Strawberry doily

Sport cotton · US terms



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Fine (2), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, main color	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: strawberry red, color B	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, color C	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: soft yellow, color D	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and rust-proof pins for blocking.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Size 10 thread	7¼ in (18.5 cm) across	about 130 yd (119 m)
Sport cotton (this file)	**13¾ in (35 cm) across**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Worsted cotton	19¾ in (50 cm) across	about 300 yd (274 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
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)
sc2tog	single crochet the next 2 stitches together: work each up to its last pull through, then yo and draw through all loops on hook (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
yo	yarn over
rnd	round

Special stitches

cl (Cluster): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook. It leaves 1 cl for the next row or round.

beg-cl (Beginning cluster): Ch 3, [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice, all in the same place, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook. It counts as a cl.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

20 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

About 10¼ rows of double crochet to 4 in (10 cm).

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 rnd 4 the doily measures about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.
- The strawberry is worked in rows, from its top down to its tip. Row 1 and every odd row is a right side row.

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- At the start of a row or round "same st" is the stitch at the foot of the chain you have just worked.
- In the mesh a dc is worked in the top of the dc named; the last space of a round lies before its joining sl st.

Instructions

Chosen: Sport cotton. 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.

Doily

Yarns in order of use: D, soft yellow; A, white; C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 8, join with sl st in first ch to make a ring.	
The blossom		
☐ **Rnd 1**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), 19 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off D	**(20 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join A with sl st in first dc, beg-cl in same st, ch 3, sk next dc, **[**cl in next dc, ch 3, sk next dc**] 9 times**, join with sl st in top of beg-cl	**(10 cl, 10 ch-3 sps)**
The mesh		
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, **[**dc in next cl, ch 2, dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5	**(20 dc, 20 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 2 times**, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(30 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 2 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 3 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(40 dc, 40 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 3 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 4 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(50 dc, 50 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 49 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(50 dc, 50 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 4 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 5 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(60 dc, 60 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 5 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 6 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(70 dc, 70 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 69 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(70 dc, 70 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 6 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 7 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(80 dc, 80 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 7 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 8 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(90 dc, 90 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 89 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(90 dc, 90 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 8 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 9 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	**(100 dc, 100 ch-1 sps)**

The rim and the leaf edge

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 99 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off A	**(200 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Join C with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, tr in each of next 2 dc, (tr, picot, tr) in next dc, tr in each of next 2 dc, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, **[**sc in next dc, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, tr in each of next 2 dc, (tr, picot, tr) in next dc, tr in each of next 2 dc, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc**] 19 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(120 tr, 40 hdc, 40 dc, 20 sc, 20 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strawberry: make 10

Yarn B, strawberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 5 chs	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 9 sts	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(6 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 7 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(4 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 5 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 3 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strawberry cap: make 10

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With C, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, (sc, dc, picot, dc) in same st, **[**(sc, dc, picot, dc) in next sc**] 5 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(12 dc, 6 sc, 6 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the doily, the strawberries and the caps.

2. Seeds: cut 26 in (66 cm) of D for each strawberry. Hold it right side up, the foundation chain at the top. A seed is one straight stitch from the bottom to the top of its row. Row 5, 3 seeds: in the 3rd and the 8th of the 10 sc and between the 5th and the 6th. Row 7, 4 seeds: in the 2nd, 4th, 7th and 9th of the 10 sc. Row 9, 3 seeds: in the 2nd and the 7th of the 8 sc and between the 4th and the 5th. Row 11, 2 seeds: in the 2nd and the 5th of the 6 sc. Row 13, 1 seed: between the 2nd and the 3rd of the 4 sc. (13 seeds) Fasten off at the back.

3. Places: rnd 6 has 50 dc, the beg ch-4 counted as the first. The tips of the strawberries go on the 1st, 6th, 11th, 16th, 21st, 26th, 31st, 36th, 41st and 46th. Lay a strawberry right side up on the right side of the doily, its tip (row 15) on the top of that dc, its middle along the line of dc that runs straight outward from there. Its foundation chain then lies along the tops of rnd 13. Pin all ten before you sew.

4. Sewing: for each strawberry cut a length of B three times as long as the way round it and 8 in (20 cm) more and sew it down all round, one small stitch in the end of each row and in each ch of the foundation chain, always over the dc or the chains below. Fasten off at the back.

5. Caps: lay a cap right side up on each strawberry, the middle of its ring over the middle of row 1 and one of its six points down the middle of the strawberry. The opposite point lies on the mesh outside. For each cap cut a length of C three times as long as the way round it and 8 in (20 cm) more. Sew it down with one small stitch in each of the 6 sc of rnd 1 and one in each of the 6 picots. Fasten off at the back.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the piece, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every picot drawn evenly, and let it dry.

In all: 11 pieces.

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