Watermelon slice applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) wide and about 2½ in (6 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: watermelon pink, rows 1 to 4	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, row 5	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, row 6	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, 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, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: 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)
st	stitch

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 row 2 the slice measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- The slice is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- 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 row 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- The straight edge of the slice is made by the ends of its rows, with its ring half way along it.
- 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 and hdc is half treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, watermelon pink; B, white; C, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1, 5 hdc in ring	**(5 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each st across	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**	**(15 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 hdc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(21 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 6**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing this piece down at the end.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the watermelon to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Hold the slice with its straight edge at the top. With D, work seven straight stitches for the seeds on the pink, each ¼ in (0.6 cm) long and pointing toward the ring, in three lines centered below the ring. Measured to the middles of the seeds: four, ¾ in (1.9 cm) apart, lie ½ in (1.3 cm) below the straight edge; two, 1½ in (3.8 cm) apart, 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) below it; and one 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) below it.
- 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: 6 rows; 93 stitches; 10 ends to weave in.

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