

## FIESTA TEA SET

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WHAT'S MORE ENCHANTING THAN A CHILD'S TEA PARTY? Inspired by the simple style of her Fiestaware dishes, Annie Modesitt designed this colorful cup, saucer, creamer, sugar bowl, pitcher, and plaid placemat for a little princess of imagination. Except for the placemat, all the pieces begin with the same circular base, so the set is a whole lot easier to knit than you might think.

**Finished Size** Cup: 2¼" (5.5 cm) high and 2¾" (7 cm) diameter; saucer: 4¾" (12 cm) diameter; creamer: 2" (5 cm) high and 3½" (9 cm) diameter; sugar bowl: 2¼" (5.5 cm) high and 3½" (9 cm) diameter with 3½" (9 cm) lid; pitcher: 3" (7.5 cm) high and 3½" (9 cm) diameter with 3½" (9 cm) lid; placemat: 7" (18 cm) wide and 5" (12.5 cm) high.

**Yarn** Tahki Cotton Classic (100% mercerized cotton; 108 yd [99 m]/50 g): #3871 blue, #3540 yellow, #3411 dark orange, #3768 green, and #3402 light orange, 1 skein each.

**Needles** Size 2 (2.75 mm): set of 4 or 5 double pointed (dpn). Size 3 (3.25 mm): set of 4 or 5 dpn. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**Notions** Tapestry needle.

**Gauge** 11 sts and 22 rows = 2" (5 cm) in St st worked in the rnd on size 3 (3.25-mm) needles; 24 sts and 28 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st colorwork slipstitch patt on size 3 (3.25-mm) needles.

## Stitch Guide

**I-Cord BO:** Using the cable method (see Glossary), CO 3 sts at beg of row or rnd. \*K2, ssk (last st of I-cord tog with 1 live st from edge to be BO), return the 3 sts just worked back onto left needle, pull yarn taut across back of work; rep from \* until all sts from edge have been BO—3 sts rem. Cont as directed for your chosen piece.

**I-Cord Horizontal Stripe:** Using the cable method (see Glossary), CO 3 sts at beg of RS row. Knit these 3 sts, then return them to left needle. *Next row:* \*K1f&b, k1, ssk (last st of I-cord with next st from last rnd of base), return the last 3 sts worked to left needle, pull yarn taut across back of work; rep from \* until all sts in rnd have been joined. Return last 3 sts from right needle to left needle, k2tog, k1. Return last 2 sts from right needle to left needle, k2tog—there should be 1 more st than you started with. Cont in the rnd as directed, working the first 2 sts as k2tog to return to the original number of sts.

## Texture Stripe Pattern for Rim:

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnds 2 and 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: Purl.

Rnds 5 and 6: Knit.

Rnds 7 and 9: Purl.

Rnds 8 and 10: Knit.

## Note

Use the tail of yarn from the CO to mark beg of the rnd.

## Circular Base

With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn, CO 1 st.

Row 1: [K1, p1, k1] all in same st—3 sts.

Rows 2 and 4: Purl.

Row 3: [K1f&b] in each st—6 sts.

Row 5: [K1f&b] in each st—12 sts. Divide sts onto 3 dpn so that there are 4 sts on each dpn. Join for working in the rnd.

Rnd 6 & all even-numbered rnds: Knit.

Rnd 7: \*K1f&b, k1; rep from \*—18 sts; 6 sts on each dpn.

Rnd 9: \*K1f&b, k1; rep from \*—27 sts; 9 sts on each dpn.

Rnd 11: \*K1f&b, k2; rep from \*—36 sts; 12 sts on each dpn.

Rnd 13: \*K1f&b, k3; rep from \*—45 sts; 15 sts on each dpn.

Rnd 15: \*K1f&b, k4; rep from \*—54 sts; 18 sts on each dpn.

Cont as directed for your chosen piece.

## Cup

(make 1 yellow and 1 light orange) With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn, work through Rnd 13 of circular base—45 sts. Change to size 3 (3.25-mm) dpn. Purl 1 rnd for ridge to indicate transition from bottom to sides of cup. Knit 12 rnds even, then work Rnds 1–10 of texture stripe patt for rim. Using the I-cord BO method (see Stitch Guide), BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew CO and BO ends of I-cord tog. Weave in CO tail at base, closing small opening at center. **Handle:** With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn and RS facing, pick up and knit 3 sts from side of cup centered over the beg of the rnd and 5 rnds above purled transition ridge. Work 3-st I-cord (see Glossary) for 17 rnds. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew live sts of handle to 3 corresponding sts in Rnd 8 of textured stripe patt. Weave in loose ends. Spritz with water and place on a cup or glass of the correct size to block.

## Saucer

(Make 1 yellow and 1 light orange.) With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn, work through Rnd 15 of circular base—54 sts. Change to size 3 (3.25-mm) dpn. Purl 1 rnd. *Inc Rnd 1:* \*K1f&b, k5; rep from \*—63 sts. Purl 1 rnd. *Inc Rnd 2:* \*K1f&b, k6; rep from \*—72 sts. Purl 1 rnd. *Inc Rnd 3:* \*K1f&b, k7; rep from \*—81 sts. Purl 1 rnd. *Inc Rnd 4:* \*K1f&b, k8; rep from \*—90 sts. Knit 3 rnds, purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd. Using the I-cord method (see Stitch Guide), BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew CO and BO ends of I-cord tog. Weave in loose ends. Steam-press to block flat.



### Creamer

With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn and dark orange, work through Rnd 15 of circular base—54 sts. *Next rnd:* Change to size 3 (3.25-mm) dpn. Work I-cord horizontal stripe (see Stitch Guide) across all sts. Knit 12 rnds. **Spout:** Work textured stripe patt with inserted spout as foll:

*Rnd 1:* P27, yo, purl to end—55 sts.

*Rnd 2:* K26, p1, k1, p1, knit to end.

*Rnd 3:* K26, p1, M1R (see Glossary), sl 1 as if to purl with yarn in back (pwise wyb), M1L (see Glossary), p1, knit to end—57 sts.

*Rnd 4:* P27, k3, purl to end.

*Rnd 5:* K26, p1, M1R, k1, sl 1 pwise wyb, k1, M1L, p1, knit to end—59 sts.

*Rnd 6:* K26, p1, k5, p1, knit to end.

*Rnd 7:* P27, M1R, k2, sl 1 pwise wyb, k2, M1L, purl to end—61 sts.

*Rnd 8:* K26, p1, k7, p1, knit to end.

*Rnd 9:* P27, M1R, k3, sl 1 pwise wyb, k3, M1L, purl to end—63 sts.

*Rnd 10:* K26, p1, k9, p1, knit to end.

Using the I-cord method (see Stitch Guide), BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew CO and BO ends of I-cord tog. Weave in CO tail at base, closing small opening at center. **Handle:** With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn, dark orange, and RS facing, pick up and knit 3 sts from side of creamer centered over beg of rnd, directly opposite the spout, and 7 rnds above I-cord horizontal stripe. Work 3-st I-cord (see Glossary) for 17 rnds. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew live sts of handle to 3 corresponding sts in Rnd 8 of textured stripe patt. Weave in loose ends. Spritz with water and place on cup or glass of the correct size to block.

### Sugar Bowl

With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn and blue, work through Rnd 15 of circular base—54 sts. *Next rnd:* Change to size 3 (3.25-mm) dpn.





Work I-cord horizontal stripe (see Stitch Guide) across all sts. Knit 12 rnds. Work Rnds 1–10 of texture stripe patt for rim. Using the I-cord method (see Stitch Guide), BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew CO and BO ends of I-cord tog. Weave in CO tail at base, closing small opening at center. **Handles:** With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn, blue, and RS facing, pick up and knit 3 sts from side of bowl centered over the beg of the rnd and 7 rnds above I-cord horizontal stripe. Work 3-st I-cord (see Glossary) for 17 rnds. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew live sts of handle to 3 corresponding sts in Rnd 8 of textured stripe patt. Work a second handle on the opposite side of the bowl, directly opposite the first handle. Weave in loose ends. Spritz with water and place on a cup or glass the correct size to block. **Lid:** With size 3 (3.25-mm) dpn and blue, work through Rnd 15 of circular base—54 sts. Purl 1 rnd. *Next rnd:* \*K1f&b, k5; rep from \*—63 sts. Using the I-cord method (see Stitch Guide), BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew CO and BO ends of I-cord tog. Weave in CO tail at base, closing small opening in center. Lightly steam-press to block. **Lid handle:** With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn, blue, RS facing, and beg 1 rnd out from center of lid, pick up and knit 3 sts. Work I-cord for 17 rnds. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew live sts of handle to 3 sts directly opposite these sts, 1 rnd out from center. Weave in loose ends. Steam-press to block.

### Pitcher

With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn and green, work through Rnd 15 of circular base—54 sts. *Next rnd:* Change to size 3 (3.25-mm) dpn. Work I-cord horizontal stripe (see Stitch Guide) across all sts. Knit 24 rnds. **Spout:** Work 10 rnds for spout as for creamer. Using the I-cord method (see Stitch Guide), BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew CO and BO ends of I-cord tog. Weave in CO tail at base, closing small opening at center. **Handle:** With size 2 (2.75-mm) dpn, green, and RS facing, pick up and knit 4 sts from side of pitcher centered over the beg of the rnd, directly opposite the spout, and 7 rnds above I-cord horizontal stripe.

*Row 1:* \*K1f&b; rep from \*—8 sts.

*Row 2:* \*K1, sl 1 pwise with yarn in front (wyf); rep from \*.

Rep Row 2 until handle measures about 3½" (9 cm) from pick-up row, ending having just completed a row across the inside face of the handle. *Next row:* With the outside of the handle and RS of pitcher facing you, [k2tog] 4 times—4 sts rem. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew live sts of handle to 4 corresponding sts in Rnd 8 of textured stripe patt. Weave in loose ends. Spritz with water and place on a cup or glass of the correct size to block. **Lid:** With green, work as for sugar bowl lid.

### Placemat

With size 3 (3.25 mm) dpn, dark orange, and using the Continental (long-tail) method (see Glossary), CO 40 sts. Knit 1 row on WS. Establish vertical stripes as foll,

twisting yarns at color changes on subsequent rows to avoid leaving holes: (RS) K8 dark orange, k4 green, k8 yellow, k8 light orange, k4 green, k8 blue. Join another strand of dark orange as contrast color (CC) with RS facing, and work slipstitch color-work patt as foll:

*Row 1:* (also RS) Slide sts to end of needle. With CC, \*k1, sl 1 pwise wyb; rep from \*.

*Row 2:* (WS) P8 blue, p4 green, p8 light orange, p8 yellow, p4 green, p8 dark orange.

*Row 3:* (also WS) Slide sts to end of needle. With CC, \*p1, sl 1 pwise with yarn in front (wyf); rep from \*.

*Row 4:* (RS) K8 dark orange, k4 green, k8 yellow, k8 light orange, k4 green, k8 blue.

*Rows 5–8:* Rep Rows 1–4.

*Rows 9–14:* Change CC to green. Work Rows 1–4 once, then work Rows 1 and 2 once more.

*Rows 15–22:* Change CC to yellow. Work Rows 3 and 4 once, then work Rows 1–4 once, then work Rows 1 and 2 once.

*Rows 23–30:* Change CC to light orange. Work Rows 3 and 4 once, then work Rows 1–4 once, then work Rows 1 and 2 once. Cut yarns.

Slide sts to end of needle and join dark orange, ready to work a RS row. *Next row:* Knit across all sts, then with another dpn and RS facing, pick up and knit 29 sts along left edge of piece—69 sts. Turn work. With WS facing, k29 sts just picked up, k40 sts along top of piece, then with another dpn, pick up and purl 29 sts along right edge of piece—98 sts. Turn work. With RS facing, p29 sts just picked up, ending at upper right corner of work. With another dpn, pick up *but do not knit* the CO loops of 39 sts across bottom of piece—137 sts total, arranged on 4 dpn. Change to yellow. Using the I-cord method (see Stitch Guide), BO all sts. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew CO and BO ends of I-cord tog at upper right corner. Weave in loose ends. Steam-press to block. ∞

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