

Quilted Tea Cosy

You will need:

Fabric for front and backing of tea cosy

Thin wadding

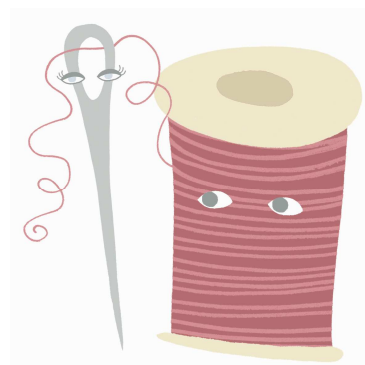
Needles and thread or sewing machine

Scissors and pins

Ribbon for hanging

Bias binding for finishing the tea cosy

Decorative lace or beads



You can sew this project by hand or machine.



1. Choose some fabric you like for the outside and inside of your tea cosy.

Cut out your fabric in a half circle shape, depending on the size of your tea pot.

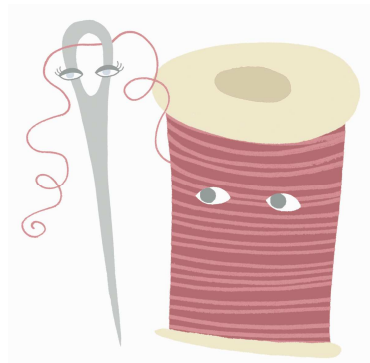
Use pins to secure your template to the fabric before cutting.



2. You should have four pieces of fabric - one for the front, one for the back and two for inside your tea cosy.

You can have the same fabric on the inside or choose a different, contrasting fabric.

3. Cut out two pieces of thin wadding using your template.



Check your wadding is exactly the same size as your fabric.



4. Layer-up your fabric and wadding for two halves of your tea cosy.

Just like a sandwich, have a piece of 'inside' fabric facing down, then some wadding, then a piece of 'outside' fabric facing up.

Repeat for the other half of your tea cosy.



5. Pin the first half of your tea cosy together through all three layers.

Quilt this half, sewing through all three layers. You can use straight lines, wavy lines or even a design. If you're hand-sewing double your thread or use a hand-quilting thread - it's much stronger.



6. Pin the second half of your tea cosy together.

Think about adding a design to the front. On this one we've added a message using text on a sewing machine. You could embroider this by hand too.



7. When you've quilted and decorated your tea cosy halves you need to put them together.

If you're machine sewing, put the two halves together with the outside fabrics facing each other (so you can see the inside fabric), and pin through all six layers.

Insert a loop of ribbon into the middle of your tea cosy sandwich. The loop will be inside the sandwich and the ends should poke out.



If you're machine sewing, set your machine to a wide zig-zag stitch.

Sew all the way round your tea cosy but don't sew up the bottom—that's where your tea pot goes!

Tip—when using a zig-zag stitch, try to let the needle just fall off the edge of your fabric before coming back to make the next stitch. This makes a lovely crisp, strong edge.

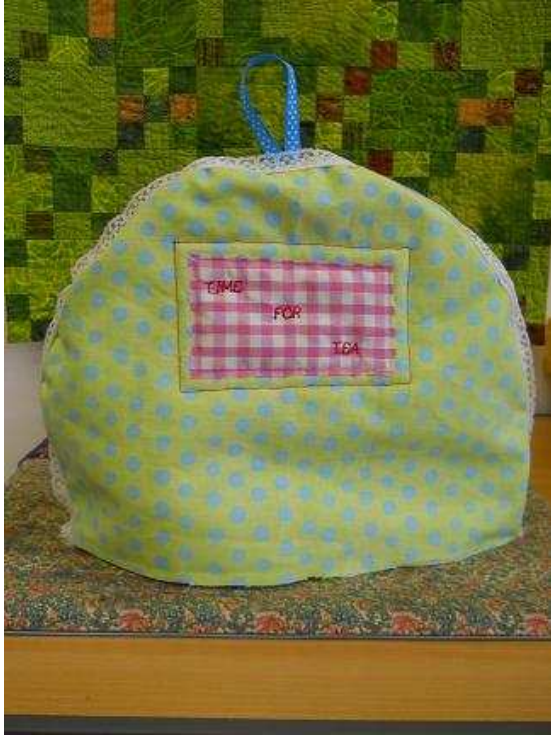
8. If you're hand-sewing, layer your tea cosy halves the right way, with the inside fabrics on the inside and the outside ones showing.

Insert a loop of ribbon into the tea cosy sandwich so the ends are tucked inside.

Now pin through all six layers.

Use a blanket stitch all the way around the curved part of your tea cosy. Make the start and end stitches really strong by going over them a few times. You could also add a lace/ribbon edging to your tea cosy.





9. When you've finished sewing your tea cosy, turn it back round the right way and make sure your edges are sewn together properly.

If you do have any gaps, simply turn it inside out and sew over the gap.

Check your loop is secure.

10. To finish your tea cosy you will need to cut a piece of bias binding to go around the base.

Bias binding will give your tea cosy a professional finish and encase the fabric layers.

Pin your bias binding on and then sew a single line of machine/hand stitching to secure it.

Make sure you fold the end of your bias binding in to keep the finish neat and tidy!