towel, two from the lining fabric and two from wadding. You are now going to make two sandwiches. Place one piece of lining right side down in front of you, place a piece of wadding on top followed by a piece of tea towel right side up. Repeat exactly the same with your second pieces.



Step 3 Mark vertical lines starting in the centre and working outwards leaving a 4cm gap between the lines. Pin through all three fabrics and stitch in place. Repeat for second side. When you have finished sewing trim the edges.

Step 4 Use bias binding to bind the bottom edge of the tea cosy. Trim any excess tape at either end so that it is flush with the sides and repeat with the other piece.



Step 5 Place both pieces wrong sides together. Pin and stitch all the way round 5mm from the edge. Slow down on the curves, don't be afraid to stop and reposition as you go. When you have finished this step have a look inside the tea cosy to check everything is looking good. This would also be a good time to check the fit on your teapot. It is not too late at this point to adjust the size.

Make a little loop with a length of bias binding about 10cm. fold in half lengthwise and stitch.

Step 6 Next you are going to bind the raw edge of the tea cosy using the bias binding. Start by folding in the raw edge of the binding then attach to the tea cosy. As you do so insert the loop under the tape at the centre of the top. Turn the cosy over and sew the other side of the binding down, tucking the other end of the loop under the binding at the top.



Step 7 You could finish your tea cosy by stitching a pretty button where you secured the loop.

Now all that is left to do is to put the kettle on and make yourself a pot of tea.

