



CROCHET PATTERN · US CROCHET TERMS

Sweet Strawberries

Strawberries in three sizes with a leafy top and embroidered seeds

SKILL

Beginner



FINISHED SIZE

3, 5 & 6 cm tall

YARN

DK (weight 3)

HOOK

3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)

WELCOME

Hello, maker!

Welcome to Sweet Strawberries: three sizes of plump little berries for play kitchens, market stalls, gift toppers or a bowl of summer on your table.

They are a lovely first amigurumi. Each berry is one piece worked from the tip up, with a ring of leaves on top and a few yellow seeds.

With love, YaraDream



● At a glance

SKILL	Beginner
TIME	30 to 60 minutes each
SIZE	Small about 3.4 cm / 1.3 in tall, medium 4.9 cm / 1.9 in, large 6.5 cm / 2.5 in, with DK yarn and a 3.0 mm hook
YARN	DK (weight 3), about 13 g in 3 colours (amounts per colour on page 3)
HOOK	3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)
PIECES	Small strawberry x1, Medium strawberry x1, Large strawberry x1, Leaves x3
WORKED	In spiral rounds; the leaves are joined
TERMS	US crochet terms; abbreviations on page 4

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Tick as you go

Every round has a box. Tick it when it is done, on paper or on a tablet.

Count your stitches

The number at the end of each round is your stitch total.

US crochet terms

Prefer UK terms? The UK-terms files are in your download.

Safety. All three berries are smaller than 4.5 cm (1.75 in), so they are not suitable for children under 3 (small-parts and small-ball rules). For play food for older children, sew the leaves on very securely.

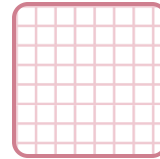
BEFORE YOU START

Materials & tools

Small amounts of three colours. Cotton gives the crispest berries.



● Gauge



About 24 sc and 26 rounds = 10 cm (4 in) in single crochet worked in the round. Gauge is not critical for a toy, but the fabric must be tight: if stuffing shows between the stitches, go down a hook size. A thicker yarn or a looser tension makes a bigger piece.

● Yarn

- | | | | |
|----------|---|--|--------------------|
| A |  | Strawberry red
DK cotton | 10 g / 22 m |
| <hr/> | | | |
| B |  | Leaf green
DK cotton | 2 g / 3 m |
| <hr/> | | | |
| C |  | Seed yellow
DK or embroidery floss | 1 g / 3 m |

Amounts come from the stitch totals of this pattern, plus about 25% for tails and tension.

● Tools & notions

- ☐ 3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3) crochet hook, or the size that gives a tight fabric
- ☐ Polyester fibrefill, about 10 g for all three
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ Stitch marker
- ☐ Scissors

● Good to know

- Make a whole bowl in two or three shades of red for a natural look.
- For seeds that stand out, use a single strand of yellow embroidery floss.

STITCH GUIDE

Stitches & abbreviations

This copy uses US crochet terms. The UK name of each stitch is shown beside it.

US	UK	WHAT IT MEANS
[] n times	[] n times	repeat the stitches inside the brackets n times
ch	ch	chain
dec	dec	invisible decrease: insert the hook into the front loops of the next 2 sts, yarn over, pull through both front loops, yarn over, pull through the 2 loops on the hook
hdc	htr	half double crochet
inc	inc	increase: 2 sc in the same stitch
Lvs	Lvs	the number of leaves made in the round
MR	MR	magic ring (also called magic circle)
Rnd	Rnd	round
sc	dc	single crochet
sl st	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
Sts	Sts	the stitch total at the end of the round or row

● Magic ring

A closed centre with no hole. Every piece in this pattern starts with one.

1. Wrap the yarn twice around two fingers, crossing it over itself.
2. Insert the hook under both strands, catch the working yarn and pull up a loop.
3. Chain 1 to secure. This chain does not count as a stitch.
4. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over both strands and the tail.
5. Pull the tail firmly to close the centre, then continue with round 2.



● Working in a spiral

Amigurumi rounds are not joined, so there is no seam.

1. After the last stitch of a round, go straight on into the first stitch of the next round.
2. Put a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
3. Count the stitches at the end of every round. The number in the pattern is the total you need.

● Invisible decrease (dec)

The neatest way to decrease in amigurumi: it leaves no gap.

1. Insert the hook into the front loop only of the next stitch, then the front loop only of the stitch after it.
2. Yarn over and pull through both front loops (2 loops left on the hook).
3. Yarn over and pull through both loops. One stitch made from two.

● Joined rounds

Some small pieces are joined at the end of each round instead of worked in a spiral.

1. At the end of the round, slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.
2. The slip stitch does not count as a stitch. Begin the next round as written.

● Closing the last round

Pieces that end with 6 stitches are closed like a drawstring.

1. Fasten off, leaving a 15 cm tail.
2. Thread the tail on a tapestry needle and pass it through the front loop of each remaining stitch.
3. Pull tight to close the hole, then push the needle through the piece and out the other side.
4. Squeeze the piece, trim the tail close and let it disappear inside.



● Sewing pieces together (whipstitch)

A neat, strong seam for ears, arms and heads.

1. Pin the piece in place first and check it from every side.
2. With the long tail on a tapestry needle, go under one stitch of the piece, then under the stitch beside it on the body.
3. Repeat all around, pulling each stitch snug so the seam hides.
4. Knot the tail, push it into the body and trim.



READ THIS FIRST

Pattern notes

● Before you start

- Rounds are worked in a continuous spiral unless the round says to join. Mark the first stitch of each round.
- The number in the pill at the end of a round is the stitch total for that round. Count before you move on.
- Work into both loops of each stitch unless the round says back loop (BLO) or front loop (FLO) only.
- Brackets [] are repeated the number of times shown after them.
- Leave a long tail (about 30 cm) when you fasten off a piece that will be sewn on.
- Each berry gets 3 stitches more every round at the start. That gives the pointed tip.
- The pill in the Leaves table counts leaves, not stitches.

● Construction at a glance

1

Small strawberry

Make 1 · 9 rounds · colour A

2

Medium strawberry

Make 1 · 13 rounds · colour A

3

Large strawberry

Make 1 · 17 rounds · colour A

4

Leaves

Make 3 · 2 rounds · colour B



LET'S MAKE IT

The pattern

Choose a size, or make all three. Every berry gets one set of leaves.

1

Small strawberry

Worked from the tip up.

 A · Strawberry red

Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	[sc in next st, inc] 3 times.	9
☐ Rnd 3	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next st] 3 times.	12
☐ Rnd 4	[sc in next 3 sts, inc] 3 times.	15
☐ Rnd 5	[sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 3 times.	18
Tip. Embroider a few seeds now if you like: it is easier before stuffing. Or add them all at the end.		
☐ Rnds 6–7	Sc in each st around.	18
☐ Rnd 8	[sc in next st, dec] 6 times.	12
Tip. Stuff firmly before the hole gets small.		
☐ Rnd 9	Dec around. <i>Fasten off and close the hole. Leave the tail: it sews on the leaves.</i>	6

2

Medium strawberry

Worked from the tip up.

 A · Strawberry red

Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	[sc in next st, inc] 3 times.	9
☐ Rnd 3	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next st] 3 times.	12
☐ Rnd 4	[sc in next 3 sts, inc] 3 times.	15
☐ Rnd 5	[sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 3 times.	18
☐ Rnd 6	[sc in next 5 sts, inc] 3 times.	21

☐ Rnd 7	[sc in next 3 sts, inc, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times.	24
Tip. Embroider a few seeds now if you like: it is easier before stuffing. Or add them all at the end.		
☐ Rnds 8–10	Sc in each st around.	24
☐ Rnd 11	[sc in next 2 sts, dec] 6 times.	18
☐ Rnd 12	[sc in next st, dec] 6 times.	12
Tip. Stuff firmly before the hole gets small.		
☐ Rnd 13	Dec around.	6
<i>Fasten off and close the hole. Leave the tail: it sews on the leaves.</i>		

3

Large strawberry

Worked from the tip up.

A · Strawberry red

Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	[sc in next st, inc] 3 times.	9
☐ Rnd 3	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next st] 3 times.	12
☐ Rnd 4	[sc in next 3 sts, inc] 3 times.	15
☐ Rnd 5	[sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 3 times.	18
☐ Rnd 6	[sc in next 5 sts, inc] 3 times.	21
☐ Rnd 7	[sc in next 3 sts, inc, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times.	24
☐ Rnd 8	[sc in next 7 sts, inc] 3 times.	27
☐ Rnd 9	[sc in next 4 sts, inc, sc in next 4 sts] 3 times.	30
Tip. Embroider a few seeds now if you like: it is easier before stuffing. Or add them all at the end.		
☐ Rnds 10–13	Sc in each st around.	30
☐ Rnd 14	[sc in next 3 sts, dec] 6 times.	24
☐ Rnd 15	[sc in next st, dec, sc in next st] 6 times.	18

☐ **Rnd 16** [sc in next st, dec] 6 times.

12

Tip. Stuff firmly before the hole gets small.

☐ **Rnd 17** Dec around.

6

Fasten off and close the hole. Leave the tail: it sews on the leaves.

4

Leaves

One set for each strawberry. The same leaves fit all three sizes.

B · Leaf green

Make 3

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	LVS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring, sl st to the first st to join.	6
☐ Rnd 2	[ch 4, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, sl st in the next st] 6 times. <i>Six leaves made. Fasten off and leave a 20 cm tail.</i>	6

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Finishing your strawberries

● Placement guide

- Seeds: short straight stitches in colour C, each over 1 stitch, about 2 stitches apart, on every second round. Stop 2 rounds below the top.
- Leaves: centred over the closed top of the berry, with the leaves spread out evenly.
- Stem (optional): in the centre of the leaves.

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Add the seeds. With colour C, make short straight stitches all over the berry, following the placement guide. Bring the needle out and back in through the stuffing; knot the ends inside.



- **2** **Sew on the leaves.** Place the leaves over the top and sew around the centre ring, then tack the base of each leaf.



- **3** **Stem (optional).** Join colour B at the centre of the leaves, ch 4, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 2 ch. Fasten off and weave in the end.



● **Finishing & care**

- Weave in all the ends and hide them inside the berry.
- Roll each berry between your hands to settle the stuffing and round the shape.

HELP IS HERE

Troubleshooting

The questions makers ask most, answered before you need to ask.

My berry is too round.

Keep the first rounds tight, and stuff the tip firmly with a small tuft first.

My leaves curl up.

Steam them lightly, or pin them flat on the berry before sewing.

The seeds pull the fabric in.

Do not pull the embroidery tight. Each seed should just lie on the surface.

I can see stuffing.

Use a smaller hook or a tighter tension.

The top is pointy, not rounded.

Stuff before the last two rounds, and push the stuffing up into the top.

My stitch count is off.

Count from the marker. Each round of the tip adds exactly 3 stitches.

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Project tracker

Keep this page next to your work. Tick off each piece and round.

YARN USED

HOOK SIZE

STARTED

FINISHED

MADE FOR

FINISHED SIZE

Pieces

1	Small strawberry	Make 1	☐
2	Medium strawberry	Make 1	☐
3	Large strawberry	Make 1	☐
4	Leaves	Make 3	☐ ☐ ☐

Round counter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

My notes



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Summer red

Classic red, leaf green and yellow seeds.



Pastel

Pink berries with sage leaves and white seeds.



White strawberry

Cream berries with pink seeds.

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