Cherries applique

US terms



Finished size
About 5 in (13 cm) wide and about 5 in (13 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 pieces and color changes.

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: cherry red, the cherrys	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: stem green, the leaf	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 10 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. 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.

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the cherry measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.

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- A chain 1 at the start of a round or 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The tip of the leaf is its ch-2 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.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm).

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), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch.
[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Cherry: make 2

Yarn A, cherry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Leaf

Yarn B, stem green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, (sl st, ch 2, sl st) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in next ch	(4 sc, 6 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **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.
- Lay the cherries side by side, right sides up and edges touching, and sew them together where they touch. Their tops are level.
- With C, work one straight stitch 3/8 in (1 cm) long on each cherry for its shine: at the upper left, ¾ in (1.9 cm) from the middle, slanting up to the right.
- For the stems, with B, ch 18 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail at each end. Fold the chain in half. Sew one end behind the top of each cherry, ¼ in (0.6 cm) of it hidden. The fold stands above the place where the cherries touch, 1¾ in (4.4 cm) higher than their tops, and the stems bow a little outward.
- Sew the plain end of the leaf over the fold, with the leaf pointing to the right and its tip 5/8 in (1.6 cm) higher than its plain end.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round the edges with lengths of A and B, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 110 stitches (48 in each cherry, 14 in the leaf).

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