

Easy Peasy Strawberries

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DIFFICULTY: Intermediate

SIZE: Approx. 3" long, including stem

GAUGE: Gauge is not terribly important as long as it is firm.

Abbreviations

ch = chain

dec = decrease (pull up a loop in each of next 2 sts and work together as directed)

hdc = half-double crochet

inc = increase (make 2 in next stitch)

rnd = round

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch



Materials

- ❖ Worsted Weight yarn: approx. 6 yds red and 3 yds green per berry. Samples shown in Patons Classic Merino (Bright Red) and Knitpicks Swish Superwash (Dublin).
- ❖ G (4.25mm) hook
- ❖ Small amount stuffing
- ❖ Yarn Needle

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Directions

Rnd 1: With red, ch 3. Make 4 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Join rnd with a sl st.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, [hdc, hdc inc] 2 times. (6 hdc) Join.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, [hdc, hdc inc] 3 times. (9 hdc) Join.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, [hdc 2, hdc inc] 3 times. (12 hdc) Join.

Rnd 5: Ch 2, [hdc 3, hdc inc] 3 times. (15 hdc) Join.

Rnd 6: Ch 2, [hdc, hdc dec] 5 times. (10 hdc) Join.

Rnd 7: Finish red, switch to green. Gently stuff strawberry: be careful not to overstuff as it causes gapping. *Sl st in next st. Ch 3, sl st in same st. Repeat from * around (10 chain-bumps). Join rnd with sl st.

Rnd 8: Ch 1. *Pull up a loop in next sl st, sk chain-bump, pull up a loop in next sl st. Yarn over, draw hook through both loops. (1 sc) Skip next chain-bump. Repeat from * around. (5 sc) Join.

Rnd 9: Ch 1. Draw up a loop in each of the next 3 sts; yarn over, draw hook through all 3 loops. Decrease over next 2 sts. (2 sc) Sl st in first st. Finish off, weave in all ends.