



OLYMPIC COFFEE COZY

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My Olympic Coffee Cozy with Topknot pattern, designed and crocheted, yes, during the 2010 Olympics has stacked stripes with silly but heat-insulating bobbles. On a small elf head, this cozy could easily pass for a whimsical hat. Contemporary in color and design but historical in form and function this cozy will keep a two-cup pot toasty warm.



CRAFT

Crochet

DIFFICULTY

Beginner

MATERIALS

Yarn – Ella Rae Marl(100% wool; 219yds[200m]/3.5 oz[100gm]; CYCA 4): #603 green (MC), #605 turquoise (CC1), #607 orange (CC2), #606 pink (CC3), #601 yellow (CC4), one skein each.

Hook – US J (6.0mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions – a removable stitch marker (m); a tapestry needle.

GAUGE

4 sts and 12 rows = 4" in sc. Take time to check gauge.

AVAILABLE SIZES

One size

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 10.5" tall and 19.5" around.

NOTE

Cozy is crocheted in the round in sc crochet stacked rows; as work proceeds starting from bottom to top, the shape takes on a conical form. Arrange bobbles so that they alternate from row to row. In other words, each bobble placement is not located directly below the one above (see pictures).

ABBREVIATIONS

Popcorn Stitch (Pc):

Work 5 dc in space as indicated by pattern instructions, on last completed dc, drop loop, insert hook in top of first dc made in group and pull dropped loop through first dc, ch 1.

INSTRUCTIONS

BOTTOM RIM (does not count as a stripe)

With MC, ch 65, join with sl st making sure to not twist the chain; place st marker at join.

Row 1: Ch 1 (does not count as st, here and throughout), work one sc in each ch around, sl st in beg sc to join, do not turn, here and throughout.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, sl st in beg sc to join. Attach CC1, do not end off MC.

BODY

Note: MC is carried throughout stripe sequence to be used as the bobble color. MC strand should be carried loosely behind work; it may be covered with CC if desired by laying strand on top of sc to be worked with CC and crocheted over.

Stripe 1 (CC1):

Rnd 1: With CC, ch 1, then sc in each sc around, sl st in beg sc to join.

Rnd 2: With CC, ch 1, *sc in next 4 sc, with MC Pc in next st; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc with CC to join.

Rnd 3: With CC, ch 1, then sc in each st around, sl st in beg sc to join, end off CC.

Stripe 2 (CC2):

Rnd 1: With CC, ch 1, then sc in each sc around, sl st in beg sc to join.

Rnd 2: With CC, ch 1, *sc in next 2sc, with MC Pc in next sc, with CC sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join.

Rnd 3: With CC, ch 1, then sc in each st around, sl st in beg sc to join, end off CC.

Stripe 3:

With CC3, repeat Stripe 1.



Stripe 4:
With CC4, repeat Stripe 2.

Stripe 5:
With CC1, repeat Stripe 1.

Stripe 6 (CC2):
Rnd 1: With CC, ch 1, *sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join (52 sc).
Rnd 2: With CC, ch 1, *sc in next sc, with MC Pc in next sc, with CC sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join.
Rnd 3: Repeat Rnd 3 of Stripe 2.

Stripe 7 (CC3):
Rnd 1: With CC, repeat rnd 1 of Stripe 1.
Rnd 2: With CC, ch 1, *sc in next 2 sc, with MC Pc in next st, with CC sc in next sc; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join
Rnd 3: Repeat rnd 3 of Stripe 1.

Stripe 8 (CC4):
Rnd 1: With CC, rep rnd 1 of Stripe 2.
Rnds 2 and 3: rep rnds 2 and 3 of Stripe 6.

LID

Note: lid is worked entirely in MC.

Rnds 1 & 2: Ch 1, then sc in each sc around, sl st in beg sc to join.
Rnd 3: Ch 1, * sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join (78 sc).
Rnds 4 & 5: Repeat Rnd 1.
Rnd 6: Ch 1, *sc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join (39 sc).
Rnds 7 & 8: Repeat Rnd 1.
Rnd 9: Repeat Rnd 6. (Note: the decreases will not work out evenly in this round, that is not important.)
Rnd 10: Repeat Rnd 1, end off, leaving a 12” tail. Thread tail through tops of rem scs, and pull tight until opening measures approx 1.5” in diameter. Secure tail, and weave in end.

FLOWER

Rnd 1: With CC4, ch 5, sl st in beg ch to form ring. Ch 1, then work 16 sc in ring, sl st in beg sc to join.
Rnd 2: Ch 5 (counts as sc, ch 4), *sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 4; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join, end off CC 4. (8 ch-4 loops)
Rnd 3: Join CC3 to any one of the skipped scs of rnd 2. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sc, sc in next sc, *3 dc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join, end off CC3.
Rnd 4: Join CC2 to the back post of any sc of rnd 3. Ch 6 (counts as sc, ch 5), *sc in the back post of the next sc, ch 5; rep from * around, sl st in beg sc to join.

Rnd 5: sl st in back post of same sc, ch 4, *sl st in back post of next sc, ch 4; rep from * around, sl st in beg sl st to join, end off CC2.

Rnd 6: Join CC1 to any ch-4 sp of rnd 5. Ch 1 (does not count as st), *(sc, 4 dc, sc) in ch-4 sp; rep in each ch-4 sp around, sl st in beg sc to join, end off.



KNOB

Color same as outside row of rose petals

With CC1, cut at least 6 strands yarn, 10” long. Twist together, tie into a tight knot leaving enough of the grouped ends to use to attach to cozy. Attach flower to lid with tapestry needle and yarn. Align the center of the flower with the hole in the lid, and sew with large stitches on the under side, hiding stitches on top. Place knob on top of flower center and pull ends through the center hole to inside of lid, sew on securely.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends and steam-block lightly if necessary.

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