

## Really Wild Tea Cosies

*Loani Prior*

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**Loani Prior : Really Wild Tea Cosies** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Really Wild Tea Cosies:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Creative, Whimsical Knitting at Its BestBy Lynne E.To me, tea cosies represent the ultimate in creative, whimsical knitting. That's why I have so many tea cosy pattern books in my knitting book collection, even though I don't drink much tea and don't need tea cosies. These books are simply delightful to look at, and it's always fun to see what new things the designers have come up with.Loani Prior's REALLY WILD TEA COSIES does not disappoint! It includes 21 complete tea cosy patterns (2 crocheted, 2 made from recycled sweaters, and 17 knitted or knitted with some crocheted decorative parts). The cosy on the book cover is knitted. Although I'm primarily a knitter, my favorite is the crocheted "Coral Punk" cosy that is inspired by the tubes of a coral reef. From the knitted cosies, my favorite is "Pablo", a yellow cube covered with orange bobble balls that is inspired by cubism. The cosies with pompoms and looped skirts are also a lot of fun.The book has instructions for knitting in the round on two circular needles, and suggestions for sizing the cosies to fit particular teapots. The last part of the book is devoted to instructions for decorative elements: a rose, leaves, a trumpet flower, nuts, cupcakes, felted balls, citrus fruit, and i-cord.Because the book has beautiful colored photos, is amusing to leaf through, and expresses so many creative ideas, I rate it at 5 stars. A couple of other good tea cosy pattern books are this author's previous book, Wild Tea Cosies, and a book from a British publisher, Tea Cozies (Cozy).1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. These tea cozies are wild all right!By C. HansenFabulous, incredible cozies! Clear instructions,

although I wish instruction we're given to how to change sizes. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not for six-cup pots  
By Rosiell I have been knitting since I was five, a long time ago. I bought this book because I loved the pictures I saw of the finished products. What the pictures didn't tell me, but the text does, is that none of these patterns are designed for a six-cup pot. Two-, three- and some four-cup pots. But no six cup. Not one. Nor is there any information on how to enlarge or reduce the patterns to fit a different sized teapot. I suppose that is because there are so many variables that the book would be taken up with all the possible changes. It is a shame, because the instructions are clear, although one needs to actually make the patterns to really tell. The designs are adorable. Whimsical and creative. Truly wild. Even parts of these designs would make fantastic tea cosies. But if you are unsure of yourself in knitting and don't use small teapots, get another book. If you are comfortable with making changes to the pattern, or if you only use small teapots, go for it. Would I have gotten this book if I had known the patterns are only for small pots? I don't know. I took one star off for no 6 cup pots, the most common size of pot, and one star off for nothing about making changes to the size after it's emphasized that the shape, (and presumably the size) of the pot is important. Nonetheless, I love the book.

From Loani Prior, author of the hugely successful *Wild Tea Cosies*, comes this entertaining, inspiring and easy-to-follow book featuring 20 even wilder knitted tea cosies. Loani turns this functional, home-spun item into a fabulously creative knitted sculpture full of vibrant color and humor, something that will bring joy as well as warmth to your daily cup of tea. These tea cosies are easy enough for knitters of even the most basic skill level to make and assemble. *Really Wild Tea Cosies* also provides instructions on how to make ten knitted and crocheted decorations, such as flowers, leaves and fruit, which can be used to embellish your tea cosy, or worn on a lapel or scarf.

"This book can guide you to finding your unique crafting style with one of the many one-of-a-kind designs." AllFreeChristmasCrafts.com  
About the Author Loani Prior is an artist who specializes in knitting.