Strawberry coaster

US terms



Finished size
About 3¼ in (8 cm) wide and about 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 2 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.

You will need

Yarn A: strawberry, the berry	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: green, the leaves	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale yellow, 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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 berry measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across from side to side, through the ring. 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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- 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 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 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 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.

Berry

Yarn A, strawberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 5 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, 2 dc in each of next 5 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(26 dc, 1 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 6 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(36 hdc, 1 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Leaves

Yarn B, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**Ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in ring**] 5 times** **(10 sc, 10 hdc)**
☐ **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.
- Lay the leaves, right side up, on the berry with their ring on the middle line, 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) above the ring of the berry: one leaf points straight down to the tip, two point out to the sides and two point up past the top edge. With the tail of the leaves, sew each leaf down along its middle as far as it lies on the berry; the ends of the two upper leaves stay free.
- With C, work 12 seeds. Each is one straight stitch ¼ in (0.6 cm) long, straight up and down. Measure from the ring of the berry: two ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the ring, 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to each side of the middle line; two 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the ring, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to each side of the middle line; two 3/8 in (1 cm) below the ring, 1 in (2.5 cm) to each side of the middle line; one ½ in (1.3 cm) below the ring, on the middle line; two ¾ in (1.9 cm) below the ring, ½ in (1.3 cm) to each side of the middle line; two 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) below the ring, 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to each side of the middle line; one 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) below the ring, on the middle line.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 96 stitches (76 in the berry, 20 in the leaves); 6 ends to weave in.

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