

# Cotswold Cottage

Put another log on the fire and treat yourself to a brew!

**L**ucinda Ganderton's charming teacosy is supremely seasonal, yet in a delightfully subtle way. It captures the greeting card nostalgia of the season and is full of lovely details, like the wreath on the door and the puffing chimney stack. Whether you keep it for yourself or gift it to a friend, it's perfect for all your festivi-teas.



## Measurements & Sizes

To fit a teapot 15cm high x 45cm diameter

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Patons Wool Aran, shades (A) 202 White, (B) 205 Caramel, (C) 229 Cranberry, (D) 256 Heaven, one 50g ball of each, oddments of 4ply: Dark Green, Light Green, Yellow, Orange, Purple

**Needles:** 4.5mm

**Toy stuffing:** oddment

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 18 sts x 25 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- tacking stitch
- 4.5mm needles

For abbreviations see page 102

## About the Yarn

**Patons Wool Aran** is a pure wool yarn meaning it's a brilliant insulator and a great choice for teacosies. It knits to a standard aran tension and should be washed by hand. It costs £2.95 per 50g (85m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

## Need an Alternative?

**King Cole Merino Blend Aran** is also a pure wool yarn but has been treated to make it machine washable. It costs £2.27 per 50g (80m) ball from **01885 488103**, [www.lupinandrose.co.uk](http://www.lupinandrose.co.uk)

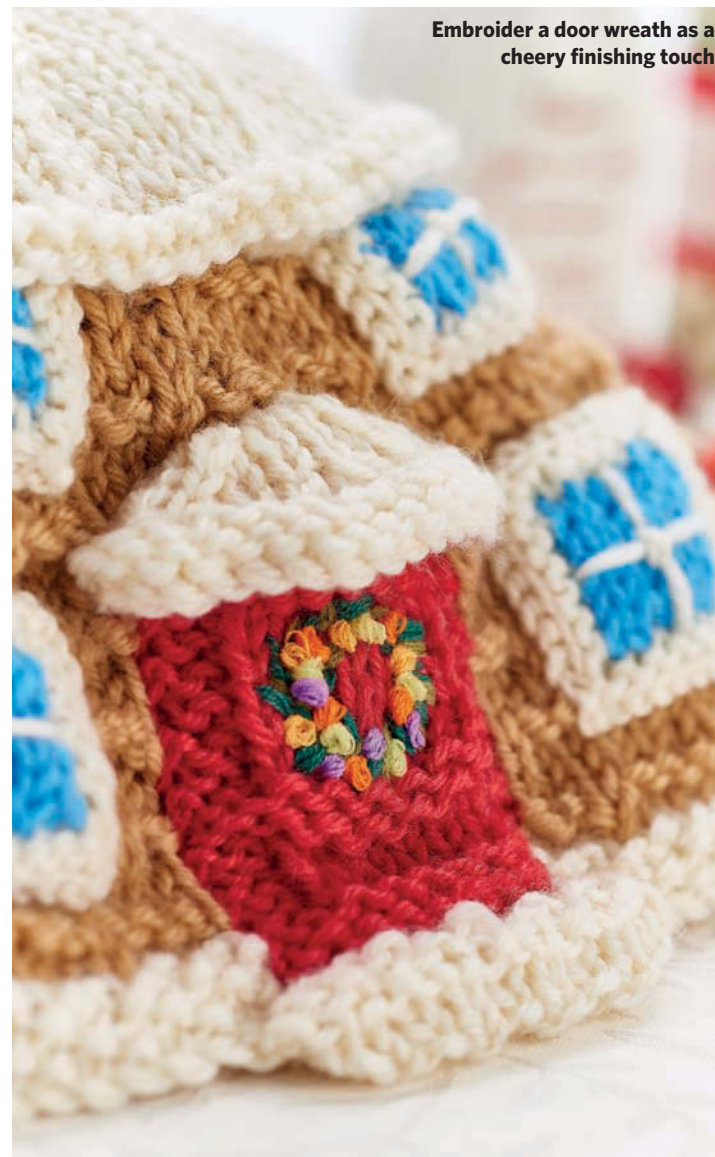
"This would be an ideal Christmas gift for a friend who loves that homespun vintage look!"

LK Deputy Editor  
**Adrienne Chandler**



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"You can use left over aran weight yarn in blue and red for the windows and door."  
**LUCINDA GANDERTON**



Embroider a door wreath as a cheery finishing touch

## Start knitting here...

### FRONT & BACK (alike)

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 43 sts

- Rows 1-4: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
- Cut yarn A, join in yarn B
- Row 5: k
- Row 6: p
- Row 7: k2, (p3, k1) to last st, k1
- Rows 8-10: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 11: (p3, k1) to last three sts, p3
- Row 12: p
- Rows 13-20: rep Rows 5-12
- Rows 21-22: rep Rows 5-6 once more
- Row 23: k2, (p2tog, p1, k1, p3, k1) to last st, k1. 38 sts
- Rows 24-26: cont in st st
- Row 27: p2, (k1, p2tog, p1, k1, p2) to last st, k1. 33 sts
- Rows 28-30: cont in st st
- Row 31: (k1, p2tog, p1, k1, p1) to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 27 sts
- Rows 32-34: cont in st st
- Row 35: (k3, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 22 sts
- Rows 36-38: cont in st st

- Row 39: (k2, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 17 sts
- Row 40: p
- Row 41: (k1, k2tog) to last two sts. 12 sts
- Row 42: p
- Row 43: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
- Row 44: (p2tog) to end. Three sts
- Row 45: k3tog. One st
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### ROOF

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 60 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: (k5, kfb in next st) to end. 70 sts
- Rows 4-5: p
- Row 6-7: k
- Row 8: p
- Row 9: (k5, k2tog) to end. 60 sts
- Rows 10-12: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 13: (k4, k2tog) to end. 50 sts
- Row 14: p
- Row 15: (k3, k2tog) to end. 40 sts

- Row 16: p
- Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
- Row 18: p
- Row 19: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
- Row 20: p
- Row 21: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts
- Row 22: p
- Cut yarn A, join yarn B
- Rows 23-28: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
- Cut yarn B, rejoin yarn A
- Rows 29-30: k
- Rows 31-32: p
- Row 33: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Eight sts
- Cast off

## FRONT DOOR

**NOTE: start with doorstep**

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- Rows 1-4: (k1, p1) to end
- Row 5: k
- Row 6: p
- Rows 7-10: rep Rows 1-4
- Row 11: k
- Cut yarn A, join yarn C
- Row 12: p
- Row 13: p
- Row 14: k
- Row 15: p2, k6, p2
- Row 16: k2, p6, k2
- Rows 17-18: rep Rows 15-16
- Rows 19-22: rep Rows 13-16
- Rows 23-26: rep Rows 15-16 twice
- Row 27: p
- Row 28: k
- Cast off

## PORCH

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 18 sts

- Row 1: p
- Row 2: k
- Row 3: (k2, ssk) twice, (k2, k2tog) twice, k2. 14 sts
- Row 4: p
- Row 5: k2, ssk, k1, ssk, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2. Ten sts
- Row 6: p
- Row 7: (ssk) twice, k2, (k2tog) twice. Six sts
- Row 8: p
- Cast off

## UPPER WINDOWS (alike)

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn D, cast on seven sts

- Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Cast off all sts
- With RS facing and using yarn A, pick up and k five sts along left edge, turn
- Next row: k5
- Cast off, leaving final st on needle
- With RS facing and using yarn A, pick up and k seven sts along



bottom edge, turn

☐ Next row: k8

☐ Cast off, leaving final st on needle

☐ With RS facing and using yarn A, pick up and k six sts along right edge, turn

☐ Next row: k7

☐ Cast off all sts

Thread yarn A on to a tapestry needle and sew two long stitches over window to divide it into four panes. Anchor them with a small cross stitch in centre

## LOWER WINDOWS (alike)

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn D, cast on seven sts

☐ Beg with a k row work six rows in st st

☐ Cast off all sts

☐ With RS facing and using yarn A, pick up and k seven sts along left edge, turn

☐ Next row: k7

☐ Cast off, leaving final st on needle

☐ With RS facing and using yarn A, pick up and k seven sts along bottom edge, turn

☐ Next row: k8

☐ Cast off, leaving final st on needle

☐ With RS facing and using yarn A, pick up and k eight sts along right edge, turn

☐ Next row: k9

☐ Cast off leaving final st on needle

☐ With RS facing and using yarn A, pick up and k nine sts along top edge, turn

☐ Next row: k10

☐ Cast off all sts

Embroider as for Upper window

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Front and Back together, with a 7cm seam each side of the top and a 2cm seam at each bottom corner. Join sides of Roof, then sew cast-on edge of Roof to Cottage, 7cm down from point, leaving a gap. Lightly stuff then close gap. Push cast-off edge down inside Chimney and tuck a wisp of stuffing inside. Fold doorstep back and slip stitch cast-on edge to centre of Front cast-on edge. Sew door centrally to front, then sew down outside edges of step. Embroider wreath (see Knitwise). Sew Porch above Door, stitching down side and top edges. Sew Upper windows in place so top edges lie under eaves and lower windows are four rows below them **LK**

## knitwise

For the Christmas wreath, embroider the leaves in detached chain stitch. To do this, first bring the needle up through the fabric from back to front then take it back through the fabric very close to the starting point leaving a little loop on the front of the work. Bring the needle up through the fabric a short distance away, coming through the loop, then sew a small straight stitch to keep the loop in place.

The baubles are made using French knots. Here's how you do them:

**Step 1:** Bring the yarn out through the fabric from back to front.



**Step 2:** Tensioning the yarn in your left hand, wrap the needle around the yarn from back to front - the more wraps, the larger the knot.



**Step 3:** Still holding the yarn tightly with your left hand, insert the needle back into the fabric and pull the yarn through, releasing your left hand at the last minute.



**Finished knot**



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