Carrot applique

US terms



Finished size
About 3¼ in (8 cm) wide and about 6¾ in (17 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows, with 4 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: carrot orange, the carrot	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: carrot green, the leaves	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rust, the lines across the carrot	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
rem	remaining
st	stitch

Special stitches

sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- The tip of a leaf is its ch-1 space; the other end is its plain end.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8½ in (22 cm).

Instructions

Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Carrot

Yarn A, carrot orange.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing this piece down at the end.	

A box for each row, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

Leaf: make 3

Yarn B, carrot green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 4 chs, sc in next ch, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next 4 chs, sc in next 2 chs, sl st in next ch	**(8 sc, 8 hdc, 1 ch-1 sp)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Hold the carrot with its foundation chain, the top edge, at the top. Sew the plain ends of two leaves behind the middle of the top edge, so that ½ in (1.3 cm) of each is hidden, one leaning to each side: their tips are 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) apart. Sew the third leaf between them and over them, behind the carrot, straight up, 3/8 in (1 cm) of it hidden.
- With C, work four lines of backstitch, each straight in from a side edge along a row: on Row 4 from the left, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) long; on Row 6 from the right, ½ in (1.3 cm) long; on Row 9 from the left, ½ in (1.3 cm) long; and on Row 12 from the right, 3/8 in (1 cm) long.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 pieces; 12 ends to weave in.

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