Fruit slice ice pop holders, set of 3

US terms



Finished size
About 2½ × 5½ in (6 × 14 cm)
About 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide laid flat and 5½ in (14 cm) long each

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds with a few increases.

Yarn
Light (3), 8 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: watermelon red, the watermelon	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the watermelon rind	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, all three	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the seeds	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: kiwi green, the kiwi	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: brown, the kiwi skin	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: light orange, the orange	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: orange, the orange peel	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 17.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch in A before you begin: ch 31; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (30 sc); rows 2 to 12, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (30 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 20 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 31.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(30 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 12	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Measure round your ice pop, in its plastic sleeve, at its widest. The holder is for one 3½ in (9 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) round; the sleeve is 4¾ in (12 cm) round at the top and narrower toward the closed end. The fabric stretches a little. For a longer sleeve, work more rounds of the main color, before round 26 of the watermelon, round 29 of the kiwi or round 27 of the orange; the numbers of the rounds after them then move up by as many. The seeds stay on the rounds named, and the lines of the orange grow as their step says.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Chain stitch: each stitch comes up inside the end of the one before, as in a crochet chain laid on the fabric.
- Colors of the watermelon, round by round. Rounds 1 to 25: A. Rounds 26 to 27: C. Rounds 28 to 32: B.
- Colors of the kiwi, round by round. Rounds 1 to 4: C. Rounds 5 to 28: E. Rounds 29 to 32: F.
- Colors of the orange, round by round. Rounds 1 to 26: G. Rounds 27 to 28: C. Rounds 29 to 32: H.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Watermelon

Yarns in order of use: A, watermelon red; C, cream; B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 17. The sleeve should be about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide, laid flat.

☐ **Rnds 18 to 25**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 25: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25

☐ **Rnd 26**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With B, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 29 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Kiwi

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; E, kiwi green; F, brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With E, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 17. The sleeve should be about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide, laid flat.

☐ **Rnds 18 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

☐ **Rnd 29**	With F, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 30 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 30 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Orange

Yarns in order of use: G, light orange; C, cream; H, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 17. The sleeve should be about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide, laid flat.

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☐ **Rnds 18 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 26: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

☐ **Rnd 27**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	With H, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 30 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 30 to 32: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave every tail in on the wrong side before you sew the seeds and lines, but the tail of the magic ring, which closes the end, last of all. While you sew, keep a finger or a thick pencil inside the sleeve so that the needle does not catch the far side.

2. Watermelon seeds. Use one 60 in (152 cm) length of D. A seed is three straight stitches close together, each as tall as one round, all from the same hole at the foot of a stitch to the same hole at its top. Count the stitches of a round from its first stitch. On round 9 sew a seed over stitches 3, 9 and 15; on round 13 over stitches 6, 13 and 20; on round 17 over stitches 3, 9, 15 and 21; on round 21 over stitches 6, 12, 18 and 24; on round 24 over stitches 3, 9, 15 and 21. Carry the yarn loosely from seed to seed on the wrong side.

3. Kiwi seeds. Use a 60 in (152 cm) length of D, and sew the seeds as for the watermelon, but with two straight stitches each. On round 6, the second green round, sew a seed over stitches 2, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 17; on round 8 over stitches 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18; on round 10 over stitches 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16.

4. Orange lines. These are 8 lines of chain stitch, which show the segments of the orange. Each begins at the top of the last round of G, round 26, at stitch 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21 or 24 of that round, counted from its first stitch, and runs straight down to the foot of round 3, one chain stitch for each round, 24 in all. (If you added rounds of G, count the stitches on the last of them, work one chain stitch more for each round added, and cut each length 1 in (2.5 cm) longer for each.) Each line aims at the middle of the closed end, so the lines come closer together as they go down: put the needle through whatever stitch lies straight under the line. For each line cut a length of C about 20 in (51 cm) long. Bring the needle up from the inside at the top of that last round of G, leaving a tail of 4 in (10 cm) inside. Put the needle back into the hole it came out of, bring it out one round lower with the yarn lying under its point, and draw up until the loop lies flat: that is one chain stitch, and the next begins inside its lower end. Hold the last loop down with a small stitch over its end, and fasten off on the inside.

5. Weave in on the wrong side all the ends that are left. Slide an ice pop into its sleeve as far as it will go.

Finishing

- Trim the ends.

In all: 3 pieces; 2,007 stitches (669 in the watermelon, 669 in the kiwi, 669 in the orange).

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