



A Bustle & Sew Pattern



Country Village Tea Cosy



This pattern is designed to accompany my Freestyle Machine Embroidery video tutorial, where you will find full instructions for assembling your tea cosy.

The dimensions and fabric requirements I've give are to make a cosy to fit a Bridgewater Pottery 4 cup teapot - my cosy measures just over 12" along the base edge. It's easy to resize to fit your own pot and full instructions for measuring your teapot are given after the material requirements.

You will need:

- ½ yard of cotton/linen or cotton blend fabric for your tea cosy exterior. *This needs to be medium weight - you are going to be building your applique picture on top of it so quilting weight cotton is simply not strong enough.*
- ½ yard of lining fabric - preferably ready quilted - if you can't obtain this, then quilt your own or simply sandwich batting between the inner and outer layers - in which case you'll need ½ yard of batting too.
- 12" x 4" piece of green felt for the "hill" that the cottages sit on
- 12" x 8" piece of light coloured fabric for the 2 larger clouds
- Scraps of fabric for the applique
- Yellow and mauve stranded cotton embroidery floss
- 1 small button
- 3" piece of ¾" wide ribbon
- Bondaweb
- Temporary fabric marker

- Sharpie or other pen to mark fabric/write on paper side of Bondaweb
- Darning foot for your sewing machine
- Light coloured and black thread for your sewing machine. *You will use light coloured thread in the bobbin throughout, but change to black thread in the needle for the freestyle embroidery.*
- Green thread for your sewing machine - to topstitch around the tea cosy base.

How to measure your teapot:

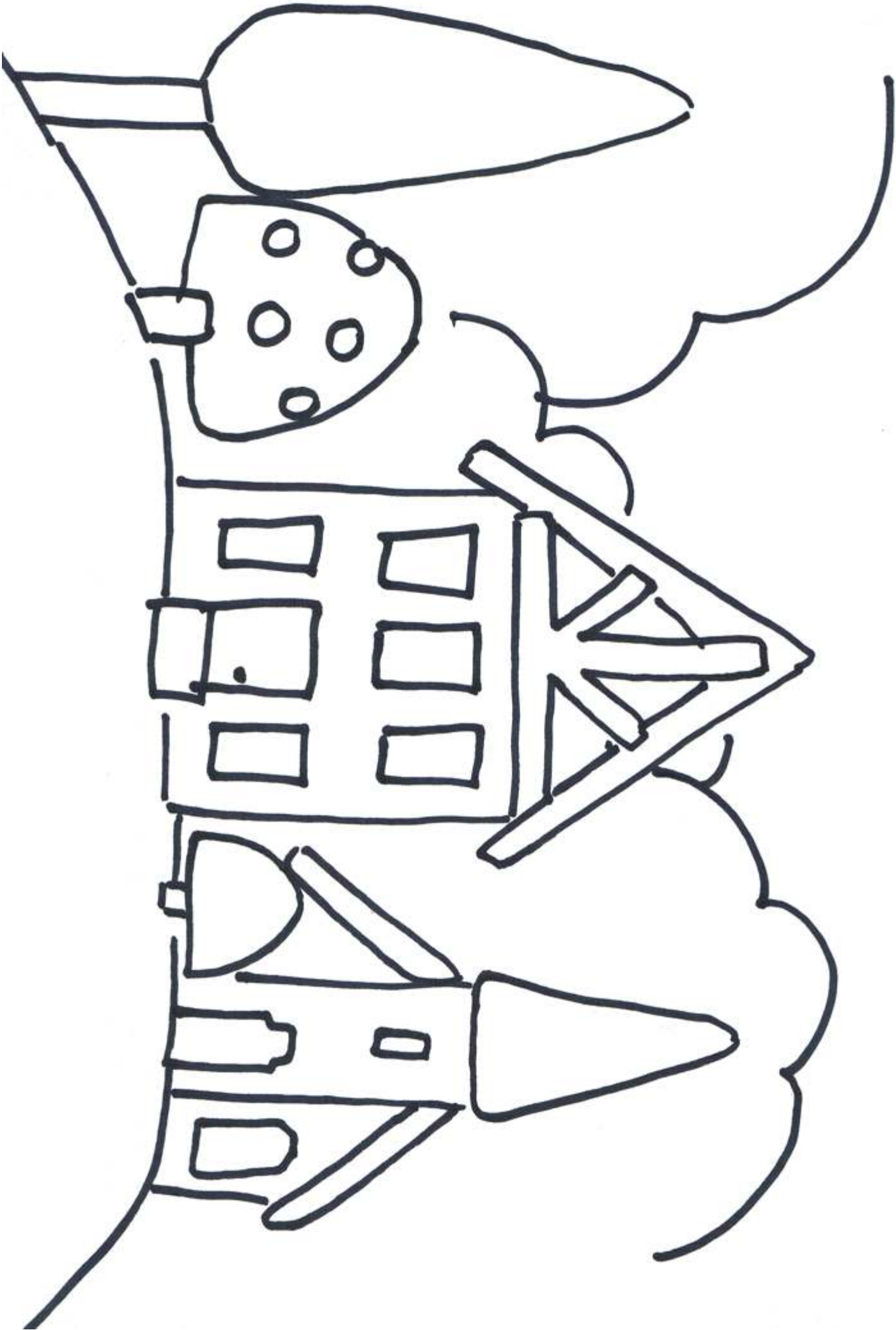
If you are making for a different sized pot, then please follow the directions below for determining the size of your cosy:

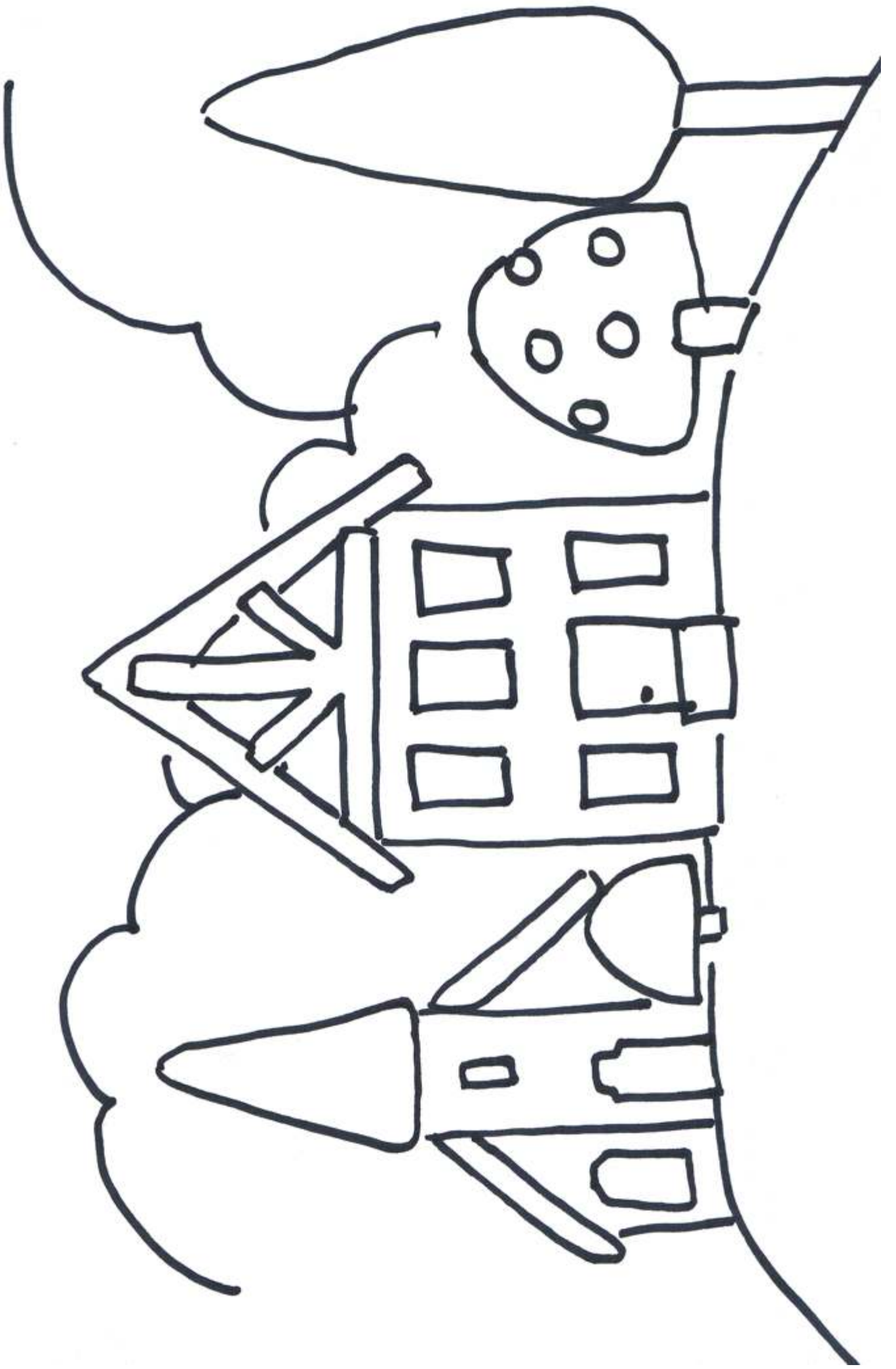
- Stand your teapot, lid on, on a table.
- First measure your teapot's circumference by wrapping a tape measure around the entire pot, handle and spout included. Divide this figure in half to determine the width of each flat piece, and then add on 1 ½" for seam allowances and ease.
- *For example, if your teapot's circumference is 20", divide by two to get 10" and then add on 1 ½" for seam allowances. So the width of the base of your tea cosy pieces will need to be 11 ½".*
- Next measure over the top of your teapot. Start at the table on one side, pull your tape measure up and over the lid and down to the table on the other side. Again, divide your result by two, but add 3" this time (your teapot will need room to breathe!)
- *For example, if your measurement over the top of your teapot is 16", divide by two to get 8 and then add on 3 to equal 13". So the height of your tea cosy pattern will be 13"*
- Use this technique to create a template for your teacosy. Remember though, that this doesn't have to be perfect, your teapot won't mind if the cosy doesn't fit exactly!!

Of course, if you have an old tea cosy that's the right shape, you can do as I do in the video and simply draw right round it!!

Access the video on YouTube:

[View Part One](#)
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Helen xx



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