Strawberry applique

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) wide and about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 2 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: strawberry red, the berry	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the cap and the stem	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the seeds	**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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip
rem	remaining
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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 or a row does not count as a stitch.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the first petal or point began in.
- 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.
- 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 pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- The finished size takes in the stem.
- 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 3¾ in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm).

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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Berry

Yarn A, strawberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 6: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6

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

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 6 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 14**	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.	

Cap

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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 an 18 in (46 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 berry with its foundation chain, the top edge, at the top. Sew the cap to the front, its middle ½ in (1.3 cm) below the middle of the top edge, one of its points straight down and two points up past the edge. Sew it down round Rnd 1, then catch the tips of the three points that lie on the berry; the two upper tips are caught when the berry is sewn to your project.
- For the stem, join B with sl st in a stitch of Rnd 1 at the top of the cap, ch 4 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Run the tail back down the chain. The stem stands straight up.
- With C, work ten straight stitches for the seeds, each upright and ¼ in (0.6 cm) long: four on Row 6, three on Row 8, two on Row 10 and one on Row 12, in the middle of the row and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) from one to the next.
- 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: 2 pieces; 10 ends to weave in.

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