Apple dishcloth

US terms



Finished size
About 7¾ in (20 cm) wide and 7¼ in (18 cm) tall, without the stem and the leaf

Skill
Easy
Rounds with stitches of several heights, and a leaf to sew on

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: cream, main color	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the apple, rounds 15 and 16	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: fern, the leaf	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chocolate, the stem	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 2 stitch markers.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the apple: rounds 1 to 4 measure about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across and rounds 1 to 9 about 4 in (10 cm). If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.

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- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The side that faces you as you work is the right side. Do not turn at the end of a round.
- In the rounds that name BLO, the front loop of each stitch is left free and stands as a ridge. 2 sc in BLO of next st puts both stitches in that one back loop.
- Rounds 13 to 16 begin at the bottom of the apple, go up one side to the dip at the top, where the sl sts are, and come down the other side. Work the sl sts loosely: each one is counted, and the next round works into it as into any other stitch.
- The leaf begins with a chain that is worked on both of its sides. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first stitch into the same chain as the last one.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so. Of every length that is cut to sew with, leave about 6 in (15 cm) hanging on the wrong side where you begin and where you end, and weave these ends in.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Apple

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc (42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc (48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc (54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc (60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc (66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc (72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, dc in next 10 sts, **[**2 tr in next st, tr in next st**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next 4 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**tr in next st, 2 tr in next st**] 4 times**, dc in next 10 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc (6 sc, 14 hdc, 32 dc, 24 tr, 4 sl sts)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 9 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, tr in next 11 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next 11 sts, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 2 times**, hdc in next 9 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc (10 sc, 24 hdc, 24 dc, 22 tr, 4 sl sts)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in next 6 sts, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc (88 sc, 6 sl sts)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in next 6 sts, sc in next 8 sts, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 12 sts; join with sl st in first sc (92 sc, 6 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Leaf

Yarn C, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 11.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc (8 dc, 4 tr, 4 hdc, 4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) for sewing.

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Stem

Yarn D, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the sewing tails of the leaf and the stem.

2. Lay the apple down right side up with the joins of its rounds at the bottom. The upright middle line runs from the joins through the middle of the rounds to the middle of the 6 sl sts at the top of round 16, the dip. Distances are measured from the middle of the rounds.

3. Core line: cut a length of C about 40 in (102 cm) long. The line is a pointed oval. Its top is 1¼ in (3 cm) above the middle and its lower point 1½ in (4 cm) below it, both on the upright middle line; level with the middle it is ¾ in (2 cm) to the left and to the right. Put a marker at the top and one at the lower point. Begin at the top and work backstitch down the left side to the lower point and up the right side to the top, each stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long: about 13 stitches a side. Take out the markers.

4. Middle line: cut a length of C about 24 in (61 cm) long. Work backstitch straight down the upright middle line, from the top of the core line to its lower point, 2¾ in (7 cm): 11 stitches of about ¼ in (0.5 cm) each. Begin and end in the holes where the core line has its two points.

5. Seeds: cut two lengths of D, each about 22 in (56 cm) long. The right seed runs from a point 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right of the upright middle line and ½ in (1.5 cm) above the middle to a point ½ in (1.5 cm) to the right of the line and 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle. Work 5 straight stitches from the one point to the other, side by side, the outer ones first, so that they bulge in the middle. The left seed is worked in the same way, to the left of the line.

6. Stem: lay it flat, right side up, and bend it round into a narrow loop with its foundation chain on the inside, so that its two ends lie side by side. Lay the ends on the right side of the apple at the dip, one on each side of the upright middle line, the short edges ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the edge of round 16, and the loop standing up past the edge. With its tail sew both ends down: 3 stitches along each short edge and 1 on each outer side, 8 stitches.

7. Leaf: the end where its round was joined is the tip. With its tail work 9 backstitches along the chain in the middle of the leaf, from the tip to the other end, which is the base. Lay the base over the right end of the stem, right side up, and the leaf slanting up to the right over the shoulder of the apple. Sew the base down: 4 stitches. The rest of the leaf is free.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths.

In all: 3 pieces; 862 stitches (824 in the apple, 20 in the leaf, 18 in the stem).

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