CROCHET PATTERN

Leaf Crown Strawberry

Intermediate / No sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Crochet a strawberry from its pointed red tip and add five green leaves directly into the loops reserved at the shoulder.

A slow increase gives the berry its point. The top closes in green, then five little leaves radiate from a ring of visible loops at the red shoulder. Cream seed marks go on after shaping.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors and fiberfill.

Colors

berry red, leaf green, cream

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Work continuous rounds unless directed otherwise. Mark the first stitch and move the marker each round. Sc means single crochet. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch. Dec means single crochet two stitches together. For a color change, use the new yarn for the final pull-through of the previous stitch. BLO means work in the back loop only, farther from you. FLO refers to the front loop left visible toward you. Ch means chain, sl st means slip stitch and hdc means half double crochet. For hdc, yarn over, insert, pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all three loops.

Tapered Fruit And Green Crown / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 1**	With berry red, work 6 sc into a magic ring. Pull the ring closed.	**0**	**6**
☐	**Round 2**	Sc in each stitch around.	**6**	**6**
☐	**Round 3**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 3 times.	**6**	**9**
☐	**Round 4**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 3 times.	**9**	**12**
☐	**Round 5**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 6 times.	**12**	**18**
☐	**Round 6**	Sc in each stitch around.	**18**	**18**
☐	**Round 7**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**	**24**
☐	**Round 8**	Repeat (3 sc, inc) 6 times.	**24**	**30**
☐	**Round 9**	Sc in each stitch around. Change to leaf green on the last stitch.	**30**	**30**

Tapered Fruit And Green Crown (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 10**	Working only in the back loops of Round 9, repeat (3 sc, dec) 6 times. For each dec, single crochet the next two back loops together. Leave the 30 front loops of Round 9 free for leaves.	**30**	**24**
☐	**Round 11**	Repeat (2 sc, dec) 6 times.	**24**	**18**
☐	**Round 12**	Repeat (1 sc, dec) 6 times. Stuff the berry, pressing a small amount into its red tip.	**18**	**12**
☐	**Round 13**	Dec 6 times.	**12**	**6**

Finish Cut the yarn, draw the tail through the front loops of the final six stitches, pull closed and secure the end.

Attached Five-Leaf Ring / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Surface Round**	Hold the berry tip downward. Join leaf green with a sl st in the first reserved front loop. In that spot, ch 4. Working back from the second chain from the hook, make 1 sl st, 1 sc and 1 hdc over the three chains. Sl st in each of the next five reserved loops. For each of the next four leaves, sl st into the next unused loop, make the same ch-4 leaf there, then sl st in each of the next five loops. The count at right is the 30 surface anchors. Each leaf has three additional return stitches.	**30**	**30**

Finish Fasten off at the last anchor and bury both ends inside the green crown. Smooth the five leaves outward over the shoulders.

Assembly

1. Rotate the five leaves so they lie over the red part of the fruit. If a blade curls, use your fingers to ease the chain edge into a leaf shape.
2. Embroider short diagonal cream seed marks on Rounds 4, 6 and 8. Space four marks around the lower ring, five around the middle and six around the top. Offset successive rings so the marks do not line up.
3. Keep each mark about one stitch wide. Take the needle through to another part of the body to bury the end without drawing the fruit hollow.

Checkpoint

After the green decrease there are 24 working stitches and 30 red front loops below. Five groups of six anchors use every reserved loop.