Fruit magnets

US terms



Finished size

The kiwi is about 2 in (5 cm) across, the blueberry about 2 in (5 cm) wide and about 2½ in (6 cm) tall with its leaves, the strawberry about 2 in (5 cm) wide and about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall with its cap, the pineapple about 2¼ in (6 cm) wide and about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall with its leaves, and the pair of cherries about 2½ in (6 cm) wide and about 2½ in (6 cm) tall with stems and leaf

Skill

Easy

Worked in rounds, with 22 pieces and color changes.

Yarn

Fine (2), 8 colors

Hook

3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: strawberry red, the strawberry and the cherrys	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: kiwi green, rounds 2 and 3 of the kiwi	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, the cap and the leaves	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: golden yellow, the pineapple	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, round 4 of the kiwi	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cream, round 1 of the kiwi and the backings	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: blueberry blue, the blueberry	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: navy, the star	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, six flat disc magnets, each ½ in (1.3 cm) across, strong craft glue that holds metal, cloth 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the kiwi measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- 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.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the first petal or point began in.
- 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.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color 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 rounds of the kiwi and of the blueberry may begin anywhere; those of the strawberry begin at its top, under the cap, and the tr of Rnd 3 is its tip.
- In the pineapple the last 3 hdc of Rnd 1 are worked in the chain that holds the first 3 hdc, so that each end of the chain holds 6 hdc. The foundation chain stands upright in the finished fruit.
- In the leaf the last sc is worked in the chain that holds the first sc; this end is the base of the leaf, where it is not joined, and the 3 sc are its tip. Of the eight leaves five stand at the top of the pineapple, one goes with the cherries and two with the blueberry.

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- Where a fruit is held upright, left and right are as you look at it. All distances are measured from its middle: the magic ring, or for the pineapple the middle of its foundation chain.
- A magnet this small must not be swallowed: keep the magnets out of reach of small children and pets.
- 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.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- 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 as the height of the pineapple with its leaves: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 1¾ in (4.5 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Kiwi

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

☐ **Foundation**	With F, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
	Fasten off F.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, 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)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join E with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Strawberry

Yarn A, strawberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in 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)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, (hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(1 sc, 14 hdc, 12 dc, 1 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(34 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Cap

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc, 5 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Pineapple

Yarn D, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 6 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(26 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next st, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice, sl st in first sc to join	**(34 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cherry: make 2

Yarn A, strawberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Blueberry

Yarn G, blueberry blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With G, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in 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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Star

Yarn H, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With H, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 5 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 8

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch	**(7 sc, 4 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Backing: make 6

Yarn F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Kiwi: with E, work twelve French knots in a ring, like the hours of a clock, each ½ in (1.3 cm) from the magic ring.
- Strawberry: hold it with its tip straight down. Lay the cap on it, right side up, one point straight down, its magic ring 5/8 in (1.6 cm) straight above the magic ring of the strawberry. The whole of Rnd 1 of the cap then lies on the strawberry, and the tips of two points stand up past the top edge. With the tail of the cap, sew Rnd 1 down all round, catch the tips of the three points that lie on the strawberry, and from the back sew the top edge of the strawberry to the two points that stand up. With F, work ten upright straight stitches for seeds, each 1/8 in (0.3 cm) long, its middle placed so, measured from the magic ring: two 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above it and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to each side; two 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below it and ¼ in (0.6 cm) to each side; two 3/8 in (1 cm) below it and ½ in (1.3 cm) to each side; one 3/8 in (1 cm) straight below it; two 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below it and ¼ in (0.6 cm) to each side; and one 7/8 in (2.2 cm) straight below it.
- Pineapple: with E, work four lines of backstitch that slant up to the right, steeply: from any point of a line go ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) up to reach the next. The lines are 3/8 in (1 cm) apart, the middle of the pineapple is half way between the two inner ones, and each line begins and ends 1/8 in (0.3 cm) in from the outer edge of the pineapple. Work four more in the same way that slant up to the left, so that they make diamonds.
- Pineapple leaves: lay five leaves behind one end of the pineapple, right sides up, bases toward its middle. The middle leaf points straight up, its tip 1¾ in (4.4 cm) above the middle of the pineapple. The next two lean out, one to each side, their tips 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the middle line and 1½ in (3.8 cm) above the middle; the last two lean out farther, their tips 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) from the middle line and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) above the middle. The middle leaf lies in front of its neighbors and they in front of the last two. All the bases are hidden. Sew each leaf to the back of the pineapple with its tail. Then, from the front, sew the edge of the pineapple to the leaves with the tail of the pineapple, so that the stitches are yellow on yellow.
- Cherries: lay the two cherries side by side, right sides up, the right one over the edge of the left one by 1/8 in (0.3 cm). When they lie so, the magic ring of the right one is 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the right of the other and ¼ in (0.6 cm) lower; if your cherries are smaller, move them together until they overlap. Sew them together where they overlap with the tail of the right one. With F, work one straight stitch on each for a shine, from 3/8 in (1 cm) to the left of the magic ring and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above it to ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left of it and ¼ in (0.6 cm) above it.
- Stems: with E, ch 9 for the left stem, about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) long, and ch 10 for the right one, about 1½ in (3.8 cm) long; fasten off both. The upper ends of both stems lie together 1½ in (3.8 cm) above the magic ring of the left cherry and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right of it. From there each stem runs down to the top of its cherry and behind it, with what is left of it hidden there, about 3/8 in (1 cm) of each. Sew the hidden end of each to the back of its cherry: the left one with the tail of the left cherry, the right one with what is left of the tail of the right cherry. Lay one leaf over the two ends, right side up, its base over them and its tip pointing left, ¼ in (0.6 cm) lower than its base. Sew its base and the stem ends together with its tail.
- Blueberry: lay the star on it, right side up, one point straight up, its magic ring over the magic ring of the blueberry. Sew it down all round with its tail. Lay the last two leaves behind the top edge, right sides up, their bases ¾ in (1.9 cm) above the magic ring and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to each side of it, one pointing up and to the left and the other up and to the right, half way between level and upright. Sew them to the back with their tails.
- Backings: glue a magnet to the middle of the wrong side of the kiwi, the strawberry, the pineapple and the blueberry, and one to each cherry, and let the glue dry. Lay a backing over each magnet, wrong side down, and sew its edge to the back of the fruit all round with its tail, through the back of the stitches only, so that nothing shows on the front. Every magnet takes one backing.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 22 pieces; 635 stitches.

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