CROCHET COFFEE COZY: JOY CUP SLEEVE

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FINISHED SIZE

5 inches (12.7 cm) wide and 4.5 inches (11.4 cm) tall when laid flat. Fits a standard 12 ounce takeaway cup. Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. You need chain, single crochet, double crochet, slip stitch, and reverse single crochet (explained below). Everything else is explained in the pattern.

TIME

Under 1 hour once you know the stitches, a little longer the first time.

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight (#4) cotton yarn, about 40 yards (about 37 m). Sample shown in Lily Sugar'n Cream, color Mistletoe.
- 4.5 mm crochet hook, for the body
- 5 mm crochet hook, for the top and bottom edges
- Faux leather tag, optional
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. st(s): stitch(es). sl st: slip stitch. sc: single crochet. dc: double crochet. RSC: reverse single crochet. BLO: back loop only. Rnd: round. sk: skip. rep: repeat.

GAUGE

7 stitches and 6 rows = 2 inches (5 cm) with the 4.5 mm hook. Gauge is not crucial for this project, but if your cozy comes out much looser than the stated size, go down a hook size.

NOTES

Work in continuous rounds. Do not join rounds and do not turn, unless the pattern says so. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you finish the round. The number in brackets at the end of each round is the stitch count you should have, so count your stitches at the end of every round. This pattern uses US crochet terms throughout. If you are used to UK terms, remember that a US single crochet is a UK double crochet, so do not convert the stitches in this pattern.

SPECIAL STITCH

Reverse single crochet (RSC): working from left to right, insert your hook into the stitch to the right of the current stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops on the hook. Continue working to the right around the edge.

PATTERN

Foundation: With the 4.5 mm hook, ch 30, taking care not to twist the chain. Sl st into the first ch to form a ring. Ch 1, sc in the same ch.

Rnd 1: sc in each st around, working over the yarn tail to hide it. Do not join. Place a stitch marker in the first st of the round. (30 sc)

Rnd 2-4: sc BLO in each st around. (30), 3 rounds

Rnd 5-11: *(sc, dc) in the next st, sk the next st; rep from * around. (30 sts), 7 rounds

Rnd 12-15: Change to the 5 mm hook. sc BLO in each st around. (30), 4 rounds

Rnd 16 (top edging): Work loosely. Sl st in the first st of the round, ch 1, *sk the next st to the right, RSC in the next st to the right; rep from * around until 1 st remains. Remove the hook. Sk the next st to the right. Insert the hook into the first st from back to front and pull up the working loop. Ch 1 and fasten off. (15 RSC)

Bottom edging: With the 5 mm hook, join the yarn with a sl st in the first ch of the foundation chain, ch 1, *sk the next ch to the right, RSC in the next ch to the right; rep from * around until 1 ch remains. Remove the hook. Sk the next ch to the right. Insert the hook into the first ch from back to front and pull up the working loop. Ch 1 and fasten off. (15 RSC)

FINISHING

Weave in all ends with the tapestry needle, hiding them inside the cozy so they do not show. If you like, sew a small faux leather tag onto the front of the cozy. Slip the cozy onto your cup and check the fit: it should sit snugly without stretching out of shape.

CUSTOMIZING THE SIZE

To fit a different cup, chain an even number of stitches so the sleeve fits snugly around the bottom of the cup, then work the rounds to the height you need. If your cup is narrower at the bottom and wider at the top, work the last 4 rounds with a slightly smaller hook.

TIPS FOR A NEAT COZY

- Count at the end of every round. Every round of the body has 30 stitches. If your count is off by 2, you have missed or added one repeat in the textured rounds; check the round you just worked before going on.
- Keep the foundation chain untwisted. A twist in the ring will show in the finished cozy, so lay the chain flat on the table before you join it.
- Work the edging loosely. The reverse single crochet edge should lie flat. If you pull it tight, the top and bottom of the cozy will pinch in and the sleeve will not slide onto the cup easily.
- Try it on your cup as you go. After Rnd 11, slip the cozy onto your cup to check the fit before you work the top band.

VARIATIONS

- Christmas gift set: work the cozy in red, green, or cream and pair it with a bag of coffee and a bottle of syrup for a ready made gift basket.
- Stripes: change color every 2 rounds in Rnds 5-11 for cheerful bands of color.
- Market set: make three or four in different colors. Each one uses only about 40 yards, so a whole set comes from a single ball of yarn.
- Button detail: sew a small wooden button onto the top band for a sweet handmade touch.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by The Crochet Village: Joy Cup Cozy, https://thecrochetvillage.com/joy-cup-cozy-free-crochet-pattern/

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