Strawberry tea cozy

4 cup · US terms



Finished size

About 18 in (45.5 cm) round at its widest, 15 in (38 cm) round at the foot and 7 in (18 cm) tall, without the stem loop

Skill

Easy

It is two shaped pieces in rows with a few small sewn parts.

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: strawberry red, the berry	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the leaves and the stem loop	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the seeds and the petals	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter yellow, the middle of the flower	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: wool

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, 1 red button, about ¾ in (2 cm) across and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
4 cup (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm) round at its widest, 15 in (38 cm) round at the foot, 7 in (18 cm) tall**	**about 205 yd (187 m)**
6 cup	19½ in (49.5 cm) round at its widest, 16½ in (42 cm) round at the foot, 8 in (20.5 cm) tall	about 240 yd (219 m)

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Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The rounds of the leaf crown and of the flower are worked at the same gauge.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 14.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 16 stitches and 18 rows. 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.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 25. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (24 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (24 sc) |

Instructions

4 cup. US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 5 sts: one in each.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 2 times: 2 times in all. (33 sc): the row now has 33; a check, not a step. Not 33? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Side: make 2

Yarn A, strawberry red.

Leave a tail of 14 in (36 cm) before the first chain: it is for a seam at the foot or for the button.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(30 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, 2 sc in next st	(32 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 8** 5 6 7 8	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st	(34 sc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 13** 10 11 12 13	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 32 sts, 2 sc in next st	(36 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 14.** The side should measure about 9 in (23 cm) from one end of the row to the other. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

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☐ **Rows 15 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(36 sc)

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Shoulder

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 5 sts	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 5 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 3 times**	(3 sc)
☐	Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm). Draw the loop out, and leave the last 3 stitches open.	

Leaf crown

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch, the first stitch of round 4. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Leaf: make 6

Yarn B, leaf green.

The slip stitch at the end of round 4 is not counted as a stitch. For each leaf join B with a slip stitch in the first of its 4 stitches, and work row 1 into that stitch and the 3 after it. The first leaf begins in the first stitch of round 4, and each leaf after it in the next free stitch, so that six leaves go all the way round.

☐ **Start**	The next 4 stitches of round 4 of the leaf crown, RS facing; 4 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Stem loop

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) for sewing.	

Flower

Begin with yarn D, butter yellow.

Round 3 makes five petals of 5 double crochet (UK treble), with a slip stitch between them that is not counted.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	5 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	With C, **[**5 dc in next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	(25 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Seeds: work them on each side while it lies flat, right side up, the foundation chain toward you. Row 1 and every odd row are right side rows. With C, work 31 seeds on each side. A seed is two upright stitches in the same place: bring the needle up at the foot of the stitch that is named, go down at its top, one row higher, and do the same again through the same two holes. Count the stitches of a row from its right hand end. Row 5: stitches 5, 11, 16, 22, and 28. Row 9: stitches 3, 9, 15, 20, 26, and 32. Row 13: stitches 6, 12, 17, 23, and 29. Row 17: stitches 4, 10, 16, 21, 27, and 33. Row 21: stitches 7, 13, 18, 24, and 30. Row 25: stitches 8, 14, 20, and 26. The yarn may run along the back

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from one seed to the next; leave it loose.

2. Choose one side for the front; the other is the back. Lay the two together, right sides out and wrong sides facing in, the foundation chains level. One tail hangs at the foot of each side edge: at one edge it is the tail of the back, at the other the tail of the front. The edge with the tail of the back is for the spout: with that tail whip stitch it shut from the foundation chain to the end of row 4, one stitch for each row, and fasten off. Leave rows 5 to 22 open there. The other edge is for the handle: leave it open from the foundation chain to the end of row 22.

3. Button: with the tail of the front sew the button on the outside of the front, on row 3, one stitch in from the edge for the handle, and fasten off inside. At the same edge of the back join A with a slip stitch in the end of row 4, make 7 chain stitches, slip stitch in the end of row 2 and fasten off: this is the loop for the button. Weave its two ends in.

4. Thread the long tail of one side through the last 3 stitches of both sides, first through the 3 of the other side, then through the 3 of its own, draw them closed and fasten the yarn. With the same tail whip stitch one side edge shut from the closed top down to row 23, one stitch for each row, and fasten off at the top of the opening. With the long tail of the other side sew the other edge in the same way.

5. Set the leaf crown on the top, right side up, its middle on the closed top, turned so that two leaves meet above the middle of the front. Cut a length of B about 20 in (51 cm) long, whip stitch the edge of round 4 down between the leaves and behind them, and fasten off on the inside. Sew each leaf down once in the middle of row 4 with its tail, taken down the wrong side of the leaf, with two small stitches, and fasten off on the inside. The tips stay free and curl up.

6. Fold the stem loop in half with its right side out and bring its two short ends together. With its tail sew both ends to the middle of the leaf crown, side by side, all round their edges, so that the loop stands up.

7. Lay the flower, right side up, on the front, over the place where the two leaves meet, the middle of its yellow part 5 rows below the edge of round 4 of the leaf crown, over the edges of the two leaves. With its tail sew it down round the edge of the yellow middle, so that the petals stand free.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.

In all: 5 pieces; 2,586 stitches (1,128 in each side, 60 in the leaf crown, 33 in each leaf, 32 in the stem loop, 40 in the flower).

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.

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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 of the leaf crown and of the flower are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Choose the size by the girth: measure round the body of your teapot at its widest, not over the spout and the handle. The 4 cup size is for a pot 16½ in (42 cm) to 18 in (45.5 cm) round and up to 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall to the top of the knob of its lid, the 6 cup size for one 18 in (45.5 cm) to 19½ in (49.5 cm) round and up to 6¼ in (16 cm) tall. The edge at the foot is narrower than the pot at its widest. To put the cozy on, open the button, set the cozy over the pot with the spout in its opening, draw the open edges down on both sides of the handle and button them below it.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). That is for the flower; every other part is one color.
- Before a small part is sewn on, weave in on its wrong side all its tails but those left for sewing.

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